



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful half term we have had! Time has flown this half term, with amazing activities each week. This week ended with two fabulous Lent Concerts, we were incredibly proud of the children and their performances.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parents Evening meetings this week and to celebrate your children's successes.

We hope you have a peaceful Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Peneda, Mrs Maliphant and Mrs Prentice

Upcoming Events

Friday 27th March – School closes for Easter holidays at 1:30

Saturday 16th May 2026 - District Farnham Schools Cross Country - Please see information below.

DT: After the Easter holidays we will be creating desert shelters. The children are invited to bring in junk modelling items that will support their projects. They will need to bring this into school on Wednesday 15th April.

Important messages

After Easter, please can all children come into school in their PE kit on both Games and PE days going forward.

Homework:

There is no spelling homework set for the Easter Holidays.

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

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.



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EASTER PAINTING COMPETITION

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 7-11 YEARS OLD

THEME GUIDE:

- A SCENE RECALLED FROM PALM SUNDAY AND THROUGH THE EASTER SEASON.
- WRITE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE THAT BEST RELATES TO YOUR PAINTING.
- THE COMPETITOR'S ENTRIES WILL BE OF THEIR OWN FREE HAND DRAWING AND COLOURING PRODUCTION.
- THE USE OF PRE-PREPARED TRACINGS SHOULD BE DISCOURAGED.
- THE ENTRIES ARE TO BE SUBMITTED SIZED EITHER A4 OR A3 ON PAPER OR CARD OF A QUALITY AND COLOUR OF CHOICE.
- THE BIBLE CHAPTER AND VERSE CAN BE WRITTEN ON THE PAINTING, ON THE REVERSE OR ON ATTACHMENT.

AN ENTRY WILL ONLY COUNT IF **ALL** OF THE FOLLOWING ARE PRESENTED CLEARLY: **CHILD'S NAME. AGE. DATE OF BIRTH. SCHOOL YEAR GROUP. NAME AND FULL ADDRESS OF SCHOOL. REMEMBER TO ALSO INCLUDE THE BIBLE VERSE!**

INFORMATION:

Submission Deadline

5th April 2026

FREE ENTRY

Prizes

Winner: £30

2nd place: £20

3rd place: £15

Children should bring their Easter scene to school by the deadline and we will organise a collection with Brother Brian McDermid.



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NATIONAL PRAYER COMPOSITION

COMPETITION IS OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 7-11 YEARS OLD

THEME GUIDE:

- **“A PRAYER FOR EVERYONE WHO WORKS WITH AND CARES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITY.”**
- THE PRAYER SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN 50 WORDS.
- IT MUST HAVE SPIRITUAL CONTENT AND COMPOSITION

AN ENTRY WILL ONLY COUNT IF **ALL** OF THE FOLLOWING ARE PRESENTED CLEARLY ON THE BACK: **CHILD'S NAME. AGE. DATE OF BIRTH. SCHOOL YEAR GROUP. NAME AND FULL ADDRESS OF SCHOOL.**

INFORMATION:

Submission Deadline

5th April 2026

FREE ENTRY



Prizes

Winner: £30

2nd place: £20

3rd place: £15



Children should bring their prayers to school by the deadline and we will organise a collection with **Brother Brian McDermid.**



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@stpolicarps.surrey.sch.uk