



Y5 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2026



Welcome back to a brand new school year! We hope you all had a restful summer and are ready for the exciting term ahead. Year 5 is an important step in your child's learning journey, and we are looking forward to working with them as they grow in confidence, independence, and responsibility.

This autumn term will be filled with opportunities to explore new topics, develop key skills, and challenge ourselves in fun and engaging ways. In Year 5, the children will also have the opportunity to take on responsibilities beyond the classroom. They may wish to take on roles such as sports leaders and library monitors or to represent the school in sports competitions. This half term there will be football competitions for boys and girls - please note the dates at the end of the newsletter. No matter what their interests are, we are looking forward to seeing each child thrive in year 5!

We hope that this newsletter will inform you of our planned topics for the half term and we look forward to keeping you updated on our classroom learning using the Class Dojo. If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Porter & Mrs Coxon

Our topic this half term is 'A Kingdom United'. Our learning focuses across the curriculum will be:

English - Legends (we are reading 'Beowulf' by Michael Morpurgo and will use this to support us to write our own legend)

- Persuasion (we will write and perform a persuasive presentation)

Maths - Place value, Addition & subtraction

Science - Materials and their properties (conducting fair tests of everyday materials, reversible and irreversible changes)

History - Britain's Settlement by Anglo-Saxons and Scots - What changed after the Romans left?

Art - Typography and maps

Music - Livin' On A Prayer

Computing - Computer systems & Networks - Systems and Searching

R.E - How do Christians use the Bible?

French - The Date & phonics recap

PE - Invasion games - Football

Striking and Fielding - Cricket

Teachers in Year 5

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - Mrs Porter

Thursday & Friday - Mrs Coxon

Mrs Forsyth covers Mrs Porter's non-contact time on a Tuesday afternoon.

PE

Our PE days are Monday & Thursday this half term.

PE kits can be brought home to be washed, however please bring them back into school by Monday.

Please can we ask that anyone with pierced ears is able to remove them and put them back in independently.

Also, that long hair is tied up on PE days.

Worship

Each Friday one child will be chosen to be our 'Star of the Week' and one child will be invited to show their work in celebration. We keep a record of when each child is chosen to take part in this worship to ensure everybody's work is celebrated and valued equally.

Our whole school worship theme this half term is 'thankfulness'.

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Reading

Whenever your child reads please ensure the diary is dated and signed with any relevant comments. Now that the children are in Year 5, we are happy for them to fill in their own diary if they have read independently. However, please do still listen to your child read and discuss the books they are reading with them. Reading books can be changed on any day, your child just needs to put their book and diary in the tray in our classroom.

Homework

Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following Wednesday. There will be a mixture of work set on Purple Mash and sheets sent home. We will post the homework on Class Dojo each week.

Spellings are set on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

Important Dates

Friday 4th September - Skipping Ninja visit

Tuesday 8th September - Let's Go Sing for Choir

Thursday 17th September - Year 5/6 Boys Football League

Thursday 24th September - Year 5/6 Boys Football League

Thursday 1st October - Year 5/6 Boys Football League

Friday 2nd October - Harvest Festival in Church

Thursday 8th October - Year 5/6 Girls Football League

Thursday 15th October - Year 5/6 Girls Football League

Thursday 22nd October - Year 5/6 Girls Football League

Friday 23rd October - Finish for half term at 3:20pm

Attendance & absences

Minutes late per day	Equals days' worth of teaching lost per year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days

Reporting absences - It is a parent / carer's responsibility to notify school if their child will be absent. Please call the office, not ClassDojo.

There are 190 days in a school year, which leaves 175 days to spend on whatever you choose.



190 DAYS
100%

Very best chance of success



183 DAYS
96%

Off to a flying start



179 DAYS
94%

Less chance of success



175 DAYS
92%

Harder to make progress



MORE THAN 19 DAYS' ABSENCE
LESS THAN 90%

Persistent absence, not good for your child