



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we have had in Year 5! On Monday, we made our own ice cream in DT, inspired by our class text – The London Eye Mystery! We finished our class book and continued with our work on typography in art. The children have created some amazing maps! We loved meeting with you all at parents evening this week and are so proud of how well the children have settled into Year 5 'life'. They too should be very proud of all their hard work this half term.

A reminder that after half term, the children will be doing PE lessons in the hall and will need to be able to take off socks and shoes for these lessons. Please continue to send your children to school on PE days in PE uniform (no tights please).

We wish you and the children a restful and well deserved half term break.

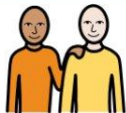
P.S. Don't forget that the deadline to apply for the Young Business Showcase is Friday 30th October 2026. We would love to see our children participate! 😊 Link below:
<https://youngbusinessshowcase.co.uk/apply/?fair=farnham-ybs-dec-2026>

Miss Maloney and Mrs Peneda

Spelling: if you would like to do some extra practice, this week we have been learning the following words. Ask your child to tell you the spelling rule we learned this week and practise any words they found tricky.



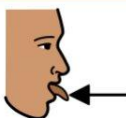
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Important dates:

Tuesday 3rd November – Return after half term

Saturday 14th November (Afternoon) – Choir event – Farnham Christmas Light Switch On

PE and Games:

PE for Doves class will be on Tuesdays

PE for Pheasants class will be on Thursdays

Games for all of year 5 will be on Wednesdays.

Library:

Doves' library day will be on a Wednesday

Pheasants' library day will be on a Thursday

This week's homework update:

There is no homework during half term 😊 but we do encourage your children to keep reading.

<https://login.renaissance.com/12d2c82e-5d71-4f43-b9a3-32d66f06dfcf?state=174301c7-5fc0-44f4-b5aa-0dfd314050cb>

This week, children should complete the following:

- Maths.co.uk.
- An AR quiz (if they have finished a book) and continue to read daily.
- Login to TTRS to practice their times tables.
- **Please do also encourage your children to take part in the Creative Inclusion Challenge (as advertised below). We would love to have as many entries as possible to showcase this important message – “We belong!”**

Reading in Key Stage 2 - Handy Hints:

- 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 Accelerated Reader quiz – this will be part of their weekly homework.

Changes to Spelling Teaching in Years 2-6

- Dear Parents and Carers,
- From September, we will be using Read Write Inc. (RWI) Spelling across Years 2-6 and will no longer be using Spelling Shed (EdShed).
- Children will take part in daily spelling lessons, which provide a clear and consistent approach to spelling, building on the phonics and handwriting programmes already used in school. Research shows that frequent practice and consistency help children to remember and apply spelling patterns more effectively in their writing.

- There will be no formal weekly spelling homework or tests. However, we recommend regular practice at home. Your child's weekly spelling words will be shared in the newsletter, and additional activities (in Spelling Extra Practice Zone) can be accessed through the RWI Spelling Portal: <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-pupils/pupil-home>
Username: polysyear5
Password: y5polys



<https://vimeo.com/cbfuk/1231361580>



Choir – Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 Saturday 14th November

Poly's Polyphonics will be performing at the Farnham Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 at Gostrey Meadows. This will be an afternoon performance, although exact timings will be confirmed nearer the event. Further details will be shared via email in due course.

In the meantime, please encourage your child to rehearse using Muse Class Primary:

<https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/g4Yhq2yLI3W4gFIL>

Find the songs ('Pat A Pan', 'Hear the Sleigh Bells' and 'One More Sleep 'til Christmas'), click on 'view song' then scroll down to 'Available Learning Resources' and access the 'interactive content' by clicking on 'lyrics'. Feel free to explore other options also (e.g.: 'Audio' - 'Accompaniment – backing track only' once lyrics have been learnt).