



Year 5



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a good Easter break. It's been lovely to see all the Year 5 children back in school, looking happy and healthy and ready to begin the summer term. We have started reading our new book **Journey to the River Sea** by Eva Ibbotson. In English, we have been publishing our adventure stories set on a desert island and in Maths, we have been reading and interpreting tables and timetables.

Mrs Maliphant has really enjoyed her first week with Pheasants and thanks the children and their families for making her feel so welcome at St Polycarps.

Sadly, this week, we are mourning the passing of Pope Francis, who will be remembered for his humility, compassion and care for the poor. He spent his life serving others and caring for God's creation.

Mrs Gregson and Mrs Maliphant

Important dates:

Monday 28th April – Pheasants Skateboard workshop

Tuesday 29th April – Doves Skateboard workshop

Monday 5th May 2025 – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2025 – KS2 SATs week **Year 6 only**

Friday 23rd May – St Joan's Feast Day celebration (children in St Joan's house can dress in yellow mufti)

Friday 23rd May – break up for half term

PE

Please ensure your child has the correct PE/Games kit including trainers. All PE and Games lessons will be outside from now on.

If your child has borrowed any PE kit from school, please can it be returned as soon as possible.

Catholic Social Teaching

As part of our learning, we teach children how they can follow in the footsteps of Jesus in the way they interact and help others. If your child has taken part in any charity work, please let us know so we can share and celebrate this in school.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) – Calling all parents who work in these fields. We would love to hear about your work and experiences and hopefully encourage the children to follow in similar footsteps. Please let us know if you would be happy to pop into school sometime to support the enrichment of the children's learning.

Homework

TTRS

Children are to practise their times tables on TTRS for 15 minutes a day, 5 days a week. There are weekly challenges to engage the children. Focus on those times tables your child needs to improve their speed and fluency on and select these in 'Garage'. Play 'Studio' to help St. Polycarp's climb up the local schools' leaderboard! Two tasks will be set each week on Mathletics.

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. Please be aware that both username and password are in lowercase.

Please use the link below to access Accelerated Reader.

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Reading in Key Stage 2

Handy Hints

- Make reading part of your daily routine.



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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.

Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework. Well done to those who already completed over 20 quizzes so far this year.

Spellings

Spellings are set every Friday with a spelling test the following Friday giving children one week to learn them. A list of this week's spellings can be found alongside.

Year 5 Spelling words

Spelling Shed

Words where 'ough' makes an /or/ sound.

bought

fought

thought

ought

sought

nought

brought

wrought

afterthought

thoughtfulness

Mixed Spelling words

Spelling Shed

Words where '-er', '-est', and '-ed' are added to words ending in 'e'

nicer

writer

baker

hoped

loved

largest

closest

looser

safer

simpler