



February 2026

Welcome Back Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable and restful break. We cannot believe that we are now over halfway through the school year!

We are looking forward to continuing with our history learning this half term, with another group of settlers to Britain, the Vikings. We will look at their surprise invasion of Lindisfarne, and the power struggle between the Anglo-Saxon and Viking leaders that followed. In English, the children will be studying a Norse myth, The Three Grisly Children, and then using this to write their own version of the myth. We will also be using The Vikings as a stimulus for the art unit this half term, where the children will be furthering their skill when creating sculptures from clay. Finally, the children will take part in an Anglo-Saxon workshop to bring together all of their history learning this term.

This half term in Maths the children will be further developing their knowledge of fractions, by learning to find equivalent decimals and percentages. As always, please continue to encourage your child to practise on Times Tables Rock Stars at home, as this will support their learning in school. In Science, the children will be looking at life cycles and the changes humans go through in their life. This will also support the Sex and Relationships Education unit this half term, where the children will build on their learning from Year 4 when they relook at the changes for boys and girls during puberty. A separate email will be sent with additional information about this unit.

As you are aware, the children are expected to read at home daily, recording the book title and pages read in their planners, and have this signed by an adult. Stars will only be awarded if all of the information is recorded. Reading regularly at home will help the children develop their stamina for reading as well as widen their vocabulary and develop their reading fluency. To support with this in school, pupils who regularly have large gaps in their reading record will spend 5 minutes during a break time catching up. This helps us ensure they are getting the practice they need to succeed. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Children will continue to receive a spelling list to learn each week, and as always they will have access to Spelling Shed to practise these both in school and at home. PE continues to be on **Wednesdays**. Children must have a change of kit and a pair of trainers for PE that are not the shoes they wear to school, and **all** jewellery must be removed.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to write a note in your child's planner or contact the school office.

Kind regards,

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