



Welcome to the

**Year 5 Parents' Information
Meeting**

Wednesday 17th September 2025

Welcome!

Teaching Staff: **Miss Watton and Miss Phillips**

Teaching Assistants: **Miss Aylmer and Mr Davies**

Acorns Support Staff: **Miss Krasna**

Sports Support: **Mr Frewin**

PPA cover: **Mr Smith and Mrs Knowles**

Autumn 2024	Spring 2025	Summer 2025
Geography – India	History – The Tudors	History – Ancient Greece
History – World War Two	Geography – Polar Regions and Climate Change	Geography – Coasts
Art & D.T –Typography and Cooking	Art & D.T – Eco Houses	Science – Life cycles
Science – Forces, Materials	Science – Space	Art – Coastal art collages
+ Music (Berkshire Maestros)	+ Music, Computing, P.E, PSHE, RE and French	+ Music, Computing, RE, Swimming and French
Computing, P.E (swimming), PSHE, RE and French		Winchester Science Centre & Planetarium Sleepover Residential

READING



Accelerated Reader

Based on the results of the test, all children should now have a book.

Once they have finished reading the book, there is an online quiz to complete before a new book is selected.

The children can earn raffle tickets for completing these quizzes! Our expectation is at least 2 quizzes per half term.

READING



HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- * Ensure that your child reads daily.
- * They should read aloud to an adult a **minimum of 5 times** per week. If the children do not read 5 times, they will attend Friday catch up at breaktime.
- * Ensure that children complete their Home Learning/Reading Diary **with a parent signature.**
- * Ask searching questions to test your child's understanding of what they have read.
- * Read to your child and let your child see you reading.
- * **Reading Bingo!**

Spelling

The logo for Spellingframe, featuring the word "Spellingframe" in a brown, serif font inside a white rectangular box with a thin brown border. This box is centered within a larger orange rectangle.

Spellingframe

- * Spelling rules are taught in class before new words are sent home
- * In Year 5, the new words will be sent out on a **Friday** with expectation that the children will complete 30 minutes practice and score **80%+** in their test on SpellingFrame.
- * If the children do not complete their spellings or score below **80% by Friday**, they will need to catch up in their lunch hour.

MATHS

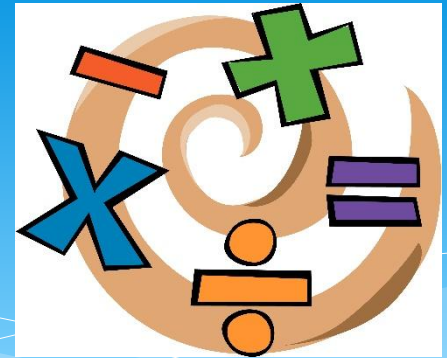
Maths is taught in form classes. We follow the maths mastery approach which is taught through the White Rose Scheme of Learning. This scheme is adapted to suit the needs of the pupils in each class.

Pre-teaching interventions take place every Monday during assembly time.

Children are expected to know all of their times tables up to x12 by the end of year 4.

It is really important that their fluency is sustained as they move into upper KS2. The children should use [TT Rockstars](#) regularly to consolidate their learning. Our recommendation is 3-5 mins on average per day.

MATHS



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Encouraging practical Maths activities at home and talking about Maths e.g. cooking, measuring etc.

Learn times tables and division facts up to 12×12 through TTRockstars or other Maths apps.

Try to facilitate opportunities for the children to experience using analogue clocks and cash.

Maths – Times tables to be practised daily. Arithmetic/reasoning papercorrections weekly – awarded with house points.



MATHS

New to 2025-26



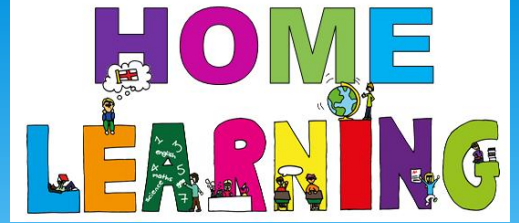
Before the end of this half term, we will be sharing information on a new resource: White Rose Maths Infinity.

This resource will be used in the classroom but will also be accessible from your home, should you wish for your child to attempt extra fluency activities at home. The activities are online, interactive and tailored to your child's level.

More information will follow in due course.



Home learning Summary



- * Reading diaries – Please initial when you hear your child read aloud
- * Home Learning / Reading diaries must be checked and signed by parent.
- * We check the diaries in school every week to ensure everyone is reading at home
- * **We expect 5 reads per week in Year 5**
- * Spellings – uploaded to SpellingFrame on **Friday** to be completed by the following **Friday**
- * Maths – Times tables to be practised daily. Arithmetic/reasoning paper corrections weekly – awarded with house points.



Uniform

- * For hygiene and safety reasons, long hair should be tied back at all times with a simple dark blue or black hair tie (No ornate hair grips/bands). Inappropriate hair styles are discouraged.
- * No jewellery except for watches. Earrings may be worn if they are simple studs. [These will need to be removed for PE.](#)
- * Please avoid ear piercing before swimming lessons commence in the Spring term as children will not be allowed to swim with earrings in.
- * No make up or nail varnish
- * In line with the updated uniform advice, uniform is no longer required to carry the school logo. The school website has a link to the M&S uniform shop. Please ensure your child [“knows where their name is”](#).

PE DAYS



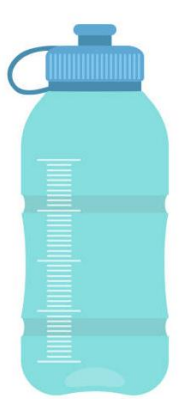
- * Year 5 has PE on a **Monday afternoon** and **Thursday Morning**.
- * **Please ensure there is always a PE kit available in school, for indoor & outdoor sessions.**
- * If children do not have full PE kit, they will be unable to participate but they will still be required to be with the class.
- * Please ensure the child can remove their own earrings.
- * Please ensure that all PE kit items are **named**, including trainers and bottles.
- * Long hair must be tied back.
- * PE shorts and tracksuit bottoms must be **plain** and **dark blue**.

Stationery

Pencil cases to include (and to be checked & regularly replenished):

- * A writing pencil and a blue handwriting pen
- * **Glue stick**
- * Rubber
- * Sharpener
- * Colouring Pencils
- * Highlighter
- * 30cm ruler
- * **Scissors**
- * **Whiteboard pen**





Water Bottle

- * Please ensure your child has a **named** water bottle in school each day.
- * Water bottles should be plastic with a sports cap to avoid spillages.

Snacks

- * Please may break time snacks be **healthy**. Fruit, vegetables or healthy snack bars please. No crisps.



Social Media/Phones

- * If your child has a smartphone, please be aware of the impact that social media may have on your child's learning and wellbeing.
- * Please remember that apps such as Tik Tok and Snap Chat are for **13 years and above**. **If you pay the data charges for your child's phone, you are responsible for any content on the device.**
- * All mobile phones that are brought into school should be switched off.
- * Phones are stored in the teacher's drawer.
- * If a child is found with their phone on within the schoolgrounds, it will be confiscated and only returned to their parent.



Educational Trips

- * Autumn – Milestones Museum 25th November 2025 (letter coming out shortly)
- * Spring- Tudor History Trip - tbc
- * Summer - Residential (Winchester Science Museum) - 4th-5th June 2026

Wider Curriculum Opportunities!

- * Steve Cole author visit
- * Bikeability
- * Themed mufti days
- * PSHE Workshops/events
- * **Clarinet Lessons & Concerts – Please see letter regarding £5 contribution**
- * Immersive Topic Days – WW2 (**WW2 Showcase – Thursday 18th December 2025**), Ancient Greece, European Languages Day
- * Fire Safety Workshop
- * Inter-house competitions (poetry, cross-country, quiz **etc**)
- * Outdoor Learning sessions (**Tuesday 16th September & Tuesday 14th October**)
- * Year 5 Reading Bingo
- * World Book Day
- * Shakespeare Week – The Tempest Workshop

Please see our Year 5 Curriculum Overview on the school website for more!

Clubs

- * There is a **wide variety** of clubs each term which are run by staff or outside coaches/instructors.
- * The club sign up list is sent out electronically **at the start of each term**
- * There are some **lunchtime clubs which children don't have to sign up to in advance** e.g. choir, book club, writer's workshop.

Financial Contribution – Year 5

This is a guide only. Please note that this is based on last year's extra-curricular activities and that the costs may increase.

- Swimming - £30 per pupil paid in September
- Clarinets - £5 contribution towards reeds

Trips:

- Milestones- approx £25 (awaiting confirmation)
- Year 5 Residential (Winchester Science Museum) – less than £100 (awaiting confirmation)
- Tudor History trip – tbc



Parent Workshops 2025-26

After the success of last year's parent workshops, we will once again be hosting a series of Parent Workshops to provide parents with a greater understanding of **how** and **why** we teach the way we do at Westende Junior School.

Session 1: Our Approach to Teaching and Learning – Monday 6th October 7pm online on Teams with Mr Smith (a 45-minute session)

Future sessions will focus on reading, writing and maths. We are always looking for more opportunities for parents to come into school – watch this space!

Why attend?

- * Gain an understanding of how and why we teach at Westende
- * Be provided with practical advice for supporting children with their homework
- * Reinforce key school messages at home when discussing learning



PARENT PARTNERSHIP

If you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to speak with us now or contact the class teachers via the office and we will respond when we are not teaching.

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Any questions?

*Thank you
for Listening!*