

Meet the teacher 2026-27

Welcome to Year 5
Mr Caddick and Mrs Flower

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Classroom routines and rules

▶ School day timings:

- ▶ Children should arrive at the Lowlands entrance from 8:30am - please be punctual and no later than 8:45am please. We will have a morning task every morning.
- ▶ Children will leave school at the Lowlands entrance at 3:20pm -Importance of good punctuality and attendance

▶ Uniform and haircuts - a very good start!

▶ Healthy snacks at breaktime are encouraged - nut free!

Routines and rules continued

- ▶ Class rules will be agreed over the next few days and will be displayed in the classroom
- ▶ Our consequences are:
 1. A verbal warning is given by the teacher if a rule is broken
 2. Lose 5 minutes of your breaktime
 3. Lose 10 minutes of your breaktime
 4. Time out in the shared area between Years 4 and 5
 5. See Mrs Johnston and parents informed

Roles and Responsibilities

- ▶ Children have been offered the opportunity to apply for different jobs to help out around the classroom
- ▶ Alongside these 'monitor jobs', they can also choose to take up the following roles:
 1. Bonnie walker
 2. Nursery playleader
 3. KS1 playleader
 4. Digital leader
- ▶ Responsibility and commitment

Subjects and Timetable

- ▶ Please see the 'Parent Planners and Knowledge Organisers' section of the Year 5 class webpage for the parent planner listing topics covered this year
- ▶ The main topics we will cover this year in History, Geography and Science are:
 - ▶ The Vikings (History)
 - ▶ The Ancient Maya (History)
 - ▶ Leisure and Entertainment in the 20th Century (History)
 - ▶ Maps and Mapping (Geography)
 - ▶ European Geography - Scandinavia (Geography)
 - ▶ Biomes (Geography)
 - ▶ Materials and their properties (Science)
 - ▶ Animals and their lifecycles (Science)
 - ▶ Forces (Science)
 - ▶ Plant lifecycles (Science)
 - ▶ Earth, Moon and Sun (Science)
 - ▶ Life Cycles of humans - 'growing up' (Science/RSE): see a separate email about the RSE portal

Classwork and Assessments

- ▶ Independence - children will be expected to work with an increasing amount of independence as the year progresses to ensure that they are prepared for Year 6.
- ▶ Arithmetic tests - every week (starting from yesterday), children will sit a 30-minute arithmetic test in the Maths lesson. This will cover addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as fractions, percentages and decimals. I will upload an example of each term's test onto the website.
- ▶ Times table tests - every other week, children will be tested on 'Bronze', 'Silver', 'Gold' and 'Platinum' levels of times tables. To help prepare for this, Timestable Rockstars will be set for homework each week. The tests can also be found on the website.
- ▶ Spelling tests - children have already been given a list of spellings to practise for a test next Monday. Spellings will always be tested in English lessons on Monday and new spellings will be practised on Tuesday mornings in class.
- ▶ Assessment weeks - children will sit more formal assessments in reading, grammar, punctuation, spelling and Maths three times a year. The children will have notice of these tests and results of these tests will be reported to parents at parents evening and in the end of year report. The first one of these will be in November.

Homework

- ▶ Spellings - please help your child to practise their weekly spelling list using look/say/cover/write check, writing the spellings in sentences, rainbow write, pyramid words or any other method that works for them
- ▶ Times tables - by the start of Year 5 children should know all of their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. Help your child to learn the tables that they struggle with and use Timestable Rockstars to keep up their excellent levels
- ▶ Reading journals - children will bring home a reading journal very soon. Children will be expected to complete ONE activity a week to the best of their abilities. I will always choose at least one 'reading journal of the week' award as an incentive
- ▶ Reading at home - I encourage parents to hear their children read as often as possible and at least twice a week. Reading to your child regularly is also a great way for your child to develop a love of reading and to learn new vocabulary
- ▶ Other homework
 - ▶ History/Science/Geography - children will bring home a project homework sheet
 - ▶ Comprehension - this will start later in the year

PE

► PE days:

- Monday: Swimming (for this half term) - same arrangements as last year
- Wednesday afternoon: Gymnastics/Dance/Yoga/Cheer with Mrs Swan
- Please make sure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit. Please remove earrings on PE days.
- Swimming - please make sure your child has a swimming hat and teach them to put it on

RE

- ▶ New Curriculum this year - Discerning Disciples, starting next week
- ▶ Prayer bag - the prayer bag will be sent home each week with a different child. We start at the end of the register and work upwards. Please try to find time as a family to share prayers and I ask that the children write a prayer in the class prayer book
- ▶ Prayer services - children will be expected to lead a short prayer service with the class. More details to follow
- ▶ Values and virtues - Our statements for this half term are COMPASSIONATE AND LOVING
- ▶ Mass dates for this half term are:
 - ▶ Wednesday 9th September: whole school Mass in the hall
 - ▶ Wednesday 16th September: Y5 lead Parish Mass in school
 - ▶ Tuesday 22nd September: Y5 Mass at Church
 - ▶ Saturday 21st November: Y5 and Nursery Parish Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES!

- ▶ INSET day - Friday 2nd October
- ▶ School photos - Monday 5th October
- ▶ Alton Castle
 - ▶ Dates: Wednesday 14th October → Friday 16th October
- ▶ Year 6 Confirmation in Church - Thursday 5th November 6pm
- ▶ Assessment week - 2nd and 9th November
- ▶ Parents' Evening - Thursday 19th November

Communication

- ▶ Mrs Johnston's 'Headlines' newsletter every week
- ▶ The website should be your first port of call
- ▶ Tuesday before school on the gate
- ▶ Every afternoon at dismissal (except every other Wednesday)
- ▶ Email on

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Any questions?