

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 5. We are very much looking forward to working with your children in September; we hope they are just as excited for the year ahead of them. This letter provides a few reminders about equipment as well as some information about the upcoming Summer Reading Challenge. At the beginning of each term, you will receive a newsletter detailing upcoming events and an outline of what the children will be learning in the term ahead. In September, your child will receive a planner, which acts as a useful tool in home-school communication. The children will be expected to bring these into school **every day** and record information for themselves about the week ahead, homework and any reading. This is different from Year 4 so please support your child by making sure they have their planners each day. More detailed information will follow at the start of the academic year. If you have any questions about transition from Year 4 into Year 5, please do not hesitate to contact your child's new teacher before the end of term.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Wednesday 16th September at 4.00pm, during which we will share key information and you will have the opportunity to see your child's classroom and chat to their teacher. If you have any questions or queries which you would like to raise with your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the school office so that we can arrange an appointment.

Class Based Equipment

PLEASE ENSURE ALL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY NAMED

In a change from previous years, **we will be providing all of the essential stationery for children.** This will include: pencils, pens, rubbers, rulers, pencil sharpeners, scissors, whiteboard pens, glue sticks, protractors and colouring pencils. There will be sufficient dictionaries and thesauruses in the classrooms for all children.

If your child would like to bring in some of their own stationery, this should be a small pencil case (which will fit in a tray under their desk) and could contain:

- Coloured fineliners
- Highlighters
- Blue handwriting, rollerball or fountain pens (no biros).

Some children have said that the following pens help them to produce better handwriting:



Uniform Change

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Shoes: In addition to school shoes, children will be allowed to wear a smart plain black trainer from next year. Please ensure that **the sole of the trainer is black** as well.



PE Kit

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On the days when children have PE, they should wear the following to school:

- Amherst or plain navy t-shirt
- Navy shorts, skort or jogging bottoms
- White socks
- Trainers
- Amherst/plain navy sweatshirt or Team Amherst hoodie (please order hoodies on School Gateway by the 17th July 2026; orders are only taken once a year)

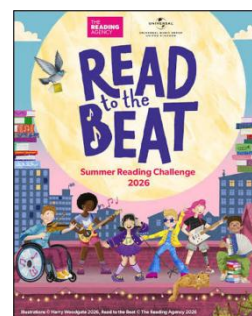
If required for the lesson, children should bring the following with them or keep at school:

- Football/rugby (when advised): football boots, shin pads, knee-high sports socks
- Hockey: shin pads, gum shields

We will let you know which days and sports Year 5 will be doing in September. **Please come to school in school uniform on the first day.**

Holiday Homework

We strongly encourage all children to continue reading regularly during the summer holidays, enjoying books both independently and together as a family. For our homework, we are inviting children to get involved in this year's Summer Reading Challenge, a national initiative which aims to encourage children to keep up a reading habit during the break from school. Children can sign up on the website <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or at a local library, and you can watch an introductory video by clicking [here](#). We look forward to hearing how the children get on with this challenge.



During the year, we study: Street Child, The Explorer, Holes and The Boy at the Back of the Class. It would be greatly appreciated if you could **not** read these before our study of them. If desired, children could read about our upcoming topics over the summer: The Victorians, Rainforests, Ancient Greeks, Earth and Space.

We also recommend all children continue to focus on their times table recall, as these facts should all now be learnt by the end of Year Four and they form an important part of Maths lessons in class, as well as focusing on being able to read the time, **and tying shoelaces and ties for themselves.**

Finally, we do hope that you enjoy your summer and we look forward to seeing keen, refreshed faces in September.

Many thanks for your continuing support

Miss T. Jones, Miss M. Huntley, Mrs S. Carver, Mrs T. Siddorns and Mr J. Taylor