Friday 4th September 2026

Newsletter #1

Year 5 Newsletter

Welcome back!

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you have all enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating summer holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready to dive into an exciting new term.

As we embark on this new term, we want to ensure that you are kept in the loop. We encourage all parents and guardians to keep an eye on our newsletters. These newsletters will be packed with essential information about upcoming events, curriculum highlights, and tips for how you can support your child's learning at home.

Don't forget to follow our Facebook page too, where we'll share updates, photos, and news. from the classroom. We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead, filled with learning, growth, and fun!

English

This half term, we will continue with our new writing scheme and explore four engaging texts. Using *Postcards from Prison*, pupils will write a fictional narrative linked to our *Crime and Punishment* topic, before studying the narrative poem *The Highwayman*. Later in the term, we will analyse playscripts through Shakespeare's *Macbeth* and finish by writing a persuasive letter inspired by the text *Kick*.

We look forward to developing the children's creativity, analytical skills and confidence as writers throughout the term.

Maths

We will begin with an in-depth exploration of place value, reinforcing the importance for all four operations. The children will engage in both mental and written calculations for addition and subtraction, along with multiplication and division in various contexts, with a focus on multiples, factors and prime numbers. Towards the end of the term, we will be applying this knowledge to support us with our work on fractions. Times table knowledge is crucial—keep practising on TTRS!

Science

In science, we will be diving into the fascinating world of materials! We'll explore the properties of different materials and investigate how we can separate them through various methods, while also examining reversible and irreversible changes. We shall encourage our budding scientists to make predictions about what will happen during these experiments.

We will also delve into the realms of forces, focusing on gravity and the effects of air and water resistance. Additionally, we will learn about mechanisms, such as levers, pulleys, and gears.

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What's happening in Year 5!

Crime and Punishment

To start our new term, we will be creating our very own graffiti art and debating whether this is a crime or art. From this we will be learning about how crime and punishment has changed over the years, drawing on our previous learning on the Romans, Anglo Saxons and Vikings and making comparisons with to what crime and punishment we face today. In ICT we will visit a virtual court-room and visit the Police Museum in Chelmsford where the children can solve their own crimes using forensic evidence obtained at the scene.

Reminders

Please ensure that your child always has the following items in school:

- Coat (named)
- Water bottle (named)
- PE kit including trainers (named)
- Lunchbox (named)
- Healthy snack
- Naming items is especially important!

Thank you.

Religious Education

In RE we will be answering the enquiry question : How do Christians explain the suffering in the world? We are exposed to so much sadness, how can that be explained if Jesus is called the Saviour? Later in the term we will be learning about how different groups contribute to society and culture in the local area.

Homework

Home learning is an essential part of your child's education. This will be set every Friday and is expected to be brought in by the following Friday. Home learning reinforces what they have been doing in class. Children are also expected to read five times a week, and complete challenges on TT rockstars and spelling work. Children will be provided with additional Maths and English homework. The tasks are designed to reinforce key concepts and enhance their skills.

Please encourage your child to engage with their homework, as it's an excellent opportunity to consolidate what they've learned in class. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring their suc-

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - Non-Pupil Day

Thursday 3rd September 2026 - First Day of Autumn Term

Tuesday 6th October 2026 - Harvest Festivals (Pupils and staff only)

Friday 9th October 2026 - Non Pupil Day

Friday 16th October 2026 - Parent Consultations

Friday 16th October 2026 - Last Day of Autumn 1 Term

Monday 2nd November 2026 - Children return to school

Tuesday 3rd November 2026 - Parent Consultations

Wednesday 11th November 2026 - Remembrance Day Service

Wednesday 16th December 2026 - Years 5 and 6 Christmas Service at St Nicolas Church

Wednesday 16th December 2026 - Whole School Christmas Dinner

Friday 18th December 2026 - Last Day of Autumn Term

Trip to Essex Police Museum TBC

Road Safety Walks TBC

Speed Watch TBC

Year 5 Team

Teachers

5W—Mrs Westney Mon-Thurs

5W—Mrs Baker –Fri

5B—Ms Beesley

5P– Miss Preece

LSA Support

Miss Whittle

Miss Levett

Miss Elrick

Spelling word list for Year 5 and Year 6

100 words that children in England are expected to be able to spell by the end of Year 6 (age 11). How many can you spell?

accommodate
accompany
according
achieve
aggressive
amateur
ancient
apparent
appreciate
attached
available
average
awkward
bargain
bruise
category
cemetery
committee
communicate
community
competition
conscience
conscious
controversy
convenience
correspond
criticise (critic + ise)
curiosity
definite
desperate
determined
develop
dictionary
disastrous
embarrass
environment
equip (–ped, –ment)
especially
exaggerate
excellent
existence
explanation
familiar
foreign
forty
frequently
government
guarantee
harass
hindrance
identity
immediate(ly)
individual
interfere
interrupt
language
leisure
lightning
marvellous
mischievous
muscle
necessary
neighbour
nuisance
occupy
occur
opportunity
parliament
persuade
physical
prejudice
privilege
profession
programme
pronunciation
queue
recognise
recommend
relevant
restaurant
rhyme
rhythm
sacrifice
secretary
shoulder
signature
sincere(ly)
soldier
stomach
sufficient
suggest
symbol
system
temperature
thorough
twelfth
variety
vegetable
vehicle
yacht