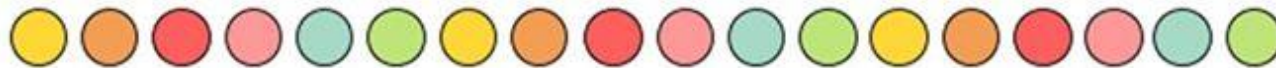


# Kestrel Class 2025-2026



# MEET THE TEACHER!



Upper Key Stage 2  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Kestrel Class — Mr Bonner

# TARPORLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## School Uniform-

Red sweatshirt or cardigan bearing the school pear tree logo.

White or red polo shirt or school shirt.

Grey or black trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore.

Red gingham summer dresses.

Black or red outdoor fleece bearing the school pear tree logo.

Black, red or dark coloured shoes.

Trainers are not appropriate for school, however, pupils may bring a change of footwear for outside play.

## PE Kit-

Plain red t-shirt (or with school emblem)

Black or navy leggings or shorts

School jumpers

Trainers

Raincoat



# ATTENDANCE

School starts at 8:45am and ends at 3:20pm.

The importance of attendance in school

- *The Government regard 95% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for a primary school pupil.*
- *95% attendance is the equivalent of 2 weeks off school.*
- *A 2 week absence each year in primary school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed — this could have real impact on your child's basic numeracy and literacy skills.*
- *90% attendance is like having a day off every two weeks or 4 whole weeks off school*
- *80% attendance is the same as having a day off every week.*
- *Most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more. This is the equivalent of 6 days absence a year. 100% is achieved by many pupils every year in both primary and secondary schools.*
- *Holidays in term time — These will not be approved by Mrs Forrester and fines may be issued for unauthorised holidays taken in term time.*

# OUR WEEK

- Daily Maths (streamed) and English lessons.
- Afternoon lessons — History, Geography, Science, French, PE, Computing, Art, RE, DT, Music
- PE — Tuesday (pm) and Thursday (pm)
- Non-contact time on Tuesday afternoon — covered by Mrs Taber, Mr Elton and Miss Sims

•**English:** Queen of the Falls by Chris Van Allsburg

**Poetry** - autumn 2

**Class text** - The Boy Who Swam With Piranhas By David Almond

**Pathways to Read** - Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls

•**Maths:** Place value, four operations and fractions

•**Religious Education:** HWhat are some of the differences and similarities within Chirtianity locally and globally?What can we learn from Christian religious buildings and music?

•**SRE (No Outsiders)** - Dreams of Freedom

• **Geography focus:** Would you like to live in the desert?

**History Focus** - Geography focus this half term

•**Science:** Forces

•**Art and Design:** Typography and maps

•**PE:** Tag rugby and football

•**Computing:** Online safety and quizzing

•**Design and technology:** Electrical - monitor and control

**Languages:** French

# GENERAL INFORMATION

- Lockers
- Pencil cases
- School bags
- PE kits
- Water bottles
- Mobile phones
- Current reading book- recommended reading
- Trainers for daily mile
- Raincoat

# SCHOOL MEALS - LUNCH ORDERING

- Payment is made online via Compass during the ordering process.
- Children order dinners using the online system
- No sweets, fizzy drinks or glass bottles
- Children can buy a snack at breaktime or can bring their own — please ensure this is a healthy snack preferably fruit
- NO NUTS, PLEASE — we have both pupils and staff with serious allergies
- There are also pupils with dairy intolerances who can't always have the birthday treats that children bring in
- Some pupils will be eligible for Pupil Premium (free school meals) which provides a range of additional support to parents going through financial difficulties. There have recently been some changes made to the thresholds for free school meals, so please call 0300 123 7039 to see if your child is eligible



# TRIPS AND RESIDENTIALS

- School Visits — We have an extensive school policy which all staff follow when arranging a visit.
- You will be asked for a voluntary contribution to cover the costs. If this cost is not met the visit will have to be cancelled.
- If you are having any financial difficulty paying for a trip then please speak to our bursar Mrs Jane Taylor or Mrs Forrester.

# PILGRIM DAY (Y5) – WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Itinerary and bookings Learn about pilgrimage in the past, the Benedictine monks, St Werburgh, how the cathedral is used today, the sounds of the Grand Organ; Focus on traditional and modern art, design skills, create a pilgrims purse, acetate stained glass windows, sugar craft, mosaics. Close the day with an act of worship.

Letter will be sent out from the office

at Chester Cathedral



# YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL – PGL WINMARLEIGH HALL, LANCASHIRE MONDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> – WEDNESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY



They will have the opportunity to take part in adventurous activities, build resilience and make great memories!

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Total price per child - £270

Payment details will go live by Friday am on Compass - Deposit is £40 to be paid by Wednesday.

The deposit is non-refundable and this secures your child's place on the residential.

FSM — need to still provide consent.

# HOMEWORK

- Homework set on a Friday and to be completed by the following Wednesday
- Homework diaries to be brought in daily as they are also our reading diaries (x3 reads a week)
- Homework club on a Wednesday lunchtime
- Reading every day at home — ideally with an adult
- Bring Homework Diary into school daily
- SPAG or reading comprehension
- Maths on a weekly basis
- Due on Wednesday, set on Friday
- Optional menu of activities — Burger Menu
- Spellings will no longer be set and tested weekly.
- IDL will primarily be a home based activity where you can support your child's spelling.



Optional menu: All these activities are linked to the topics we are covering this term.  
To satisfy your appetite for more homework, take your pick from our menu!

## LIGHT BITES

Option 1:

To celebrate Harvest, design and cook a meal for your family.

Option 2:

Create a profile of Sir Isaac Newton.

Option 3:

Research someone who you think is a daredevil!

## Specials

Present your work in an interesting way. E.g. PowerPoint, video, collage.

Don't be a  
CHICKEN



BURGER  
LOVERS



## HOMework Menu

## MAINS

Option 1:

Create a detailed fact file of a North American country.

Option 2:

Design and make a 3D representation of a mountain range. Include labels if you wish?

Option 3:

Create your own invasion game. Include a set of rules and a range of levels.



## SIDES

Create a poster to inform others how to keep yourself safe online.

## DESSERTS

Create a piece of artwork based on typography. What will inspire you?

## EXTRAS

Extreme reading challenge:  
Take a picture of yourself reading somewhere extreme!



# CLASS CHARTER

## Kestrel Class Charter

2025-26

We want our class to be a fair and happy place.

### So we promise to...

- Treat others how you would like to be treated - treat everyone equally.
- Listen attentively to others, including the teacher and classmates.
- Always be yourself — celebrate our uniqueness.
- Consider and respect others when we are working in class.
- Ask for help if you are unsure.
- Be respectful and use our manners.
- Believe in yourself and others and never give up. Stay positive!
- Be kind, friendly and helpful.
- Be organised and tidy — respect school equipment and the classroom.
- Encourage and support others — help those in need.
- Embrace every new day and wear a smile on our face.
- Be confident, brave and courageous.
- Be resilient and persevere through challenging times.
- Share our knowledge and ideas.
- Be honest and apologise if needed - learn from our mistakes.
- Make the most of all opportunities.
- Be happy and have fun.
- Let our light shine!

# Tarporley Primary PTA

## NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!

### FUNDRAISING TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Any amount of time you can give is appreciated. Organize a cake sale or another fundraiser, help during one of our events, shop for an event, share information and attend fundraisers

## WHY HELP?

### **#1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT**

Gaining experiences through workshops and school trips that are provided by our fundraising efforts.

### **#3 CREATE CONNECTIONS**

Develop relationships with teachers and staff while making friends with other parents!

### **#2 OUR SCHOOL BENEFITS**

Bringing our school community together and providing equipment and experiences that would not be possible otherwise

### **#4 YOU BENEFIT**

Volunteering your time, talents and energy while socializing with other parents is fun, healthy and rewarding.

**GET IN TOUCH: [tarporleypta@gmail.com](mailto:tarporleypta@gmail.com)**

# WHO TO CONTACT

I have a general question / query

- Have a look on the school website, the answer might be there: [www.tarporleyce.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.tarporleyce.cheshire.sch.uk)
- Telephone the office; our friendly office staff can answer most questions. They will find the answer for you or direct you to the right person.

I have a question regarding my child

- Telephone or email the school office to make an appointment to see the class teacher.
- Quick queries - speak to your class teacher or teaching assistant at the end of the school day

I am not happy with the response I have received

- Telephone or email the school office to make an appointment to see the class teacher if appropriate.
- Telephone or email the school office to make an appointment with the Key Stage Lead

If I still feel my query has not been resolved

- Telephone or email the school office to make an appointment to see the Deputy head teacher (Miss H Maddocks).
- The next step would be a meeting with the Head teacher (Mrs K Forrester).

# THANK YOU!

We're looking forward to working with you to achieve the best for your children.

Please get in touch either on the phone or via email (@admin) if we can help with anything.



ANY QUESTIONS?