



Welcome Back to School!



We are so happy that you are joining Year 5 in September. All the grown-ups are really looking forward to meeting you and being part of your learning.

Here is some information about your new year group so you are ready on your first day.

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5E will be taught by Miss Smith on
Mondays

Here are the adults in the Year 5 team



Miss Smith



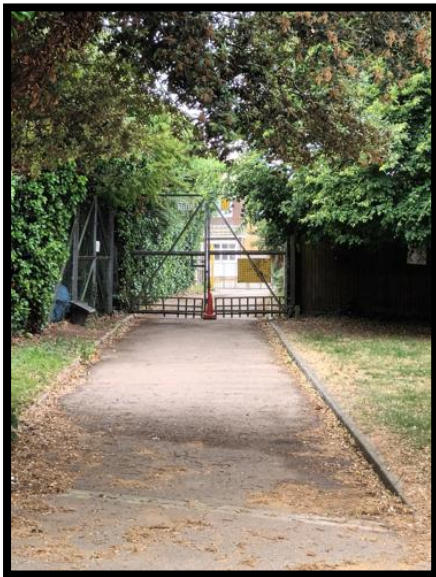
Mrs Button

When do I come back to school?

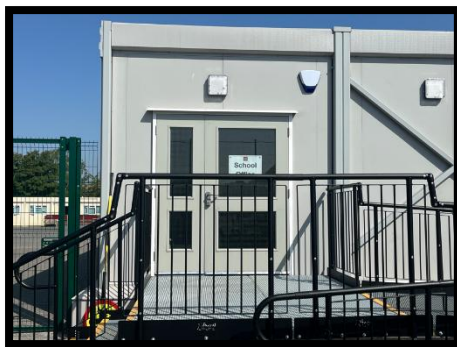
The first day of the new term is Tuesday 1st September 2026.

Where will I come into school?

You can come into school through the main school gates on Kings Road or by the Noah's Ark entrance. This year we are going to trial your adults walking you down to your classroom building but if you want to walk in by yourself that's OK, too. There will be adults from school by the gates to welcome you every day. Remember to leave your cuddly toys and games at home for safe keeping. The gates will be open from 8.30am until 8.50am.



If you are late, you will need to go to the main school office with your adult.



What will I need to bring to school?

You will need a small bag that will fit inside your locker to carry your reading book and water bottle. If you are not having a school dinner, you will need a packed lunch. Remember to make sure that everything is named. Please keep a pair of plimsolls in your locker. You will also need a pencil case that will fit into your tray. In your pencil case you will need: glue, blue biro or handwriting pen, pencil, clear ruler, colouring pencils and a rubber. We will also have spare equipment should you need it.



Your PE days will be a Tuesday (both classes) and Thursday (5U). **On these days, you will need to wear your PE kit and your school jumper or a plain black sports top to school.**



Where will my classroom be?

Your classroom will be based in the Village classrooms.



Where will I eat my lunch?

If you are a packed lunch, you will be eating in the Mr Mac Hall. If you are a school dinner, you will eat in the temporary hall. There is no change to this year.

What will I learn about in Year 5?

Get ready for an amazing adventure in Year 5! You will dive into brilliant, longer more challenging texts. You will be able to write your own exciting stories more confidently and use powerful punctuation to bring your writing to life. In Maths, you will be challenged to tackle larger numbers (up to 1,000,000!), practise working with fractions, decimals and percentages and learn to interpret different graphs and tables. Science will blast you into space, help you explore mysterious forces and uncover the secrets of life cycles of plants and animals and changing materials. In History, you will journey through time to discover the fascinating world of the Ancient Maya and explore how life in Britain has changed since 1930. Geography will take you up mighty mountains, into the heart of fiery volcanoes and rumbling earthquakes and around a region in Europe. You will get creative in Art and DT, improve your programming skills and learn more about how to keep yourself safe on the internet in Computing. In PE, you will improve in team games, take part in athletics, football and rugby. In PSHE you will learn important lessons about friendships, building healthy relationships and making positive choices. Year 5 is bursting with discovery, creativity and excitement.

Will I have homework?

Yes! Just like in Year 4, you will need to read at home and your grown-ups will let us know when you have done this by writing in your reading record. There will be regular spelling practise using Spelling Shed or other spelling activities that your teachers set. This will link to what you are doing in class. You will also need to continue learning your times tables on TTRS.

Throughout the term, your teachers will give you a grid of activities to complete at home - these will be lots of fun! You can showcase what you have done in your Love to Learn Journal. The activities in the shaded boxes link to our learning in school.

Do a blindfolded taste test	Pick litter in your local area	Make something out of papier mâché
Ask a relative about their childhood	Write a story for a Reception class	Go bird watching
Research a European country - show your findings in any way of your choice (fact file, poster, real life experience)	Investigate forces at home: push, pull, friction, and gravity	Explore Islamic beliefs: research the Five Pillars and their importance

Where will I have play time?

You will have play time on the Village playground with the rest of your year group. There will be toys for you to play with and familiar grown-ups to look after you.



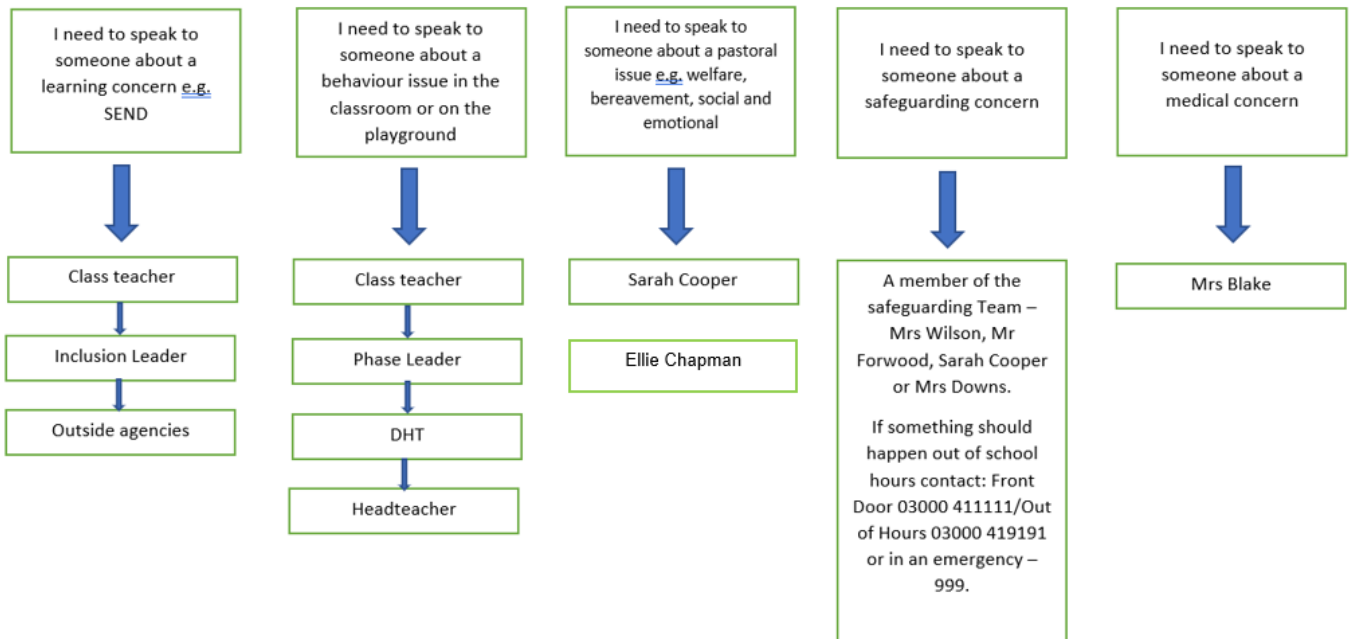
What will happen at the end of the day?

School finishes at 3.20pm every day. Your parents and carers can collect your from outside the Year 5 classrooms. We understand that your parents may wish for you to build your independence in preparation for Year 6 and secondary school. At the end of this term, we will send out information on giving permission to walk home alone.

Parents page

Who do I see if I have a concern?

Who to contact if you have a worry, a question or a concern



Suggestions you can do to aid your child settling back into school.

- Ensure a good bedtime routine: Try keeping to the same routine each night:
Children aged 3 to 5 need 10 to 13 hours
Children aged 6 to 12 need 9 to 12 hours
- Minimise device use 2 hours before bedtime to ensure children are calmed down ready for bed: Discourage use of electronics in the bedroom to encourage children to read as a wind down activity.
- Say goodbye in a positive way and remind children, "I'll see you soon".
- Read through new teacher booklets with your child to ensure children are clear on what school will be like on their return.