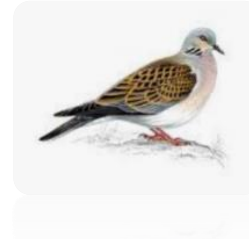




Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week for Year 5!

On Monday the Mass celebrated by Bishop Richard, Father Robin and Father Simon was a very special occasion for us all and marked the official opening of the New Teaching Hall which will be known as the Pope Francis Hall. The choir sang beautifully and all readers were word perfect! As a special treat the children enjoyed an extended break too. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along to watch the assembly on the Smartphone workshop with Dan Newman from Xavier Trust last Friday. In Geography this week we have been learning about the Great Barrier Reef and in Mathematics we have continued to work on negative numbers. We have been discussing covenants in RE. Year 5 are very excited and looking forward to Sports Day on Friday. Hats and suntan cream at the ready!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Gregson, Mrs Maliphant and Mr Peebles.

Important dates:

Monday 23rd June – Sports Day reserve if wet 20/6/25

Art Exhibition – Monday 30th June – Pope Francis Hall 3.15pm -4pm (New Teaching Hall) see poster below

Friday 4th July Year 5 only Transition/Moving up (1.15pm -3.15pm) will go to Year 6 to meet their new teachers

Saturday 5th July - Summer Fayre

Parents' Evening- Tuesday 8th and Thursday 10th July

Friday 18th July – Last day of term

RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) Year 5 Summer term

As a school, we will be teaching from Ten:Ten, a diocese-approved scheme. We recommend you watch the video on the Online Parent Portal to familiarise yourself with the curriculum's aims and methods of teaching. If, after watching the video, you have further questions, contact us via the school office. Please see below the topics we will be teaching and the weeks we will be teaching them, starting from next week.

We encourage you to have your own conversations at home with your children about this topic. The lessons on puberty are statutory as they form part of the science curriculum and all children should attend.

WC 9.6.25	Girls' bodies	Module 1 Unit 2 Session 2
WC 16.6.25	Boys' bodies	Module 1 Unit 2 Session3
WC 23.6.25	Emotional changes	Module 1 Unit 3 Session 3
WC 30.6.25	Menstruation	Module 1 Unit 4 Session 3
WC 7.7.25	Under pressure	Module 2 Unit 2 Session 1
WC 14.7.25	Reaching Out	Module 3 Unit 2 Session 1

PE

Please ensure your child has the correct PE/Games kit including trainers. All PE and Games lessons will be outside on the field from now on. Remember to send in a hat if you have one

If your child has borrowed any PE kit from school, please can it be returned as soon as possible.

Catholic Social Teaching

As part of our learning, we teach children how they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the way they interact and help others. If your child has taken part in any charity work, please let us know so we can share and celebrate this in school.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) – Calling all parents who work in these fields. We would love to hear about your work and experiences and hopefully encourage the children to follow in similar footsteps. Please let us know if you would be happy to pop into school sometime to support the enrichment of the children's learning.

Homework

TTRS

Children are to practise their times tables on TTRS for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week. There are weekly challenges to engage the children. Focus on those times tables your child needs to improve their speed and fluency on and select these in 'Garage'. Play 'Studio' to help St. Polycarp's climb up the local schools' leaderboard! **Two tasks will be set each week on Mathletics.**

Reading

Please see below for the Key Stage 2 reading guidance.

When the children finish reading a book, they need to complete an online quiz at home before changing the book. Please be aware that both username and password are in lowercase.

Please use the link below to access Accelerated Reader.

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Reading in Key Stage 2 Make reading part of your daily routine

Short sessions – **15 minutes per day.**

- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction. Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.

How can parents help?

Reading improves with practice.

Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.

Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework. Well done to those who already completed over 20 quizzes so far this year.

Spellings are set every Friday with a spelling test the following Friday giving children one week to learn them. Due to Sport's day we are giving children an extra week to practise these spellings

Year 5 Spelling	Mixed spelling
aisle	aisle
isle	isle
aloud	aloud
allowed	allowed
altar	farther
alter	father
ascent	last
assent	past
farther	grass
father	class

House Captains

Year 5 children are invited to put themselves forward to become House Captains in Year 6.

Children, who would like to be considered for the role of House Captain, should write a speech (which must be no longer than 2 minutes) that they will deliver to everyone in Year 5, including the teachers. The speech should outline why they would make a good House Captain; including, for example, their commitment to our school values, a demonstration of their leadership qualities and the benefits they would bring to their house.

The speeches will be delivered to the rest of the year group during the week beginning Monday 30th June. Following the speeches the children and the teachers vote for their preferred candidate.

St Polycarp's Art Showcase

We are proud to present
an exhibition of artwork
created by all year groups.

Reception to Y6

Please come along and
see our masterpieces!

**Monday 30th June
3.15-4.00pm
In the
Pope Francis Hall**

**Please enter via the hall door
next to Year 1**

