

Spring 2026 Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter



Dear Families,

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter! We hope you've had a wonderful Christmas and were able to recharge. We're excited for the new term, and below are some reminders, useful information and an overview of our learning for Spring 2026.

Staff

Osprey: Mrs Jones

Goshawks: Miss Church

Kestrels: Mr Bonner

Teaching Assistants: Miss Sims, Mrs Hughes, Miss Goodwin, Mrs Hart, Mrs Casson, Mrs Jones, Mrs Taber (French).

Key dates for Spring term

Year 5: Safety Central Trip 30th March 2026

General Information

- Children can bring a pencil case into school to keep their resources and equipment in class.
- Morning snack will be available to purchase or children can bring their own **healthy** snack, ideally fruit.
- Individual school reading book and homework diary should be brought into school every day. Children will need to have indicated at least 3 reads in their homework diary each week. By Friday, parents need to have checked and signed their homework diaries.
- Your child will need a named water bottle in school each day. Please could we ask that only water is brought into school, rather than juice.

PE

Osprey:

There are 2 PE lessons each week when in school. **PE days will be Tuesday (pm) and Thursday (pm).**

Tuesday and Thursday (pm session) - Children will come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit in their school bag so they can change into their PE kit for the afternoon session.

Goshawk:

There are 2 PE lessons each week when in school. **PE days will be Monday (pm) and Thursday (pm).**

Monday and Thursday (pm session) - Children will come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit in their school bag so they can change into their PE kit for the afternoon session.

Kestrel:

There are 2 PE lessons each week when in school. **PE days will be Tuesday (pm) and Thursday (pm).**

Tuesday and Thursday PE (pm session) - Children will come to school in their school uniform and bring their PE kit in their school bag so they can change into their PE kit for the afternoon session.

Expected Homework

- Reading – please read at home as often as possible and note in your homework diary.
- English – SPaG activity or reading comprehension.
- Maths homework – a weekly task will be set. This may be an online task or a paper-based activity.
- Times tables practice

Optional homework

There is also a menu of termly optional homework tasks on the class web pages. All activities are linked to our learning in class so it's a great way for your child to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the subjects we're covering. They can be done in any order and at any point during the term.

Curriculum

Please check our main class web pages for information on this year's curriculum plan.

How can you help at home?

Supporting your child with their quick recall of multiplication and related division facts will make so many areas of maths easier and will stand them in good stead for the next stage of their learning.

Reading with your children as often as possible. If your child is using IDL, *this will primarily be a home-based activity* where you can support your child's spelling. We will still continue to assess the children on IDL at school.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. Please contact the office via admin@tarpoleycet.cheshire.sch.uk to arrange a time for a phone call or a meeting. We're so excited to welcome our UKS2 back to school and we can't wait to see what they'll achieve this term!

A big thank you for your support,

UKS2 Team