



Year 5 Newsletter

7th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you all to Year 5. I hope you have all had a great Summer break and have been enjoying some time as a family and with friends, a lie in and time spent on favourite activities. As we prepare for another school year, I hope that the children are excited to learn lots of new things and enjoy experiences both in and out of school.

Here's some information about what we will be learning about this half term:

Our Learning	Key Vocabulary
English Our main English lessons will be based around the texts: The Time-slip Scarab and Secrets of a Sun King, which will link to our History unit - Ancient Egypt.	Ancient Egypt pyramid Tutankhamun Cairo artefacts
Maths - Place Value - Read, write, order and compare numbers to at least 1,000,000. - Determine the value of each digit in numbers up to 1,000,000. - Round any number up to 1,000,000 to the nearest 10, 100, 1000, 10,000 and 100,000 - Addition and Subtraction - Add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits. - Add and subtract numbers mentally with increasingly large numbers.	thousands, ten thousands hundred thousands place value holder integer
RE - Understand God's covenant relationship with His people - Know and explain the importance of the Ten Commandments - Recognise Jesus' Greatest Commandment - Understand sin, forgiveness and virtuous living. - Christians are called to live as stewards of creation by looking after the environment and one another.	Creation Covenant Commandment Sin Conscience Theological Virtues Common Good
Science Animals including humans	reproduction puberty life cycle gestation

History • Ancient Egyptian society and beliefs • Mummification • Significance of pyramids	pharaoh River Nile mummification civilisation
Art • Ancient Egyptian art and the use of symbols	hieroglyphics papyrus proportion scale
PSHE • Healthy relationships • Online safety and Cyberbullying	mutual respect truthfulness loyalty kindness
French • La date	les mois les jours Aujourd'hui c'est quel jour ? Aujourd'hui c'est...
Music • The orchestra • Film music	instruments timbre rhythm

Homework and Spellings

Homework will be set each week and will be linked to core Maths skills. It will be set on a Friday and must be completed by the following Friday so that it can be marked and discussed in class.

Spellings will be handed out every Monday and the class will be tested on the Friday of the same week. The spellings will be in your child's reading diary so please check.

Reading

Please keep encouraging your child to read and continue to enjoy reading with them. This must be a minimum of three times a week at home with an adult signature after each read. Regular reading helps improve fluency in reading along with the key skills of comprehension and summarising a text.

Important information

Our PE days will be Monday and Wednesdays. Please ensure that the correct P.E. kit is worn.

Here are some important dates for our class during the Advent Term:

Egyptian day – Partake – Thursday 17th September 2026

Hathersage residential – Monday 28th – Wednesday 30th September 2026