

Monday 7th September 2026



*Unlocking Potential Together
in Faith and Love.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year Five!

We are very much looking forward to teaching your child again this year and building on everything we did in Year 4. It is a privilege to be able to teach this wonderful class again. Mrs Dickinson will teach the class Monday to Thursday and Mrs Verden will teach on a Friday. Mr Marshall and Mrs Nott will teach in the class every day.

In Year Five, we continue with **daily reading at home**. Your child should be reading for at least 10 minutes each day – please sign their planner to show they have been reading as this will help them to work towards gaining their reading key. Please encourage your child to record books they have read that are not from school (they can record these in their planners too).

PE day will be every Monday and Friday. As in previous years, children need to come to school in their PE kit on their PE day to maximise the amount of time we spend doing PE.

Termly Dress Up Day – Each term we will hold a dress up day linked to our termly topic. We expect all children to take part in these days and prepare their costume as part of their homework. Details of each dress up day will be sent out separately. There is no need to buy anything for their costumes – children are encouraged to be creative with what they already have and we will talk about how they can do this in school.

Other homework

Spelling – Children must write out the spellings they are given in their reading records. These are taken from Year 5 and 6 statutory words which they need to learn.

Maths – Children are encouraged to practise times tables and mental arithmetic strategies regularly at home. They will be given a maths '2Do' to complete each week in Purple Mash.

Termly project – Each term, the children will be given a choice of projects to complete. They should complete some work on their project each week until the hand in date. They are expected to spend approximately one hour each week on their project.

Curriculum Enrichment Activities

In Year 5, our residential visit to Borwick Hall in March is an important part of our learning and enrichment experience. All children are encouraged to participate and further details will be sent home as soon as costs have been finalised. Because of this, we keep other enrichment activities as low cost as possible and make use of local opportunities. Information about these will be sent out separately.

Communication

We will continue to update the school website with our class news. Please remember to check the weekly newsletter sent through Arbor or found on the school website to keep in touch with what is happening in school.

As we try to be a paperless school, please ensure that the office have your up-to-date email address and that you have access to Arbor.

There is an important 'Meet the Teacher' and Online Safety Meeting for parents of children in Year 5 on Wednesday 9th September at 3:30pm in Year 5 classroom. It is crucial you attend as recent changes about how we keep our children safe online may prevent your child accessing the internet in school unless the meeting is attended.

Finally, we value good communication with parents so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about your child in school. Email is the best way to contact us – our email addresses are at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you for your support,

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