



ADVENT 2026

Year 5 Class Newsletter

Welcome to Year 5! The children have already made a brilliant start to the school term. We have lots to look forward to and can't wait to get to know you all throughout the year.

Our team

Your year 5 team is: Miss Whitaker, Mrs Walker, Mrs Atherton, Miss Dawes, Miss Junaid and Miss Dales.

Mathematics

We follow elements of the White Rose program at Good Shepherd. We practise fluency before tackling problems, with a focus on providing reasoning and depth of understanding. This term we are focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions.

Knowing basic times tables and division facts are vital to year 5, please support your child in practising these regularly.



English

This term we will begin with a back-to-basics grammar unit followed by writing non-chronological reports linked to our Earth and Space topic. Next half term, we will be writing persuasive leaflets linked to the Space Centre and an instructional text.

Our class text is 'There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar. We will be reading 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterley. We will also be sharing a range of other texts in our reading for pleasure time.

PE

PE for Year 5 will be taking place each **Wednesday** with Mr Connolly and each **Thursday** with their class teacher. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit (white T-shirt, navy blue or black shorts or tracksuit bottoms on colder days). No branded kits are to be worn.

Children with pierced ears must remove studs at home before coming to school on these days. Any new piercings must be covered with tape.



Follow us on social media: we post updates and photos on our social media accounts so consider following us to stay in the loop. You can find us on Facebook and on Instagram.

Our Curriculum

In science, we will be studying Earth and Space, learning about the movement of the planets to the causes of seasons and the cycle of day and night.

The Advent 1 geography topic is changes to Nottingham and the UK, where we will learn about how population changes, especially within Nottinghamshire. We will also visit our local area to explore how it has changed.



In the second half term, our history topic will be Britain's settlement by the Anglo-Saxons and Scots. We will learn about the time period when the Anglo-Saxons and Scots arrived in Britain, focusing on their arrival and settlement as well as their change in religion.

Reminders



Please ensure that your child has name-labelled, appropriate weather gear such as a raincoat, winter coat or sunhat. Sun cream should be applied at home, where necessary.

Please be aware that no nuts or nut products are permitted on the school premises or on trips. This is because a number of members of our school community have severe nut allergies. Thank you for keeping everyone safe.

Homework

Daily reading (reading at home every day for around 15 - 20 minutes), **Times table activity, weekly spellings, maths tasks** (retrieval and consolidation from that week - 15 minutes) and a **knowledge organiser task** (15 minutes).

It is very important that you read with your children at home and make a note in their Homework Diary. Homework and spellings will be given out on a Wednesday and completed homework books should be returned the following Monday.

RE



Our RE topics this term will be:

- Creation and Covenant
- Prophecy and Promise.



Diary dates

- Friday 18 September - PTA foam party - tickets on Arbor.
- Thursday 8 October - National Space Centre Trip - details to follow.