



Year 5
Welcome Letter
2025 - 26

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you and your children to Year 5. Children have settled back into routine nicely and have been full of enthusiasm when talking about all of their summer adventures. We have been working on a special school project at the start of this term. I'm sure children would love to tell you all about "The mysterious shoe on the playground"!

It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school routines and also how welcoming and friendly they have been towards me as I start here at Trawden Forest.

This first newsletter will give you a little bit of an overview of what children will be learning about in Year 5, including some key diary dates. Please also take note of the weekly timetable which explains when homework/PE kits/Forest School kit are needed in school.

I look forward to meeting you all soon and please do get in touch with any questions or queries either via the office, on the playground at the end of the school day or directly via email.

The Year 5 team are really excited for the year ahead and we know the children are too!

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Year 5 Topics

Autumn 1 (02.09.25 – 22.10.25)	Spring 1 (05.01.26 – 13.02.26)	Summer 1 (13.04.26 – 22.05.26)
The World at War	Earthlings	Amazon Adventure
Autumn 2 (03.11.25 – 19.12.25)	Spring 2 (23.02.26 – 27.03.26)	Summer 2 (02.06.26 – 17.07.26)
Victoriana	Inventors and Inventions	Higher, Faster, Stronger

Weekly Timetable



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bring in your reading book and record in in class every day				
PE			Homework Due In	Spelling Test / New Spellings
			Reading Records checked	Homework Set
		Forest School		

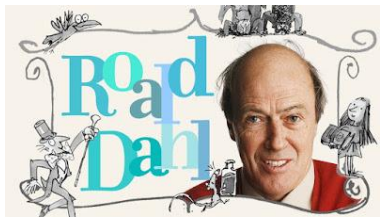
Forest School Dates are on the Forest School page



Year 5 Routines





Entering / Exiting (KS2 Yard)	Cloakroom	Snacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gates open at 8:35am (there is no school led supervision) Doors open at 8:45am Home Time is at 3:30pm (Children must tell their teacher who they are leaving with) NO parents are to use the staff car park unless permission has been given, by Governors, for exceptional circumstances. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their coat, bag, PE kit & Forest School Kit (on set day). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack (i.e. fruit or sugar free snack) for morning and/or afternoon playtime. This should remain in their tray (not lunchbox) until eaten. No chocolate or crisps permitted. We cannot store yogurt in a fridge Please note that we are a nut-free school due to the severe allergies that we have.
Packed Lunch	Reading	Homework
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If your child brings in a healthy packed lunch, this will be placed in the Year 5 area outside the dining hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each child is expected to bring their reading book and reading record into school everyday and have these on their desk. We ask parents to sign the reading record books, when children have read at home. If possible, we would like children to aim to read between 10-20 pages at a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework and spellings will be set every Friday and due in the following Thursday. Homework books must be in school each Friday so that new homework and spellings can be stuck in. 



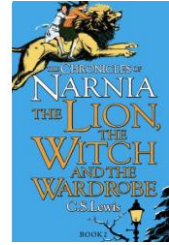
Key Events for Autumn 1: 02.09.25 – 22.10.25



Roald Dahl Day	Lego Worksop	Cauliflower Cards - Out	Cauliflower Cards - Returned
<p>Friday 12th September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children can come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character and bring in their favourite book. 	<p>Tuesday 30th September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 Lego workshop based on 'Our World' 	<p>Wednesday 17th September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's that time again! We will create our designs for Christmas cards and send these out to you. 	<p>Friday 26th September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cards will be sent home for you to choose. They are due back on or before.
Non-Uniform Day	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Individual Photos	Halloween Party
<p>Thursday 25th September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children can come to school in their own clothes. All we ask is for a donation of cakes / biscuits for our Macmillan Coffee Morning. 	<p>Friday 26th September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please join our coffee morning for delicious treats! All proceeds are donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. 	<p>Tuesday 21st October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children will have their individual photo taken. 	<p>Wednesday 22nd October 5.45pm until 7pm Details to follow</p> 



Our Learning this half term...



Our topic for the first half term is 'The World at War'. Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on:

English: To begin with, our focus is on CS Lewis' "The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe". We will use this text to explore plot structures and children will then write their own narrative with an innovated plot structure. Then we will be moving onto to newspaper reports. Through this unit, we will explore a range of historical reports, looking at their layout and structure before writing our own newspaper reports about a bombing during the Blitz. As well as this, we will also be studying the narrative poem "In Flanders Fields" which children will perform.

Maths: Place Value & Addition and Subtraction



Science: Materials and their properties.

History: Empire and Legacy- Why was WWII a significant turning point in History?



Computing: Computer Systems and Networks- sharing information

PE: Invasion Games – Dodgeball

RE: Hindu Dharma – Where can we find guidance about how to live our lives?



PSHE: Being responsible- How to look after ourselves and others.

PE

All children **MUST** have their PE Kit in a draw string bag that is kept in school on their peg. It will be sent home to be washed and size checked each half term.

P.E. Kit

white round neck t-shirt

black shorts

black pumps (indoor)

plain black or **white** trainers (outdoor) - these may be brought in each week

plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings (outdoor)

* **plain black** tracksuit top (outdoor)

drawstring pump bag

* = optional

Note - watches and earrings must be **removed** for PE and long hair must be tied back.

We could be **indoors** or **outdoors**, depending on the weather.



This half term, our PE day is **Monday**.

Forest School



When it is our Forest School day, children will come to school in their “**Essential Forest School Kit**”.

On colder days children can also wear their own school jumper or cardigan if they wish (weather dependant).

On our Forest School days, children should bring their outdoor footwear – wellies/boots and waterproofs in a bag to change into.

Forest School Dates: Every Wednesday from 10th September- 15th October

Essential Forest School Kit – all children **MUST** bring the correct kit on their allocated day.

- plain black full legged tracksuit bottoms or leggings (no logos or stripes),
- **plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top **new** (* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- School shoes / **black** trainers (to wear inside school)
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap (weather dependant)

School Uniform



Forest School

Girls

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan
- white polo shirt
- green checked skirt / pinafore or plain black skirt / pinafore
- * black trousers
- white or black socks / black tights
- black school shoes
- * bottle green and white checked dress for summer

Boys

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt
- white polo shirt
- black school trousers
- white or black socks
- black school shoes
- * black school shorts for summer

P.E. Kit

- white round neck t-shirt
- black shorts
- black pumps (indoor)
- * plain black trainers (outdoor)
- drawstring pump bag

- plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top **new
(* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap
(weather dependant)

Extras

- * bottle green school book bag
- * bottle green school logo coat
- * bottle green school logo fleece
- * named water bottle
- * green small logo ruck sack

NO jeans

NO trainers or boots

NO jewellery, make-up or nail varnish

NO extreme hair cuts - long hair must be tied back
(watch and plain stud earrings only)

* = optional