

Friday 4th September 2025

Dear Parent / Carer / Guardians,

Welcome back and welcome to Year 5!

We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful holiday and are ready for the autumn term! As ever, the term ahead is a very busy and important time for the children in Year 5 and throughout the school, and we ask for your continued ongoing support. It has been great to see the children come back with a fantastic attitude towards their learning and behaviour, and ready for the term ahead.

Curriculum

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Unit</u>
Mathematics	Place value Addition and subtraction Fractions
English	<u>Narrative</u> The Great Mouse Plot Room 13 The secret garden <u>Non-Narrative</u> Non chronological comparative report - Linked to the residential to Buckden Biography
Science	Animals including humans and living things in their habitats Forces
History	Black History
Geography	Our Yorkshire - Settlements and land use
Music	Melody and Harmony in Music Sing and play in different styles
Computing	Computer systems and networks Video production E Safety
Art	Drawing
DT	Cooking and nutrition – developing a recipe
PSHE	Me and my relationships Valuing differences
MFL	Introduction to world and environment Introduction to practice in the present tense.
RE	How and why are Jewish festivals celebrated today?
PE	Indoor: Hockey Outdoor: Tennis Indoor: Fitness Outdoor: Outdoor Adventure OAA

Dates for your diary

There are a number of key dates already in place for Year 5, please ensure to keep a record of these.

Buckden house residential	Monday 2 nd November – Friday 6 th November
Parents evening	Tuesday 24 th November
Parents evening	Wednesday 25 th November
Year 5 and 6 Christingle service at St Cuthberts	Monday 14 th December
School closes/reopens	Friday 18 th December – 4 th January

Attendance and punctuality

We would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance and hope that you and the children will make every effort to make sure that you are on time and ready for the school day. The school doors open at 08:35am so the children can settle down to their independent morning work. Children should be in school by 8:45am.

Mobile Phones

We understand that some pupils have mobile phones and that they use these as they walk to and from school on their own. We must stress that mobile phones should be turned off once your child has entered the school grounds. Mobile phones should then be given to a member of staff so that they can be securely put away during the school day and returned at the end of the day.

Homework

Homework will consist of spellings and home reading. There will also be a termly independent learning task.

Spellings

Spellings will be handed out to pupils on a Friday and tested the following Friday.

Home Reading

In Year 5, children are given daily opportunities to change their reading books and we expect them to be independent enough to identify when they need to do this.

It is essential that your child reads as frequently as possible to build their stamina for reading and we are looking for children to read **at least** three times a week at home – this should be recorded in their home reading record. We understand that parents/carers live busy lives but any time you can spare to listen to your child really would be extremely beneficial.

If your child has a book 'on the go' at home, they are welcome to bring it to school to read during independent reading time.

If your child has not had a chance to read at home during the week, we will provide the opportunity to do so during a breaktime or lunchtime reading club.

PE

Indoor PE: this takes place on a **Tuesday** afternoon. It is important that children have the correct, named kit for this: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue shorts (tracksuit bottoms are also permitted) and black pumps.

Outdoor PE: this takes place on a **Wednesday** afternoon. It is important that children have the correct, named kit for this: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue tracksuit bottoms; a plain black or blue sweatshirt and a pair of trainers.

Our Sports Coach will lead both PE sessions.



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Children should arrive to school wearing their PE kits and will remain in this kit for the full day.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (named so that it can be easily returned if lost), including black school shoes or plain black trainers. Pupils are also required to wear a school tie with a white shirt or polo shirt and children in Key Stage 2 should have a school cardigan or V-necked school jumper. Jewellery must not be worn apart from stud earrings unless for religious purposes. Children may wear a watch but it **must not** be able to send or receive messages or record e.g. a Smart watch.

As we share a small cloakroom, your child should not bring any other bags apart from their pump bag and book bag.

If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to any of us at the end of the school day.

Supporting Sensory Needs

We understand that some children benefit from sensory resources during the school day. The school has a range of resources available to support children with sensory needs, so we kindly ask that children do not bring fidget toys, squishes or similar items in from home.

Keeping Hydrated

We encourage all children to stay well hydrated throughout the school day. Children may bring water, flavoured water or low-sugar diluted juice into school.

Birthday Sweets and Confectionery

Following recent government guidance around allergies, and with an increasing number of children in school living with complex food allergies, we are asking families not to send in sweets or other confectionery for children to share for birthdays or other celebrations from September onwards.

We appreciate that this may be disappointing for some children, particularly when sharing birthday treats has been a familiar tradition. However, the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all our children must always come first.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work together to keep our school a safe and welcoming environment for every child.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team

Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Mackinnon, Mrs Johnson, Miss Potter, Miss O'Brien and Mr Stoyles (Teaching Staff)



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