



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, year 5 and 6 had a great visit from the Young Business Showcase to introduce children to the 'entrepreneurship'. It was so great to see the children so excited and keen to take part. We would love to see as many children as possible apply for this super opportunity! Please see the information flyer below and video below. This week, we also began to plan our DT project. Please make sure that the children bring in a pot on Monday, along with their fruit and toppings for their ice creams. We will provide all other ingredients.

Have a great weekend!

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.



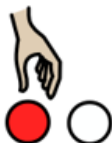
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invasion



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confusion



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Important dates:

Monday 19 October 2026: DT Making Ice cream: Both classes will be making healthy ice-cream as part of our DT project this half-term. **Each child will need to bring in a small, named plastic container suitable for the freezer and the ingredients for their group** (children will be designing this in the next week and will be bringing home a note with the ingredient they need to provide - either a fruit or a topping) We will provide condensed milk and cream.

Monday 19th October – Elite Swimming Squad Trials – see below for more details.

Tuesday 20th October – Parents evening

Thursday 22nd October – Parents evening

Thursday 22nd October – Half term begins

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:

For those struggling to access Accelerate Reader – please follow the link below:

<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

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Vardy & Mrs Edgell

English Leads



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





Elite Swimming Squad Trials

Monday 19th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am running swimming trials for this years' 'Elite' swimming squad. Our qualified swimming coach will assess the children along with myself. All children who are interested in joining the team **must** attend the trials on the 19th October 2026 at 7:30am till 8:00am at Farnham Leisure Centre. All previous members of the swim squad **must** trial out for a space on the new team squad too.

LINK - <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/66sAgQiRHR>

Trials

Y3 & Y4 children must be really water confident and be able to swim a recognised stroke for 25 metres on both their front and back. (1 length of Farnham Swimming Pool) The children need to put their face in the water and be happy to jump into the swimming pool. They must be able to tread water.

Y5/6 children must be water confident and able swim a recognised stroke for 50 metres on both their front and back. (2 lengths of Farnham Swimming Pool) The children need to put their face in the water and be happy to jump into the swimming pool. They must be able to tread water.

Those wishing to trial out must complete the online form. Please use the following link. Parents must stay for the duration of the trials and are responsible for transporting their child back to school. This is due to the number of children potentially attending.

If your child is successful in gaining a space in the swimming squad, they need to make a commitment to attend all the Monday sessions unless ill. Times for swim squad are as follows:

Timings: **7.15am** – change. **7.30am** – **8am** swim coaching. **8am** – change. **8.15am** your child should be ready to transport back to school

If your child is successful in obtaining a space in Swim Squad The children will receive a letter to inform them if they are successful or not. If successful, a further letter will be given about payment and their start date. Parents need to be committed to getting your

child to the pool for 7.15am each Monday. Your child will then need to be transported to school after weekly sessions.

Some of the children from the squad will then be selected for the District Schools' Gala in February.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ramsden

INFORMATION SHEET

TIME OF ARRIVAL AT POOL: 7.15am

MEETING POINT: Farnham Leisure Centre Foyer (Dogflud Way, Farnham, Surrey GU9 7UD)

ADULT SUPERVISION: Mrs. Ramsden, Qualified Swimming Coach, Qualified Lifeguard (Supplied by Leisure Centre). Parents will be asked not to be pool side.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SWIM TRIAL:

Swimming Costume

Goggles

Swim Hat

Towel

Medication Required

School Uniform for the school day

OTHER INFO: Parents must stay for the duration of the trial and then transport your children back to school. Parents may organise their own lift shares.

There will be a fee involved for being part of the swim squad and you will be advised of this, along with swim dates and times, if your child is successful in the trials and obtains a space in the swim squad.

PLEASE READ

** In previous years children from swim squad have been walked to school with a staff member and parent helpers in readiness for the school day. However, due to staffing changes this option is not be possible going forward. Therefore, please make sure your child can return to school after Swim Squad sessions in the morning**

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).