



Welcome to Class 5 – 2026-2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you have an enjoyable summer break and we are very excited about the new academic year (starting on Thursday 3rd September 2026).

We had a fantastic transition week and it has been wonderful getting to know the children. They have settled in brilliantly and we have already seen lots of enthusiasm, curiosity and positive attitudes towards their learning.

During transition week, we have enjoyed:

- Making and writing our 'All about me' booklets and birthday cards
- Forest school
- P.E.- throwing/catching and the cricket games
- Learning about Japan as part of our World Cup study

The children had the opportunity to build positive relationships with their new teacher and begin developing the routines and expectations that will help them have a successful year.

Meet Your Teacher

Hello, I'm Mr Barnard and I am delighted to be teaching class 5 this year.

I have been teaching for 28 years and have experience of teaching across five schools in my career so far. I am passionate about creating a classroom where every child feels valued, confident and excited about their learning.

Outside of school, I enjoy being active, watching football and rugby, reading, walking my dog and spending time with my family. I love sharing my interests with the children and finding opportunities to inspire their curiosity and creativity.

I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to support your child's learning, wellbeing and personal development throughout the year.

What We Are Learning This Term

The Autumn term will be full of exciting learning across the curriculum.

In English, we will develop our reading and writing skills through a range of engaging texts, focusing on writing with increasing confidence, accuracy and creativity.

In Maths, we will continue to follow the White Rose Maths scheme, beginning with place value before moving on to the four operations and applying our reasoning and problem-solving skills.

In Science, we will be learning about Forces, and how they effect the world around us.

Our History topic will focus on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, where we will investigate how they shaped England.

In Geography, we will journey to the Rainforest, discovering its unique physical features, climate, wildlife and the importance of protecting this remarkable environment.



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Alongside these subjects, children will continue to study RE, Computing, Art, Design Technology, Music, Spanish and PSHE throughout the year. A full overview of the Year 5 curriculum can be found on the school website.

PE Days

Our PE sessions will take place on: **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**

Please ensure children:

- Come to school wearing the correct PE kit
- Have appropriate footwear
- Remove earrings where possible on PE days
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Important Dates and Events

Please make a note of these key dates for this term:

- Thursday 8th October 2026 – Dance Workshop
- Thursday 15th October 2026 – Wear What Makes You Feel Wonderful Day and FOJB Disco
- Friday 16th October 2026 – BBC Concert Orchestra performing in school

Further information about events will be shared through our usual communication channels.

How You Can Support at Home

You can support your child by:

- Reading regularly together
- Practising key number facts/times tables
- Talking about their learning and encouraging curiosity
- Helping them develop independence and organisation

We are really looking forward to a fantastic year ahead. Thank you for your continued support — we know that by working together we can help every child achieve their very best.

We can't wait to see all the amazing things Year 5 will achieve this year!

Best wishes,

Mr Barnard

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