



Class 5

02/09/2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable summer break with your children! I am looking forward to working with yourselves and teaching your children in class 5 this year- it does not seem that long since I taught most of them in KS1! I cannot wait to see how much they have grown and how much they will continue to flourish this year! Alongside myself, your children will have the invaluable expertise of Mrs Sarker and Mrs Wilmore to support them, and we will work closely together to ensure your child achieves their full potential. In addition to this, Mrs Brobbin will also be teaching your children grammar lessons and Mrs Denton will be teaching dance and gymnastics every Wednesday afternoon.

I would like to share with you our routines and expectations for Class 5 this year.

Curriculum Coverage

All children, in both year 5 and 6, will follow a similar lesson structure to last year where each day they will study Reading, English/Grammar, Mathematics and Spellings in the mornings and RE/Topic focused lessons in the afternoons, which include Science, History, Geography, Music, Art/DT, PSHE/RSHE, French and PE. The focus for this autumn term's topic will be 'Heroes and Villains.' You will receive further information about our curriculum coverage, in the autumn topic grid, which will be sent out this week.

Homework

Going forwards, we will no longer be setting separate weekly Maths and English homework for year 5 children. However, due to SATs examinations next year, year 6 children will complete a shorter piece of weekly maths and grammar revision activities, but these will not start until after the October half term. We hope this will make home learning feel more manageable while still providing children with regular opportunities to practise the key skills that are vitally important.

We ask that all children spend **10-20 minutes each day** practising their reading, spellings and times tables facts.

Reading

Every child will be expected read for **at least 10 minutes per day** as part of their homework. It is imperative that your child reads regularly, not only to develop their reading fluency but also to aid their comprehension skills, spelling knowledge and writing skills. Reading regularly at home is one of the best ways you can support your child's learning and help them to develop a love for reading! Please complete and sign your child's reading record each time you hear them read. Children are also welcome to record their own reading too. They also have their library books and access to online books through Purple Mash (logins are in their reading records) once they have finished their school reading books. Children will achieve team points for reading and in addition to this, the more children that read each week, the better chance we have of winning the weekly 'Top Class Readers' award too!

Spellings

Weekly spelling tests will commence on **Friday 11th September**. These will be stuck into your child's reading record this week. You can support your child by practising the words sent home, discussing their meanings and encouraging them to use the words in sentences. The spellings your child is expected to know by the end of the year will also be stuck into the back of their reading record. Regularly practising these throughout the year will be greatly beneficial.

Times tables

The first times tables test will take place on **Friday 11th September**. The test information will be stuck into reading records this week. Times Tables Rock Stars is a fantastic resource for practising times tables. Login details will be stuck in the front of your child's reading record. Regular practice through quick-fire questions, games and songs will help children develop confidence and fluency with their times tables.

Children who are not regularly completing their reading, spelling and times-tables practise at home may be supported through additional catch-up opportunities outside of other lessons. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child practise these important skills at home.

Physical Education

Children need to bring their PE kit into school every week. **PE lessons are currently on Wednesdays and Thursdays**. This should consist of black shorts, a plain white T-shirt and pumps for indoor lessons. Children will also need tracksuit pants and trainers for outdoor lessons, particularly in the winter months. Please ensure that PE kits do not have branded logos or writing. Children who wear tights will also need a pair of **white socks** for indoor PE. If your also child wears plain-stud earrings, please either remove these before PE days or provide tape to cover their ears during PE lessons.

Forest Schools

We will be continuing our forest school activities **every 3 weeks**. Again, please ensure your child has the appropriate outdoor clothing such as pants, boots and waterproofs with them for each session. In winter months your child may need additional warmer clothing, hats and gloves. During summer months they may also need sun hats and sun cream. Please send in an additional carrier bag with their kits for muddy wellies! If your child does not bring suitable clothing/footwear on these days, they will still take part, however this may be in their school uniform and school shoes. **A message will be sent the day before any woods sessions so please check School Spider daily.**

Swimming

Your child will take part in swimming lessons after Christmas. A reminder letter with further information will be sent nearer the time via School Spider. For swimming lessons children will need:

- Swimming trunks or shorts for boys.
- A swimming costume (no bikinis) for girls.
- Long hair must be tied back and covered with a swimming cap.
- Earring must be removed prior to swimming days or covered with tape.
- Towel, crocs/sliders and dressing gown/Oodie.

School uniform and Equipment

With regards to uniform and equipment please ensure your children wear the correct uniform every day. **They should always bring their book bag, (Rucksack for Y6), PE kit and reading book/diaries to school each day. Your children will not need a pencil case this year.** If you have any other queries such as hair accessories and earrings, please refer to our school policy or ask me if you are unsure about any other aspects. Children in class 5 are expected to be independent in looking after their own belongings, however there are occasions when items are misplaced so, please ensure all your child's items are labelled clearly.

Snacks and Refreshments

Your child should bring a **healthy snack** to school each day for morning break. Please also ensure that your child has a **water bottle** in school. We will make sure that water bottles are washed and refilled each day.

Entering and Leaving School

In the mornings between 8:50am and 9:00am, all children will enter school through the class 5 door. Children will be dismissed from the bottom yard at 3:15pm. **Year 6 children are only allowed to walk home or to a designated meeting place, if we have been notified** (please see the email regarding the 'Walkers List' from Mrs Sullivan)

Any child not collected by 3:25pm will be placed into KEYs club and charges will apply.

Behaviour

As you will be aware, we have very high expectations of behaviour at St Peter's and in Class 5 the children will consistently follow a reward and behaviour chart. Children will be rewarded by means of stickers, team points and extra play. Subsequently, children who do not adhere to the school rules, will be sanctioned by losing part or all, of their play time. If your child continues to be repeatedly sanctioned, I will contact yourselves for a meeting to discuss and manage this further. The children are all aware of the expectations and have devised their own class charter for this year. I know they will all work hard to adhere to this and do their absolute best!

Communication and Partnership

I am looking forward to working with you and your children this year. **On Thursday 17th September we are holding a 'Meet the Teacher' and coffee/cake afternoon from 1:45pm.** It would be lovely if you could come and see all the class 5 staff and look at your child's new classroom. Most class and school communications/letters are now sent via 'School Spider' so please ensure you check this daily. On occasions, we will also write notes in your child's diary and any letters that are not emailed will always be placed in their bags at the end of the day- so please check these daily. Please ensure you read Mrs Sullivan's weekly newsletter as this contains essential information and important dates.

Please note that if your child is in year 5, they will be attending 'Bikeability' on **Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th September**- further details to follow.

If you need to communicate a message to me, please either:

- Email me at c.green@st-petersrc.lancs.sch.uk
- Write a note in your child's diary.
- Contact the school office.
- Send a letter in with your child.

Please note that when teaching, I may not be able to respond to any messages until later in the school day, but I will always endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. If you have any other queries or concerns, that you would rather speak in person about, please do not hesitate to make an appointment.

I am looking forward to working with yourselves and your wonderful children this year!

Many Thanks,

Miss C Green 
(Class 5 teacher)