



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely end to Autumn term! On Monday Year 2 impressed us with their liturgy showing great confidence and singing beautifully and on Wednesday children got to pull their handmade crackers at the Christmas Dinner! In Maths this week we have been subtracting mixed number fractions and both classes have written some wonderful winter poems. In Art this term teachers have been amazed at the excellent zines created using imagery from the poem 'Ghost in the Garden' by Berlie Doherty.

Thank you for all your Christmas wishes, lovely cards and presents. They are very much appreciated by us. We hope you have a happy and holy Christmas!

Mrs Peneda, Mrs Maliphant and Mrs Gregson

Upcoming Events

Christmas holidays- Monday 22nd December 2025- Friday 2nd January 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 – Spring Term begins

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.**

Homework:

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. 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. **There are no spellings set this week due to Christmas holidays. Please continue to read and practise times tables.**

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.

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.