

We nurture the curiosity to learn, the courage to lead and the compassion to care.
Through living our Christian values, everyone has the opportunity to flourish.
Building solid foundations (Matthew 7: 24-27)



Respect

Responsibility

Reflection

Resilience

Why we are a good school

- Ambitious **vision** and Christian **values** helps build solid foundations
- **Safeguarding** is effective & **SEND** children are well-supported
- **Positive behaviour** – pedagogy, classroom management and MHWB support
- **High participation & deeper thinking** – review of curriculum & pedagogy
- **Spiritual growth & personal development** – advocates for positive change, Fundamental British Values & healthy relationships
- **Parental communication** – we share lots of information
- Successful **Ofsted** inspection April 2025 and **SIAMS** April 2023

Priorities

This year, we are:

- Embedding everything we do well (positive behaviour, high engagement and deeper thinking)
- Reviewing the curriculum and opportunities for pupils to over-learn (fast recall)
- Further improve parent-school interactions / communications so that our parents understand why the school is good. **Class Representatives** – your class needs you!

Welcome to Year 5

The Staff

Mrs Edwards 5W

Ms Ellerby/Ms Amjad 5J

Miss Johnson 5S

Support: Miss Doman; Mrs Kaur; Mrs Burton

Expectations

The children are now in the upper part of the school and we begin to prepare them for Year 6 and beyond. We place a greater emphasis on:

- behaviour
- independence
- maturity
- organisation

School Uniform

All children need to wear the specified school uniform every day and ensure they wear it correctly.

- Black school shoes should be worn – no boots.
- Children should come to school with a suitable coat to keep them warm and dry when they go outside to play.
- All clothing must be named.
- Long hair should be tied up with a plain hairband (black, grey, red or white).
- Jewellery is kept to a minimum (optional wristwatch and one plain stud per ear).
- Nail varnish is not allowed in school.
- School trousers / shorts should not be tight fitting, e.g. leggings, and skirts should be of appropriate length and cut.

Please refer to the school uniform policy for further guidance (this can be found on our website under the '*key information*' section).

PE

- Scheduled PE sessions take place on a Tuesday with Premier Sports. Ensure PE kit is in school.
- Children are expected to change their socks for PE and tights should not be worn. Plain black socks are acceptable.
- As the weather is getting colder, please send in black tracksuit bottoms, a plain black jumper with no hood and a waterproof jacket. PE will still go ahead.

Extended Learning

Task	How it is set	How it is marked/checked	Requirement
Reading	We expect the children to continue with independent reading. (it would be lovely if they could read to an adult at home once a week).	Staff will monitor Reading Records and they will be checked on a Friday (we expect there to be something recorded every day).	Read regularly at home and please red with your child at least once a week if you can.
Weekly Spellings	Weekly spellings uploaded on eSchools. Your child must learn their spellings ready for their spelling test the following Monday.	Acknowledged on eSchools	Please learn several times during the week.
Maths	DoodleMaths TTRockstars	Staff will monitor DoodleMaths activity As often as needed, to retain fluency of times tables	A minimum of 30 mins weekly (10 mins a day is preferable).
Wendover Spelling Challenge	In Year 5 we continue to work on securing these statutory words that have been set out by the DfE. Your child may refer to these words as the metal words or copper/bronze/silver/gold/platinum words. The Wendover Spelling Challenge words can be found on the school website. Please support your child to learn these at home ready for their test.	Your child will be tested half termly. If they manage to spell all the words correctly, they will receive a certificate in celebration assembly.	At your own discretion.

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event/Visit/Experience
<u>Autumn Term</u>	
Tuesday 30th September	Harvest Festival and Meet the Teacher
Friday 21st November	Space Day
<u>Spring Term</u>	
Class assemblies:	
Tuesday 10th March	5W
Wednesday 11th March	5J
Thursday 12th March	5S
<u>Summer Term</u>	
Tuesday 28th April	Waddesdon Manor
Thursday 18th June	History off the Page – Ancient Greece Day