



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week for Year 5!

In English, both classes have been analysing balanced arguments and their features and in Maths, we have been continuing our work on decimals as well as multiplying by 10,100 and 1000. In Art lessons this week pupils were evaluating their house models using foam board and cardboard. Time was spent practising for Sports Day in PE sessions. Despite the weather on Wednesday, Year 5 boys' cricket team played well and came third overall. On Monday we had our second Smartphone strategy workshop with Dan Newman from the Xavier Trust.

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

Mrs Gregson and Mrs Maliphant

Important dates:

Monday 9th June - Smartphone strategy workshops led by Dan Newman Xavier Trust

Monday 9th June – DT lesson making Maya Chocolate drink. Please bring in 1 ingredient from list. (Only small amount needed of either sugar, honey or golden syrup. Rest will be provided by school.)

Tuesday 10th June – PE lesson both groups together at 2.15 - 3pm

Wednesday 11th June Year 5 trip to Horseshoe Lake

TRIP INFORMATION

Date: 11th June 2025

Place of Trip: Horseshoe Lake

Time of drop off at school: 08:30am

Meeting point for parent volunteers: the office

Transport: Coach

Time of arrival back at School: 5:30pm (traffic dependent)

Collection Point: MUGA

REQUIREMENTS

Packed lunch

Towel

Sun cream

One change of clothes

Change of footwear

Water bottle	Cap	Small rucksack		
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Thursday 12th June - Jolf workshop – both classes Doves 10.30am -11.10am

Pheasants 11.10-11.50am Please note change of day this week for Games now on Thursday 12th June due trip on previous day. **Children from both classes to come into school in their Games kit.**

Thursday 12th June 6.30 -8.00pm Managing Anxiety in Children workshop open to all parents and carers. See poster below

Friday 13th June 2.45pm -3.20pm Smartphone strategy workshops led by Dan Newman from Xavier Trust for parents see poster below. Children are looking forward to presenting their work on this to parents so please attend if you are able.

Friday 13th School disco – 5.15 - 6.15pm

Monday 16th June – School Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Richard to celebrate the opening of our new hall

Friday 20th June Sports Day KS2 in the afternoon

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

Saturday 5th July Summer Fayre

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

Year 5 Spelling	Mixed spelling
advice	advice
advise	advise
device	device
devise	devise
licence	licence
license	license
practice	other
practise	mother
prophecy	brother
prophesy	nothing




YEAR 5 SMARTPHONE WORKSHOP

DELIVERED BY DAN NEWMAN AND YEAR 5 CHILDREN

Dan is part of the Mental Health team at the Xavier Trust



Year 5 are working with Dan to learn about how use of mobile phones can impact their mental health

WHEN?

Friday 13th June
2.45pm



WHERE?

St Polycarp's



WHAT?

Come and join us and the Year 5 children who will deliver a presentation about safe use of smartphones

If you would like some more information, Dan will be available to answer any questions you have after the presentation.





Open to all parents and carers

Delivered by expert Primary Mental Health Worker

Managing anxiety in children

Presented by Nikki Brunton-Smith
Waverley Primary Mental Health Worker

Parent and carer workshop
12th June 6.30-8.00pm
St Polycarp's school



- What is anxiety? What effect does it have on our bodies?
- What does 'normal' anxiety look like in a child?
- What strategies can parents use to manage anxiety in children?
- Where to go for further help and advice
- With time for questions afterwards.