



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 have had a fantastic week. We're so proud of the children who put themselves forward for house captain roles. Their speeches were confident, thoughtful and full of personality. In English, we've begun our new creative writing unit inspired by Oktopodi, and the class is already buzzing with ideas. In maths, the children have been working hard on unit conversions, applying their skills across different measures with growing confidence.

Book drive

If you have any old books that would be suitable for children in KS2 that you are looking to get rid of, please send them in to your teacher. We are looking to replenish our book corners.

PGL

Dear Parents/Carers,

*We have sent home a medical form and kit list with your child, ahead of the trip to PGL in September. The medical form **must** be returned to your class teacher by no later than **Friday 10th July** in preparation for the trip.*

*We would also like to invite you to a PGL Information Meeting on **Wednesday 15th July at 2:45** in Kites classroom. We recommend that a Parent/Carer attends for each child. We will be going over details for the trip and answering any questions you may have.*

Kind regards,

Y6 Team

Science - Human timeline

In the next coming weeks, as part of the National Science Curriculum, we will be learning about the changes experienced as humans develop to old age. We will be discussing the changes experienced in puberty as well as the gestation period of a human (investigating the length and mass of a baby as it grows.) This was discussed during our parent meeting held in the beginning of the year and the content of the Science curriculum matches that which has already been covered as part of our RSE learning in the Autumn term. If you have any further questions about this, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Peneda, Mrs Maliphant and Mrs Prentice

Upcoming Events

Monday 6th July – Children wear Games kit (as well as Thursday this week) for an additional Games session.

Tuesday 7th July- Parents' Evening (in person)

Thursday 9th July- Parents' Evening (online)

Wednesday 15th July – PGL meeting (2.45 in Kites)

Wednesday 15th July – Whole School Art Showcase (see flyer below for more information)

Friday 17th July- Last Day of Term, 1:30 finish

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.

A Note from Mr Ellson:

Mr Ellson will shortly be leaving the 'National Singing Programme' and, before he departs, would like to invite any children he has taught at St Polycarp's, along with their parents, to attend an Evensong or service at Guildford Cathedral, where he sings as lay clerk. It is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the peace of the Cathedral and experience the English Choral Tradition in an Anglican setting. Services are from 5:30pm – 6:15pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 6pm – 7pm on a Sunday.

Homework:

Year 5 Weekly Challenge

(Optional – for those who enjoy an extra challenge!)

Year 5 Challenge Homework

The Mysterious Door

This week's challenge invites the children to dive into imaginative storytelling. Their task is to write a short adventure story based on a single moment:

Your character discovers a strange door that wasn't there yesterday.

Task: Write an adventure story inspired by the mysterious door

Describe the moment your character notices the door — where is it, what does it look like, how do they feel?

Decide whether they open it straight away or hesitate.

Reveal what's on the other side: a magical world, a dangerous place, a puzzle, a creature, or something completely unexpected.

Build tension as your character explores, solves a problem, or escapes a challenge.

End with a twist, a lesson learned, or a cliff hanger.

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>

Spelling homework:

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

Spelling Shed 

Words that are homophones or near homophones

affect

effect

precede

proceed

draft

draught

dessert

desert

whose

who's

Accelerated Reading – Complete quizzes as and when your child has completed books. This should be roughly once per week. A common issue logging into accelerated reader, is the link, the following link will take you to the St Polycarp's portal which will ensure log in details are correct:

<https://login.renaissance.com/12d2c82e-5d71-4f43-b9a3-32d66f06dfcf?state=1558619e-124e-4167-9a6b-9e1fdd099032>

Maths – Maths homework has been set on maths.co.uk.

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

This link will help explain how we have taught mathematical concepts in school.

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.

Handwriting

Handwriting videos are now available to access at home, should you wish. Please follow the following link: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2xyKsbDJ/rrlDh5Ta>

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.

**ST POLYCARPS PRESENTS
A WHOLE SCHOOL
ART
SHOWCASE**



We would like to invite our wonderful Parents
and Carers to our whole school Art showcase!

WHEN?

**WEDNESDAY 15TH JULY
3:20PM-4:00PM**

WHERE?

**POPE FRANCIS HALL -
ENTER THROUGH THE
BLUE GATE**

BTW

Year 2 will also be hosting a Bake Sale to
raise money for their class charity - Water
Aid. This will be outside the Pope Francis Hall,
bring cash in exchange for delicious treats!



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)



EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM!

This year, St Polycarp's will be taking part in Veg Power's "Eat them to Defeat Them" campaign.

In 2018, Veg Power created the annual campaign to encourage children to eat more vegetables.

Please see <https://vegpower.org.uk/eat-them-to-defeat-them/> for more information.

This week, all children will be taking home a sticker chart, to celebrate trying and eating a range of vegetables.

If you are happy for a picture of your child taking part, to go on the school instagram, please email this to the front office., for the attention of Mrs Murphy.





PARENT AND CARER BELONGING WORKING GROUP

Would you like to join a working group looking at what it means to be part of the school community?

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@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk