

Class Newsletter

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Welcome to Year 5!

This term promises a wide range of exciting learning, bringing together different areas of the curriculum. As Historians and Geographers, we will explore both the natural and human world. We will start with Extreme Earth, learning about extreme weather, volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. Later, we will discover why and how the Anglo-Saxons settled in Britain, exploring their settlements, daily lives, beliefs, farming and social hierarchy.

In English, we will explore a range of genres, beginning with science fiction inspired by H.G. Wells' *The War of the Worlds*. We will write scientific explanations, information texts and narratives inspired by the Anglo-Saxon legend of Beowulf, before investigating the Sutton Hoo treasure discovery and learning to write persuasively. Grammar will be linked to our writing. We will enjoy two class novels: *Asha and the Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan and *The 1000 Year Old Boy* by Ross Welford.

In Maths, daily arithmetic, multiplication practice and flashbacks will reinforce key skills. We will develop formal calculation methods and study number, the four operations, fractions, multiplication and division. In Science, we will learn about the solar system, Earth's movement and forces, including gravity, friction, and air and water resistance. Across the wider curriculum, we will develop skills in drawing and textiles and begin learning the clarinet.

We will also talk about our pets in French, get to grips with coding in computing, and enjoy dance and football in PE. It promises to be a busy, exciting and rewarding term of learning!

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Learn, believe, achieve: hand in hand with God and each other