



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Half Term! We hope you enjoy the sunshine.

This final week of the half term has been filled with creative activities. We studied performance poetry (building up to our own performances). We created our final art project – aspirational tiny homes and of course our DT project – Tudor mazes.

We also welcomed a team from HSBC on Monday who spoke to the children about the world of work and managing money.

However, the highlight of our week was definitely leading the Marion Celebration on Friday. Well done to all of Year 5 for being such super role models.

Art exhibition: The Arts Society Farnham have invited St. Polycarp's to exhibit some Art work at Farnham Station. Please see the poster with information below!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Peneda, Mrs Maliphant and Mrs Prentice

Upcoming Events

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – Half Term

Wednesday 10th June – Y5 school trip to Horseshoe Lake – please ensure you have completed the permission form on SCOPAY.

Friday June 19th – KS1 Sports Day AM. KS2 Sports Day PM

Saturday 20th June – Summer Fayre

A message from Mrs Ramsden:

Y5 Trials

On Friday 5th June there will be trials for the new Y6 league teams for the next academic year 2026/27. All children who wish to trial out and very welcome to trial.

There are sign-up sheets in Mrs Ramsden office and children are invited to put their names down, if they would like to trial out for the teams.

Children will be selected on performance, commitment and attitude to teamwork and sportsmanship.

Please also be aware if children are unsuccessful in making the league teams there will be plenty of other opportunities for the children to access festivals, tournaments and other sporting opportunities throughout the academic year.

Boys Football team- maximum 10 spaces available

Girls Football Team- maximum 10 spaces available

Higher Netball Team - maximum 9 spaces available

Aspire Netball Team - maximum 9 spaces available

St Polycarp's Polyphonics Choir

If your child is in the choir for Summer Term, they can rehearse using the following link: <https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/N70Fqk9XP1AkzT6K> Clicking on the link will take you to a page showing icons for our three songs. Click on the icon of your choice and then

use the interactive content – lyrics to rehearse with words on screen function. To sing without lyrics and voices, use the audio – accompaniment function.

Our first performance of the term is on Saturday the 20th June at the Summer Fayre, at 11.30am.

Homework:

No homework will be set during half term.

Homework expectations

Homework club has now started.

Please support your child to complete **all** homework tasks set for them each week. Check to see if your child has any outstanding Maths tasks on Maths.co.uk and please allow them to complete these as soon as possible. In doing this, you will be reinforcing classroom learning and it will give you essential information about how your child is progressing in that area of learning.

- x1 Maths.co.uk assignment
- x1 Accelerated Reader quiz per week (at least)
- Times table rock stars 21 minutes per week (at least)
- Weekly spelling practise

Please come and chat to your child's teacher if you have questions about this. Thank you for all you do to support your child's learning in school. It makes a huge difference to their academic progress and their confidence in class.

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. Sadly, paper copies cannot be provided. Children are not required to hand in their answers. If you would like further practice, you can use MathsBot.com Year 5 Arithmetic.

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>

Weekly Spelling Quiz Update

From Spring term, weekly spelling quizzes will include 6 spellings from the current week's list, 2 from the previous week and 2 from an earlier quiz within your child's year group. This approach uses retrieval practice, which helps children strengthen their memory and move spellings into long-term retention, rather than just learning them for a single test.

Please don't be concerned if scores dip slightly at first while children adjust to this format - this is a normal part of the learning process and will support stronger spelling knowledge over time.

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 many 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.

Handwriting

Handwriting videos are now available to access at home. The children have great fun following these in school. Please follow the following link :

<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2xyKsbDJ/rrlDh5Ta>

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.



ART EXHIBITION AT FARNHAM STATION
21ST JUNE - OCTOBER 2026

**THIS YEAR'S THEME IS
'NATURE THROUGH MY EYES'**

- CREATE A 2D PIECE OF ART- A5 OR A4 SIZE
- NAME, AGE AND CLASS ON THE BACK
- SUBMIT YOUR ART WORK TO MISS BELLAPAI SIOTOU (SWIFTS CLASS) BY 12TH JUNE.

THE PERFECT HALF TERM ART PROJECT!



St. Polycarp's Primary School Outdoor Athletics Club (Years 3-6)

Fun filled outdoor athletics sessions. If your child enjoys running, jumping or throwing and wants to develop their agility, balance and coordination or simply wants to improve their fitness for other sports come and join us...

Dates: **Tuesday** 14th April to 14th July 2026 (excluding half term)

Time: 3.15 - 4.15pm

Where: St. Polycarp's playing field (outdoor)

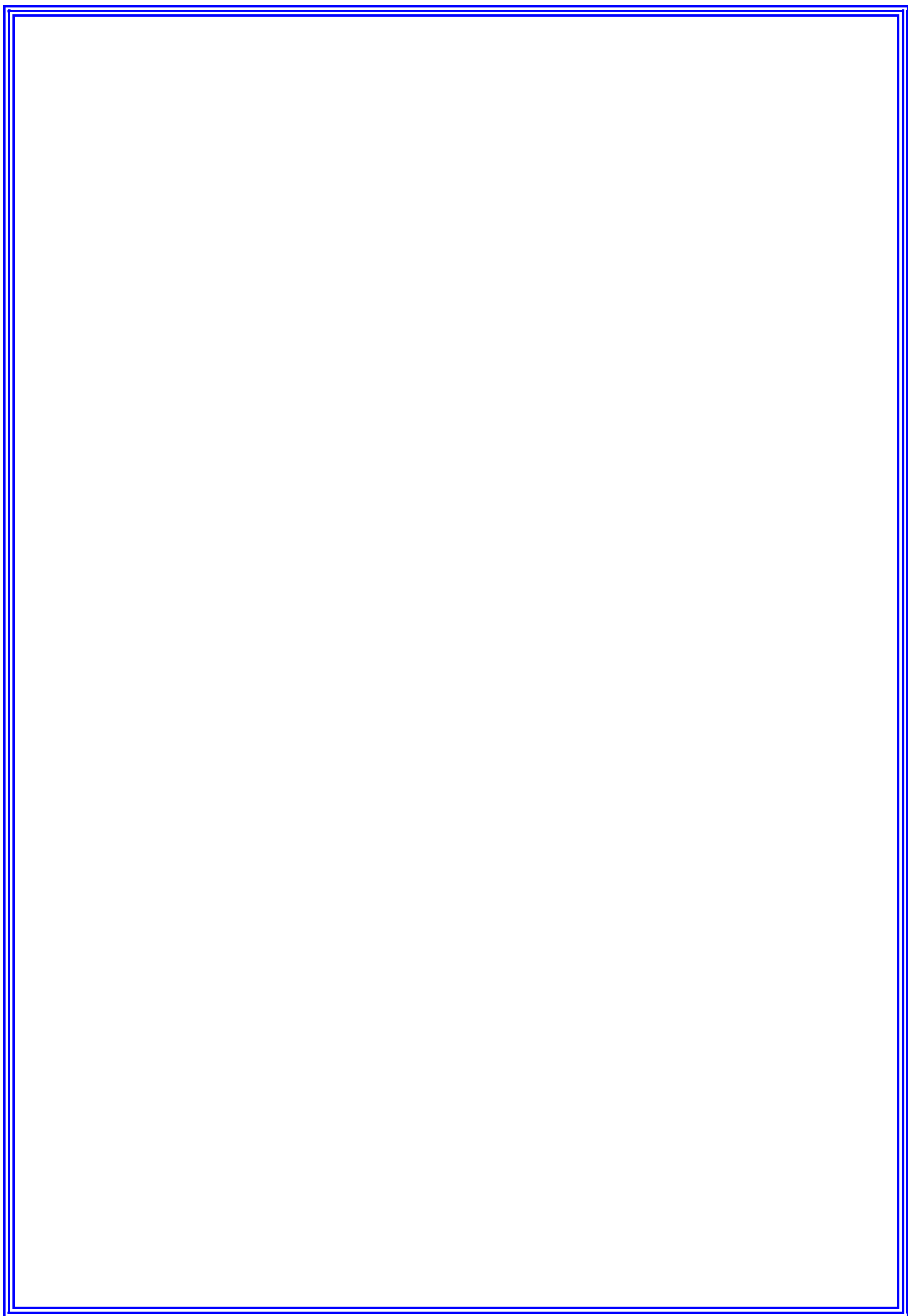
What to bring: Running kit (including warm and waterproof clothing or sun hat and sun cream), trainers and a drink

Cost: £117 for the whole summer term

How to book: Contact Brian Stopher at Destination RUN for more information at brian.destrun@gmail.com

Clubs organised and run by Brian Stopher (GB athlete, England Athletics qualified running coach, qualified & experienced PE teacher, ex-head of secondary school PE, & former National Champion)







PARENT AND CARER BELONGING WORKING GROUP



This is the Xavier Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Belonging Pledge.

BELONGING PLEDGE

1. The school embraces all children into school life, all staff champion inclusion

2. Trust core Catholic values are integrated to ensure our school cultures are inclusive

3. We work together to ensure children can be the best version of themselves

4. Relationships and trust are central to championing diversity and inclusion.

5. Intelligent and dignified support is provided to those who need it

6. A shared language and definition for inclusion and diversity exists within the Trust to ensure a consistent approach

7. Through their school experiences, pupils are passionate about their role as global citizens.

8. We actively listen to the voice of our community and act to empower individuals to be seen and heard. Everyone is seen as an individual

9. Leaders and governors demonstrate commitment in championing equality, diversity and inclusion

10. Staff and governors show empathy and humility; They are consciously aware of their own bias.



PARENT AND CARER BELONGING WORKING GROUP

Mrs Woolley is looking for a small group of parents to attend a working group, meeting termly.

The intent of the group is to discuss your experiences of the school and to ensure the school community is as open as it could be and that everybody feels valued.

If you'd like to be help us deliver our belonging pledge, and would like to be a part of this, please let us know by emailing:

sendinfo@stpolicarps.surrey.sch.uk