



**Year 5**  
**Mr Bardsley**  
**Autumn Term 2025**



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of what will be a fantastic year in Year 5. We hope you have all had a fun and refreshing summer and are ready to get back to school. In Year 5 this year we are delighted to have Mrs Grace and she will support the children in class with me. This year your children will be working very hard and be having lots of fun. If you have any questions, then please remember we are always here to help; either speak to us at the end of the day or email the school office:

[office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:office@harwood-meadows.bolton.sch.uk)

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**HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD**

- Read with your child at home. If possible, at least 3 times a week. Please remember to sign your child's reading record (or encourage them to do this themselves). Alternatively, allow your child to read independently and then challenge them to summarise what they have read to you.
- Practise spellings, this can be done on paper or online using Spelling Shed.
- Encourage your child to develop their independence, by organising their own resources they need for the day.
- Remind your child to hand in any letters or reply slips to their teacher.
- Check your child's reading packet each day.
- Check Class Dojo for any messages and updates of learning.

**We are...**

**Aspirational**  
**Resilient**  
**Kind**

**THINGS TO REMEMBER**

**Thursday** is spelling test day.

**Monday** is our P.E. day. Please come to school dressed in your PE kit. Earrings must be taken out at home, please. Children with long hair must have it tied back in a hair bobble. Children should wear the school P.E kit (navy shorts and red t-shirt).

**UNIFORM:** Please make sure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled; we have so many children that items of uniform and P.E. kit are easily lost.

**WATER BOTTLES:** Please make sure that children bring a clearly labelled water bottle into school each day.

**HOMEWORK** will be set each Friday on [maths.co.uk](https://www.maths.co.uk) and is due back each Wednesday. Spellings will be available online on Spelling Shed

**SNACK:** A healthy snack can be brought into school and enjoyed at break time.

### READING BOOKS

Please read with your child every day and sign their diary. Reading books will be changed at least once a week and a new book will be allocated. Children will read at different times during the week. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary to school every day. Your child will also bring home a book from the 100 books challenge to enjoy together. They have also welcome to bring a book in their own book from home to enjoy at school.

If you would like a list of recommended reads for Year 5 then please refer to the school website or speak to me after school.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **23<sup>rd</sup> September– Meet the teacher evening**
- **18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parents conference**
- **4<sup>th</sup> December – Theatre visit**
- **5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner, Christmas jumper day and Christmas fair.**
- **18<sup>th</sup> December – Class Christmas party**
- **19<sup>th</sup> December – Y5/6 Carols around the tree**

### SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

**MATHS:** Place value; Addition and Subtraction; Multiplication and Division; Fractions

**ENGLISH:** Diary entries; character descriptions; poetry; sports commentary; newspaper reports.

**SCIENCE:** Changes in properties and material; Forces.

**GEOGRAPHY:** Mountains.

**HISTORY:** Anglo - Saxons.

**DESIGN TECHNOLOGY:**

**COMPUTING:** E-Safety; digital citizenship.

**PE:** Volleyball; Gymnastics.

**PSHE:** Being me in my world; Celebrating Differences.

**RE:** Key question – Creation and Science: conflicting or complementary?

**MUSIC:** Livin' On A Prayer and Glockenspiel stage 2.

**ART:**

**FRENCH:** Core Vocabulary and Phonetics 1-3; Presenting Myself.

### SCHOOL RULES

Ready...Respectful...Safe

### CLASS DOJOS



Children will earn dojos in class all year towards their bronze, silver and gold badges.

**50 dojos = Bronze    100 dojos = Silver    150 dojos = Gold    200 = Platinum**

If you haven't signed up already, you will receive a parent sign up code so you can follow your child's progress.