



Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2025



Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

Year 5 Team:

St. Thomas'

Mrs Claydon & Mrs Hall (Teachers)
Mrs Ridge (TA)

St. Teresa's

Mrs Mahamed (Teacher)
Miss Heaney (TA)

The School Day

Please bring in a school bag / rucksack which should have your reading book, reading record and a water bottle. If you are bringing in a snack for break time, please ensure that it is a **healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit**. Remember to also bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners).

Birthdays

We enjoy celebrating the children's special day with them. Some parents like to send a treat in for classmates. Please remember we cannot give out cake or party bags. A small bag of **nut free** sweets, such as Haribo is ideal. Such treats are given out at home time and children should show their parents before eating them.

Homework Expectations

Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables
Reading daily for 15-20 minutes using the school library book.	Spelling Shed (You will have 10 words to revise - use Spelling Shed as much as you can).	CGP Grammar Book 2 pages to be assigned by the class teacher each week.	Maths Shed (Using your Ed Shed login).	Times table Rock Stars (As much as you can).

Where to access the homework:

*Maths homework: We are using Maths Shed - Please use the Ed Shed login:

<https://www.edshed.com/>.

*Spelling homework: This can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).

*Times Table Rock Stars: <https://ttrockstars.com/> (There is also an app).

Reading homework

We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue to develop their narrative writing. The children will have a book from the school library which needs to be brought in each day. Reading records need to be signed and brought in daily too.

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RE

As we start the new school year, it has been great finding out what the children's hopes are going forward. They have thought carefully about our faith and being guided by Jesus. The children will be writing individual prayers about their wishes and they will be displayed in our 'Corridor of Prayers'. We are delighted to inform you that Year 5 will be starting a new RE Scheme. Our first topic will be called 'Creation and Covenant.' We will be studying Moses and reflecting on the words and images used to describe Moses' encounter with God. This will also include work on the Ten Commandments.



A prayer from St. Thomas:

Grant me, O Lord my God,
a mind to know you,
a heart to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
conduct pleasing to you,
faithful perseverance in waiting for you. Amen.



A prayer from St. Teresa:

Let nothing disturb you,
let nothing frighten you.
God never changes;
patience obtains all things,
whoever has God lacks nothing.
God alone suffices. Amen.

English

Our English texts this term are: 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll and 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes.

*Secrets of a Sun King starts in London, 1922 where a young girl finds a parcel on her grandad's doorstep and she is shocked to see who sent it. The mysterious package holds the key to a story . . . about a king whose tomb archaeologists are desperately hunting for. Lil and her friends must embark on an incredible journey - to return the package to its resting place, to protect those they love, and to break the deadly pharaoh's curse.



*The Highwayman is a poem, charged with drama and tension. The readers follow the Highwayman (and his horse) and find out what happens between him, Tim the Ostler and Bess - the landlord's daughter. The poem is supported by illustrations and lots of repetition.

Science

In science we will be looking at Animals (Including humans) and Reversible and Irreversible Changes.

CLC

Our CLC topics will be 'How is Egypt different to Britain?' and 'What is it like to live in the Arctic'.

PE

St. Thomas' & St. Teresa's PE lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays. **Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing the correct PE kit - see the school website for the correct PE kit list.**



Medical and SEND information

We ask that any medication or asthma pumps are in school. Any medical or SEND information needs to be emailed to the school office - Addressed to Mrs Butler.

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Important dates

Thursday 25th September - New School Year Mass (Year 2-6)
Thursday 2nd October - Year 3 & Year 5 Harvest Mass
Friday 3rd October - Parent Coffee Morning
Thursday 16th October - International Day
Friday 17th October - Flu Immunisations
Monday 20th October - Parents' Evening
Tuesday 21st October - Parents' Evening
Tuesday 21st October - St. Ursula's Feast Day Mass (Years 2-6)
Thursday 23rd October - Parents' Evening
Friday 24th October - INSET Day

October Half-Term Holidays - w/c 27.10.25 - 2.11.25

Monday 3rd November - Return to school
Wednesday 5th November - Remembrance Day Assembly (Year 5)
Wednesday 5th November - Individual and Sibling Photos
Friday 7th November - Parent Coffee Morning
Monday 10th November - Odd Socks Day
Thursday 4th December - Parent Coffee Morning
Friday 5th December - Pantomime in school
Thursday 11th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12th December - KS2 Christmas Concert at 1:45pm
Friday 19th December - End of Term Reports / Early finish at 1:00pm

**Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together
to help your child be the best that they can be!**

From the Year 5 Team