



September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back! We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. We are delighted to welcome the children back to Class 4 and are looking forward to an exciting and successful year ahead.

To help ensure a smooth start to the year, we would appreciate your support with the following:

Equipment

Please ensure your child comes to school each day with:

- A waterproof coat
- A named water bottle
- A healthy breaktime snack

P.E

PE lessons are on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. The kit required is: black shorts, a red t-shirt, and trainers. When the weather becomes cold, dark tracksuits and a dark jumper will be required.

Homework

Homework will be set every Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday. Activities will usually include: English, Maths, Spellings, Occasional topic-based projects.

Homework is designed to reinforce classroom learning and should not become a source of stress. As a guide, children should spend no more than 20 minutes on each subject. If they are finding a task particularly difficult, please encourage them to stop and simply write a short note explaining where they became stuck. This helps us provide the right support in school.

Spellings

Spellings will be set each Friday as part of homework and tested the following Friday. They will include a mixture of statutory spelling words for Years 5 and 6 alongside words linked to spelling patterns and grammar taught during the week.

Working Together

Weekly updates, reminders and important information will be shared through Google Classroom, so please check this regularly. We value the partnership between home and school and believe that children achieve their best when we work together. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child's academic progress, wellbeing or friendships, please don't hesitate to contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic Autumn Term filled with learning, laughter and memorable experiences.

Mrs Martin-Jones & Mrs Acton
Class 4 Teachers (Years 5 & 6)

Curriculum Overview 2026-2027 Year 5 and 6

***The roots to grow, the wings to fly.
All within the love of God.***

English Year 5 and 6 will be exploring a rich variety of texts across poetry, fiction, and non-fiction, building their reading, writing, and creative skills. Spelling Monday to Friday we practise spellings using a variety of techniques for a spelling test on Friday. We give out new spellings on Fridays which will be stuck in homework books and we will share with you on Google Classroom.	Maths Year 5 and 6 will be building on their number sense and calculation skills, developing confidence with larger numbers, fractions, and decimals. • Multiples of 1,000: Understanding and using multiples in different contexts, including problem solving. • Numbers up to 10,000,000: Reading, writing, comparing, and rounding large numbers accurately. • Decimal fractions: Understanding decimals, place value, and using them in calculations and measurements. • Fractions: Adding, subtracting, multiplying, and dividing fractions, as well as converting between fractions, decimals, and percentages.	Science We will be exploring the fascinating life cycles of plants and animals. Children will learn how living things grow, reproduce and change over time, from seed to plant and from birth or hatching to adulthood. They will investigate different life cycles. We will explore how humans grow and change throughout their lives. Children will learn about the different stages of human development, from pregnancy and infancy through to adulthood and old age. They will investigate the physical, emotional and social changes that occur as we grow, while developing an understanding of how our bodies change over time and how healthy choices support growth and wellbeing.
Guided Reading The guided reading curriculum aims to develop pupils' comprehension, critical thinking, and analytical skills by engaging with a high-interest, age-appropriate text. Pupils will explore narrative structure, character development, and themes, while explicitly practicing VIPERS reading strategies.	PE We will focus on invasion games, with a particular emphasis on football. Pupils will develop both technical skills and tactical understanding to improve their overall performance in games. Key skills include: Technical: Accurate passing and receiving Tactical: Understanding attacking and defending strategies, maintaining spatial awareness, supporting teammates, during play. Physical: Agility, balance, coordination, speed, and stamina to enhance overall game performance.	PSHE Year 5 and 6 will be exploring friendships and peer influence, helping pupils develop the skills to build positive relationships and make safe, respectful choices. What your child will be learning: Understanding friendships, Managing conflict, Peer influence, Self-awareness and empathy, Building resilience.



<u>R.E.</u> This term, we will explore what it means to follow God and how faith can influence the way people live their lives. Children will learn about key stories and teachings from the Bible, discovering how Christians use these to guide their choices, values and actions. They will also reflect on how beliefs can inspire kindness, compassion and a sense of responsibility towards others.	<u>History</u> This term, we will journey back in time to discover the fascinating civilisation of Ancient Rome. Children will explore how Rome grew from a small settlement into a powerful empire, learning about Roman society, the army, daily life and significant leaders. They will also investigate the lasting impact the Romans have had on Britain, considering how their innovations, engineering and culture continue to influence our lives today.	<u>Geography</u> This term, we will investigate the importance of water and its role in shaping our world. Children will explore the water cycle, rivers and oceans, and discover how water supports people, wildlife and the environment. They will also investigate how humans use and manage water, the challenges of flooding and pollution, and consider how we can protect this precious natural resource for the future.																												
<u>Art and Design Technology</u> We will explore the exciting world of illustration. Children will investigate the work of a range of illustrators, experimenting with drawing techniques, composition, colour and texture to communicate ideas and tell stories. They will develop their own creative style while building confidence in using a variety of artistic media and techniques.	<u>Music</u> We will be exploring Jazz, developing an understanding of jazz and blues music while learning to improvise and perform. Composition: Developing ideas to create short musical pieces inspired by jazz and blues.	<u>Computing</u> We will be exploring how computer systems and networks work together to communicate, developing both technical knowledge and safe digital practices.																												
<u>French</u> We will be developing confidence in speaking and listening in a foreign language through practical, everyday conversations. What your child will be learning: Greetings and introductions Personal information: Talking about dates, birthdays, and simple personal details.	<table><tr><th colspan="2">Diary Dates</th></tr><tr><td>14th September</td><td>Meet the teacher session Class 4 - 3.50pm</td></tr><tr><td>17th September</td><td>Y6 Fishing (2 groups)</td></tr><tr><td>24th September</td><td>Harvest Festival</td></tr><tr><td>25th September</td><td>Tempest Photography</td></tr><tr><td>28th September</td><td>Y5 & 6 Bikeability</td></tr><tr><td>19th October</td><td>Parents Evening</td></tr><tr><td>20th October</td><td>Parents Evening</td></tr><tr><td>21st October</td><td>Soup lunch – Y6 to help</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">Half term 26th October return 2nd November</td></tr><tr><td>9th November</td><td>Flu vaccinations</td></tr><tr><td>11th November</td><td>Remembrance Service</td></tr><tr><td>17th December</td><td>Christingle Service</td></tr><tr><td colspan="2">18th December break up for Christmas</td></tr></table>		Diary Dates		14th September	Meet the teacher session Class 4 - 3.50pm	17 th September	Y6 Fishing (2 groups)	24 th September	Harvest Festival	25 th September	Tempest Photography	28 th September	Y5 & 6 Bikeability	19 th October	Parents Evening	20 th October	Parents Evening	21 st October	Soup lunch – Y6 to help	Half term 26th October return 2nd November		9 th November	Flu vaccinations	11 th November	Remembrance Service	17 th December	Christingle Service	18 th December break up for Christmas	
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