welcome

TO YEAR 5



The staff in Year 5

The staff working in Year 5 this year are:

- Miss Armstrong – Class teacher
- Mrs Townley– Teaching assistant
- Mrs Miskell – will be teaching in Year 5 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.

In Year 5 we aspire to:

- Create amazing memories
- Achieve incredible milestones
- Love One Another and support each other
- To respect one another
- To smile, laugh and enjoy every moment!

Important Dates

There will be two Parents' Evenings.

The first one is in the Autumn term.

Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th November 2026

The second one is in the Spring term.

Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th March 2027

Our Class Assembly

Friday 16th October 2026

What your child will learn in Year 5

SCIENCE

EARTH AND SPACE

EXPECTATIONS

Children will describe the Sun, Earth and Moon as spherical, name the planets in the solar system independently, distinguish between heliocentric and geocentric ideas of planetary movement and explain that day and night is due to rotation of the Earth.

RE

Branch 1 - Creation and Covenant

EXPECTATIONS

Children examine the theological meaning of Creation, exploring how faith and science complement one another in helping us understand the world. They deepen their understanding of covenant as God's enduring relationship with humanity and consider how Catholic Social Teaching calls Christians to protect creation, uphold human dignity and work for the common good.

COMPUTING

Quizzing and Databases

EXPECTATIONS

Children will develop a skill of designing and creating, editing and testing interactive quizzes.

Children will also develop an understanding of using table-based databases. They will create their own collaborative database.

HISTORY

THE VIKINGS

EXPECTATIONS

Children will learn about the raids and invasions by Vikings in Anglo-Saxon Britain by finding out who the Vikings were as well as when and where they raided and settled. They will learn about significant events from the period and order these chronologically on a timeline.

MATHS EXPECTATIONS

- To understand Place Value of numbers up to a 10,000,000 including decimals
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of numbers with more than 4digits and 2 decimals places.
- Solve multi-step problems.
- Round numbers up to 100,000 to the nearest 10, 100 and

St John the Baptist

Topic Web Year 5

Autumn Term 1

ENGLISH EXPECTATIONS

LEGENDS

We will read and respond to **Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo.** After looking at the features and structure of the story, we will then create our own similar versions alongside many other writing opportunities.

POETRY

Children will read various poems written but famous authors and understand how to structure one, leading to creating their free verse.

PE

Athletics and Gymnastics

EXPECTATIONS

In Athletics children will Understand different running, jumping and throwing techniques.

In Gymnastics children will create and evaluate a sequence with counter balance/ tension

DT

VIKING ART

EXPECTATIONS

Children will focus on improving their drawing and shading techniques. They will research and draw Viking knots, sketch fierce warriors and create their own Viking jewelry.

MUSIC

GUITARS

EXPECTATIONS

Children will explore the guitars and work on their music reading skills and will learn and join in a range of songs.

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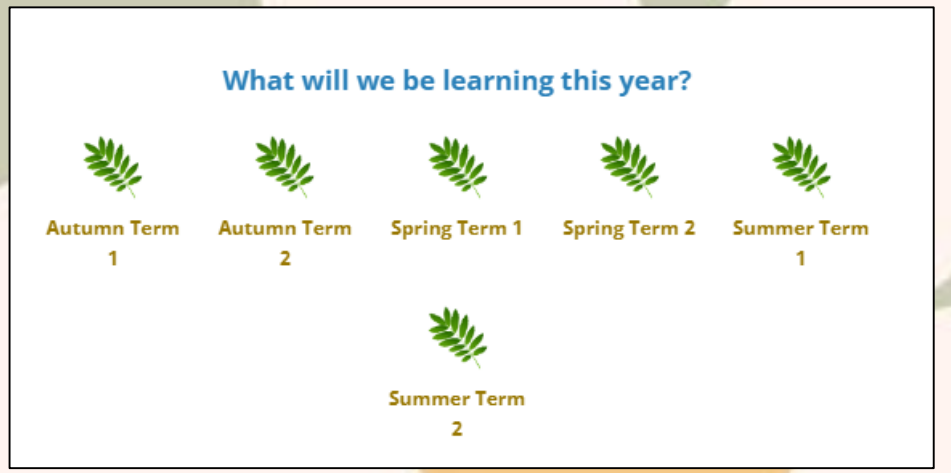
CORE SKILLS./PEER PRESSURE

EXPECTATIONS

Children will revisit and expand on feelings of others, recognise their own and other peoples talents, learn to show empathy to those who may need it and understand how to react in certain situations. They will develop their questioning, negotiating and decision making skills.

INFORMATION– **Welcome back to school and to Year 5. Our main topic this half term will be the Vikings. Our theme week this half term is 'Toys' and will take place from Monday 19th October to Thursday 22nd October.**

Further details of what we are learning about each term can be found on our class page under 'topic webs'.
These will be updated each half term.



Year 5 Timetable

2026-2027 ST JOHN THE BAPTIST TIMETABLE – YEAR 5

	8.55 9.05	KS2 9.05am-10.55am 1hr 50min KS1 9.05-10.35 1hr 30min	10.35 ks1 10.55 ks2	KS2 11.10am- 12.15pm 1hr 5mins KS1 10.50am–12.15pm 1hr 20min	12.15pm 1.15pm	1.15 1.25	1.25pm– 3.15pm 1hr 50mins
MONDAY	REGISTRATION-10mins	Celebration of the Word **Assembly** 9.05-10.40 / PE	BREAKTIME -15MINS	MATHS	LUNCHTIME—1HOUR	REGISTRATION-10mins	ENGLISH / COMPUTING
TUESDAY *Include Celebration of the Word at some point*		RE / MATHS		ENGLISH			FRENCH / PSHE
WEDNESDAY *Hymns PPA for staff*		Celebration of the Word LB RM **HYMNS** 9.05-9.45 / ENGLISH		MATHS			PE / MUSIC
THURSDAY *Include Celebration of the Word at some point*		ENGLISH / MATHS		C OF THE W / ART/DT			SCIENCE
FRIDAY		ENGLISH / MATHS		HISTORY/ GEOGRAPHY			RE / Celebration of the Word **Assembly** 2.30-3.15

School Website – Class Page

Please continue to access our class page. It will be updated regularly with information, examples of class work and mainly Year 5 enjoying their time exploring new topics!

There is also key website links for your child to access learning opportunities at home.



Important Days to know

In **September** your child will come home with a paper copy of days to remember. Please check their school bags. It will also be in the front of their reading diaries.



Year 5 Important Days To Remember!

*Reading Diaries must be in school every day to support any opportunity to read.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Reading Diaries in school	 Reading Diaries in school	 Reading Diaries in school Checked in. Must have 1 signature from a parent or an adult and 3 comments written about the book. What did you like? Did you have a favourite part? Are there any new words you have learnt?	 Reading Diaries in school	 Reading Diaries in school
			Homework If homework is handed in before Friday extra Green dojos will be awarded	Homework Last day to hand homework in. New homework will also be sent home. Homework club will be available during lunch times. (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
		 Music Lesson Guitars must be in school.	Spelling Spelling Test Day New spellings are sent home in your 'green' spelling books. Spellings should be practiced daily.	

Behaviour, Expectations and Rewards in Year 5

Green Dojos= Positive Behaviour, Bee Behaviour focus (the ones everyone wants to get.)



Red Dojos = Negative behaviour and wrong choices.

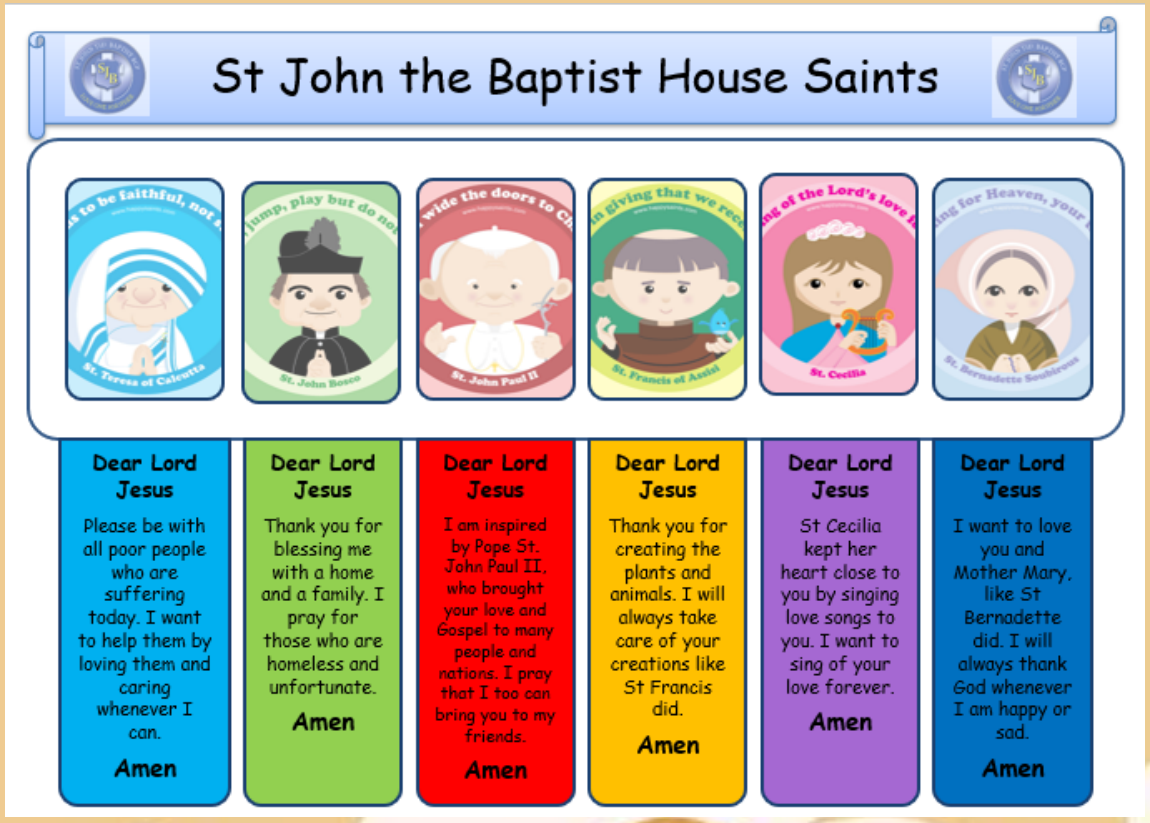
3 Red = Friday Think Time (during Lunch time play)

Warnings are always given before red dojos are received.

Behaviour, Expectations and Rewards in Year 5

Children are all allocated a House Points there are six houses in total all named after a Saint. Each school year the children are moved into different houses

Children can earn House points in work books, homework/spellings and reading at home. As well as Team Work!



House Points

Behaviour, Expectations and Rewards in Year 5

Every half term we will have a behaviour focus which all children across St Johns will aim to receive extra Dojos for their behaviour.

Our first term focus is 'Be A Good Friend'



Behaviour Bees

Goodbye to Pencils

A huge milestone happens in Year 5 that every child wants to achieve. **A PEN LICENSE!**

Every pupil will receive a pen on their first day in Year 5. Your child's handwriting must continue to be joined together, well presented and super spellings.

(But please remember their pen license could be taken away for a short time if your child cannot provide well presented pieces of work.)

As long as they try their best is all that matters ☺

Physical Education

PE lessons are split into two physical activities.
These are taught on a **Wednesday** and a **Friday** afternoon.

This Year every Wednesday afternoon **Mr Parkinson** will be teaching the children a range of sport skills.

Please ensure your child has an appropriate PE kit (indoor and outdoor).
We do encourage children to wear trainers for **outdoor sports.**

Please could children with long hair remember to bring a bobble everyday. No jewellery please especially earrings.

PE Kits

Indoor kit – White t-shirt, plain black shorts and black pumps

Outdoor kit – Dark coloured plain track suits/ joggers and trainers

No LOGOs on kits

For girls please send in a pair of white socks as your child may be wearing tights on their PE days.

Please make sure that if your child has their ears pierced that these are removed before returning to school in September.

Reading

Reading is very important and we ask that children should continue to read at home independently or to an adult. Please encourage your child to read as a key achievement in Year 5 is to become a free reader. The opportunity to read any book of their choosing.



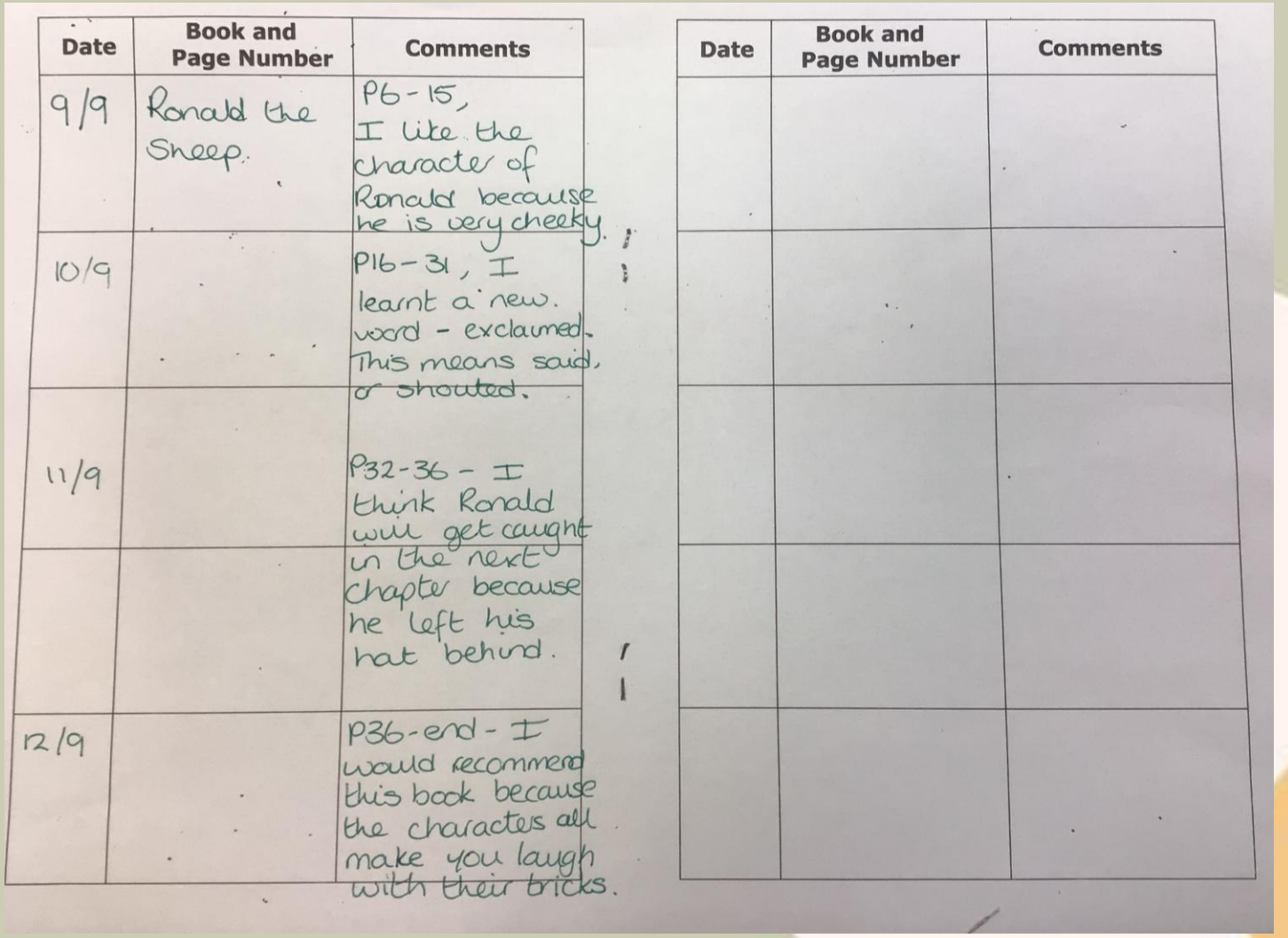
Reading Comments

Reading Diaries

Children must write 3 comment themselves per book.

This can be about what they have read (please see inside your child's reading Diary for prompts and examples.) One adult comment must be added for additional information. This will count as a comment when checked every **Wednesday.**

Example of Reading Diary Expectation. An example will be in the front of their reading diary at the start of Year 5



Date	Book and Page Number	Comments
9/9	Ronald the Sheep.	P6-15, I like the character of Ronald because he is very cheeky.
10/9		P16-31, I learnt a new word - exclaimed. This means said, or shouted.
11/9		P32-36 - I think Ronald will get caught in the next chapter because he left his hat behind.
12/9		P36-end - I would recommend this book because the characters all make you laugh with their tricks.

Date	Book and Page Number	Comments

Homework

Guidelines for primary school children are:

Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6
1 hour per week	1.5 hours per week	30 minutes per day

Homework

- Please hear the children read and discuss their books with them.
- If possible, find children a quiet place to complete their homework away from distractions.
- Encourage your child to ask if they are stuck.
- Write notes on your child's homework if they found it difficult.
- Help them, but please don't do it for them.
- Have a pencil, coloured pencil, ruler etc for them to use. Any problems with providing these, please let Miss Armstrong know.

Homework continued...

If your child is struggling to complete any homework do not worry, we can support their home learning through lunchtime homework club.

This is available every Tuesday and Thursday Lunch Times.

As well we encourage children to come and speak to their teacher about questions they are unsure about especially in Maths.

Homework club can also be used for Reading and Spelling practice.

English Homework

A comprehension piece, independent writing, imagination write or a spelling, grammar and punctuation piece will be sent home every **Friday** in their **Red Wallet Booklets**.

This must be completed and returned by the following Friday. We do encourage children to hand their homework in before Friday. If children achieve this they will receive more green dojos.

Spellings

Every week a selection of spellings will be sent home in their **Green** Spelling books. Spellings should be practiced regularly as this supports English skills. Every **Thursday** there will be a spelling test to monitor children's spelling skills. New spellings will be sent home on Fridays with their homework.

Please ensure that **green** spelling books are in school bags daily.
If your child looses their spellings please let Miss Armstrong or Mrs Townley know, so we can provide a new list for them.

Spellings

Children can also access Spelling Shed through our class page '**Key website links**'. This website provides a fun and engaging way of learning their spellings for each week. (similar to times table Rockstar's)



Math's Homework

Children will also receive maths homework every **Friday** in their **Red Maths Homework Book.**
This should be returned by the following Friday.

Each week a focus of maths skills will be sent home to help support our mastery approach in school. Homework must be complete in their **Red homework books.**

It should be completed by using a **pencil** and not felt tips unless instructed by Miss Armstrong.

Please check your child's spelling book and homework booklets for more information.

Welcome to your English homework book.

This book should be used to complete your weekly homework set by Miss Armstrong.

You will have **ONE week** to complete your homework. Return by the following Thursday with Friday being the last day to hand in.



Hello,

Your homework may be:

- A piece of writing
- A comprehension sheet
- A Grammar sheet

Or

- An imagination sheet

Please use a pencil to complete your homework, we ask that you use a pencil as it helps with any mistakes.

The expectations of your writing is the same as in class, take your time and create fantastic pieces of work.

If you need any help with your homework you can go to homework club on Tuesdays and Thursday lunch times.

If you have any questions about your homework you can ask Miss Armstrong.





Welcome to your Spelling Book.

This book is to be used to practice your spellings.

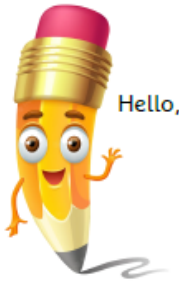
Each **Thursday** you will get a new set of spellings.

Every **Wednesday** please bring in your spelling book so we can see that you are practicing your spellings.

Remember you can go to homework club on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** to help with your practicing. You can also learn your spellings on **Spelling Shed** through accessing spelling games.

Your log in is in your Reading Diary

Welcome to your Maths homework booklet.



Hello,

This booklet should be used to complete your weekly homework set by Miss Armstrong.

You will have **ONE week** to complete your homework. Return by the following Thursday with Friday being the last day to hand in.

Your homework will link to the Mathematic skills you are learning in class. This is to help you to continue learning the skills.

Please use a pencil to complete your homework, we ask that you use a pencil as it helps with any mistakes.

Always show your working out, this helps your teacher know that you have understood the questions.

Remember to use our 1 digit in each box rule, just like we do in class.

When you have completed your homework, place your worksheet back in the booklet and return it to school for your teacher to mark.

If you need any help with your homework you can go to homework club on Tuesdays and Thursday lunch times.

If you have any questions about your homework you can ask Miss Armstrong.



Forest School



This year we have been very fortunate to experience the Forest school Hedgehogs AGAIN!.



Year 5 will access the Forest school for 3 Monday sessions in September and October.

Monday 28th September 2026 (Afternoon)
Monday 5th October 2026 (Morning)
Monday 12th October 2026 (Afternoon)

Please access our Forest school page for more details

Let's have a fantastic Year!

