



Class Newsletter: Year 5

Date: Thursday 3rd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to say a warm 'welcome back' to you all; we hope you and the children had an enjoyable summer break. We are really looking forward to welcoming the Year 5 children back. We are excited about getting to know our new class and have lots of plans and activities to make sure we have a very enjoyable year together!

Alongside this letter, you should receive a Topic Web which will detail all curriculum information, including what will be taught in each subject over the next term. Our first focus will be the poem 'Hope is the thing with feathers' by Emily Dickinson. The children will have the chance to create their very own poems and artwork inspired by the poem. We know that this will be an exciting start for the children! Our main class text for the term will be 'The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe' by CS Lewis. We will be kickstarting the year with a history topic all about what life was like during the Elizabethan times. You can find out more about our topic through our Knowledge Organiser which should also have been sent to you.

Our Values this term are 'Respect' and 'Courage'. We will also be putting lots of things in place to help settle the children back into school life. Your child will be familiar with our three school rules of 'Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful' and as always, these will be revisited to ensure we keep the children safe and happy on their return to school.

Lots of parents often ask us about ideas for books at home so after this letter, we have listed an updated list of age-appropriate, popular books for Upper Key Stage 2 children.

Once the children are settled in, homework will be set each Friday to be handed in and marked the following Thursday. It will be based on prior learning and used as a way of consolidating what the children have already been taught. Alongside this, the children will also have weekly spellings and should practice their times tables. It is also our expectation that the children read regularly at home; this should be recorded in the child's Reading Record, which should be present in school each day.



It is important that our children wear the correct uniform and look smart at school. Please see our school uniform below. Our school uniform is as follows:

- Blue jumper
- White or blue polo shirt (with all buttons fastened)
- Black or grey shorts
- Black or grey skirt
- Blue summer dress
- Children are able to wear all black footwear.

PE will be taught on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons so children will need to make sure that they wear their PE kits into school on this day each week. Children should wear PE uniform only. Our school PE kit is:

- Black / blue tracksuit bottoms, leggings or shorts;
- White PE t-shirt
- Blue or black tracksuit top or school jumper.
- Trainers

All that's left to say again is that we are so looking forward to welcoming back the children and are very excited about the year ahead. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via email or the school office if you have any questions or concerns. We are always happy to have a chat or a meeting with you. No question is too big or too small!

Best wishes and looking forward to a great year ahead,

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