



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been busy again! Two of the highlights were the watching the dress rehearsal of the EYFS Nativity play and taking part in the Christmas Run. Thank you for sending in your sponsor forms and money so promptly. In Maths this week we have been adding mixed number fractions, in History we have been looking at the Suffragette movement and how this affected the census of 1911 and in science we have been learning about how the Earth's tilted axis causes the seasons as it orbits the Sun.

Thank you for your continued support. We hope you have a great weekend!

Mrs Peneda, Mrs Maliphant and Mrs Gregson

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Dinner. Please ensure you have ordered a lunch in advance. Children can wear Christmas jumpers over their school uniform.

Friday 19th December – Advent Mass. Children should be in full school uniform.

Friday 19th December - 1.30pm finish – School Closure for Christmas holidays

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. All books to be returned now before Christmas.

Games: Friday (both classes) **Children wear their Games kit on Fridays all day. No Games on Friday 19th December. Children to wear school uniform for Mass.**

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. This week's spelling:

dependable
comfortable
understandable
reasonable
enjoyable
reliable
possible
horrible
terrible
incredible

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.



Design a carpet bed for Gostrey Meadow

Theme for 2026

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Winnie the Pooh, the theme is:

"Literary Characters inspired by the Natural World"

Think of beloved favourites such as The Hungry Caterpillar, Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddle-Duck, Superworm and Alice in Wonderland.

How to Enter

- Create a square design for the carpet bed at Gostrey Meadow.
- Keep it simple—bold designs work better than very detailed ones.
- Email your entry to bloom@farnham.gov.uk or post it to the Farnham Town Council offices.
- Include your name, school, and year group.
- Deadline: Friday 23rd January 2026.

What Happens Next?

- The winning design will be chosen by a panel of judges.
- It will be brought to life by a specialist planting team and Farnham Town Council's Outside Workforce in early summer 2026.
- The winner will be invited for a photo with the Mayor of Farnham by the display, and a press release will be shared with local media such as the Farnham Herald and Vantage Point magazine.



The 2025 winning carpet bed design featuring a ladybird and flowers
