



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a great week we've had!

In Science, both classes continued the Life cycles unit and compared the life cycle of a bird to life cycle of a mammal. Our mint cutting now measures over 20mm.

Year 5 pupils planned their own diary entry this week and enjoyed asking questions to the main character in our book, Ted as different children took on the role in our Hot Seating activity.

In Maths we were checking our calculations by using inverse operations.

As part of Catholic Social Teaching, we discussed the Common Good and how we help others in both our school and local community; if you are able, please send in any donations for the Harvest Festival next Friday. As October is one of the months dedicated to Mary, the holy mother of God we said a decade of the rosary together during our Phase liturgy on Tuesday.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Peneda, Mrs Maliphant and Mrs Gregson

Upcoming Events

Friday 17th October – Harvest Celebration (School only)

Friday 17th October – Parent meeting in Pheasants Class at 3pm for both Year 5 classes to share the RSE curriculum. Please attend if you are able.

Friday 24th October – Break up for half term 3.20pm

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October Half Term

Friday 28th November – INSET day (school closed)

Monday 1st December – St Francis Xavier Day (school closed)

Information

PE: Tuesday - **Doves only** Children should come into school wearing their school uniforms and will change into PE kit at school.

PE: Wednesday - **Pheasants only** Children should come into school wearing their school uniforms and will change into PE kit at school.

Library: Monday (Pheasants and Doves). Children need to bring their library book back EVERY week

Games: Friday (both classes) **Children wear their Games kit on Fridays all day.**

Harvest Festival Donations: Friday 17th October

As always, we would very much appreciate any **in date, non-perishable** food items or toiletries, preferably from the list below for the Harvest Festival:

- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned fruit
- UHT juice
- Boxes of chocolate - these are put into parcels at Christmas

This week's homework update:

Maths.co.uk (replaces Mathletics):

Maths homework will reflect the learning that is done in class during each unit. It is set every Friday on Maths.co.uk. Logins have been sent home. We suggest that children write down their working out on paper when completing the questions from maths.co.uk before entering the answer electronically. Children are not required to hand in their answers.

At St Polycarp's we follow the White Rose Maths Scheme and wanted to signpost the helpful videos which are available to parents and pupils free of charge.

Here is the link for the White Rose videos "Maths with Michael."
It is on the website under the maths section as well.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/maths-with-michael>

Spelling

Spellings are set every Friday with a spelling test the following Friday giving children one week to learn them. This week's spelling:

potential
essential
substantial
influential
residential
confidential
preferential
torrential
circumstantial
impartial

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.

Children should aim to complete as many quizzes as they can but are expected to complete at least 3 quizzes per half-term.

We have noticed that there are still some children who have not completed any quizzes since start of term. Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework. **Children can complete the quizzes at school during lunchtime homework club on**

Fridays if they are not able to do them at home. Please ask them to speak to their class teacher about this.

[Find the link to AR here.](#)

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.



Times Table Rockstars (TTRS)

As a guideline, **children should aim to practise their times tables as much as possible, preferably daily.** Please encourage the children to practise those times tables which they are less secure with.

If you have any questions or messages for your child's class teacher, please come and speak to us at the end of the day or email info@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk.

Farnham Craft Month

Events at Farnham Library

October 2025

MONDAY
6TH

3:45PM - 4:45PM
UFO Craft
£2, ages 3+



MONDAY
27TH

2.30PM-3.30PM
Mini Lanterns
£3, ages 5+



THURSDAY
9TH

3.45PM - 4.45PM
Autumn Leaf Mobile
£3, ages 5+



WEDNESDAY
29TH

3:45 - 4:45PM
Halloween Craft
£3, ages 5+



MONDAY
13TH

11AM - 12PM
Foxy Leaf Craft
Free drop-in



THURSDAY
30TH

2.30PM - 3:30PM
Quill a Tree Craft
£3, ages 5+



*For more details see our events and activities pages.
Please book at the helpdesk or by email,
farnham.library@surreycc.gov.uk*