

Year 5



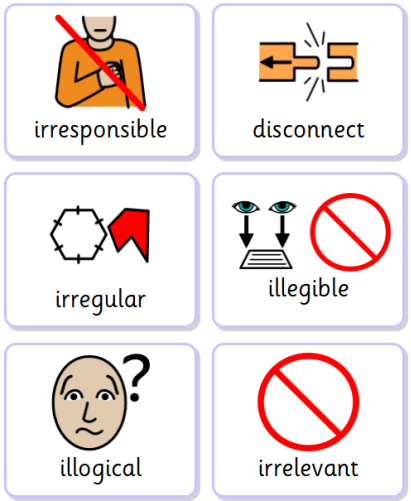
Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you had a restful half term and the children enjoyed their well-earned break. This week, we have enjoyed getting back into routine and have had a successful start to Autumn 2! In Master Reader, we have begun our new class text: Street Child by Berlie Doherty. We have been looking at features of non-chronological reports in English – over the next few weeks, we will be writing our own reports about the Victorian era! The children have also enjoyed beginning their new Science unit all about the Solar System!

We wish you a wonderful weekend,

Miss Maloney and Mrs Peneda

Spelling: if you would like to do some extra practice, this week we have been learning the words below. Your child will also bring home a red spelling logbook each week containing words they have identified as tricky. Please spend some time practising these words at home. Regular revision will support your child's spelling progress and help to build confidence with spelling. These words are intended for practice and consolidation and will not be formally tested.



Important dates:

Saturday 14th November (Afternoon) – Choir event – Farnham Christmas Light Switch On

Poly's Polyphonics will be performing at the Farnham Christmas Lights Switch On 2026 at Gostrey Meadows, meeting at 2.15pm. Please look out for the SCOPAY form and complete ASAP. Further details have been shared via email.

Over the next few weeks starting next week: We will be beginning our PSHE/RSE units on puberty. If you would like to view the lessons beforehand, please follow the links below and log in to the parent portal using the login information below.

1) Girls' bodies https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/life-to-the-full-plus/girls-bodies/
2) Boys' bodies https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/life-to-the-full-plus/boys-bodies/

3) Body image https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/life-to-the-full-plus/body-image/
4) Emotional changes https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/life-to-the-full-plus/emotional-changes/

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Design a carpet bed for Gostrey Meadow

Theme for 2027

To celebrate Farnham Town Council becoming a Butterfly Friendly Council, the theme is:

"Pollinators: Nature's Tiny Heroes"

Be inspired by the amazing insects and animals that help plants, flowers and trees thrive. Think of butterflies, bees, moths, hoverflies, beetles and other important pollinators, alongside the colourful flowers they depend on.

Let your imagination bloom and create a design that celebrates the beauty and importance of pollinators in our gardens, parks and green spaces.

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 15th 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 June 2027.
- 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 2026 winning carpet bed design featuring Winnie the Pooh alongside the original artwork

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

Homework:

- Learn spellings identified as tricky in logbook, as well as this week's words listed above. Remember that 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
- Maths.co.uk.
- An AR quiz (if they have finished a book) and continue to read daily.
  https://login.renaissance.com/12d2c82e-5d71-4f43-b9a3-32d66f06dfcf?state=174301c7-5fc0-44f4-b5aa-0dfd314050cb
- Login to TTRS to practice their times tables.

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.
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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.