



Year 5
Mrs Buckley and Mrs Richardson
Autumn Term 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of what will be a fantastic year in Year 5. We hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead. In Year 5 this year, Mrs Pitt, Mrs Grace and Miss Farrell will support the children in class with us. This year we will be working very hard and having lots of fun along the way. 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

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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.
- Complete maths homework (set on LBQ).
- Check Class Dojo for any messages and updates of learning.

We are...

Aspirational
Resilient
Kind

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Monday 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 LBQ and is due back each Wednesday. Spellings will be posted on Class Dojo and available online on Spelling Shed

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

READING BOOKS

Please aim to read with your child every day and sign their diary. We have a well-stocked class library, 100 book selection shared between Years 5 and 6 and a non-fiction library for the children to choose from. Children will read at different times during the week and enjoy 15 minutes of ERIC (Everyone reading in class) time each day. Please ensure your child brings their reading book and diary to school every day. Children are 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 either of us after school.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Wednesday 16th September – Meet the Teacher** – call in and meet us at either 3:45pm or 4:15pm
- **Friday 25th September – Individual photograph day**
- **Friday 23rd October – Finish for Half-term at 3:30pm**
- **Monday 9th November – School reopens 8:45am**
- **Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd December – Parent conferences.**
- **Wednesday 9th December – KS2 Christmas Pantomime theatre visit**
- **Friday 11th December – Xmas Jumper day, Xmas Dinner day and Xmas Fair**
- **Thursday 17th December – Class Party Afternoon**
- **Friday 18th December – Years 5 and 6 Carols around the Tree performance 9:00am**
Finish for Xmas at 2:00pm
- **Monday 4th January 2027 – School reopens 8:45am.**

SUBJECT OVERVIEWS

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

ENGLISH: Diary entries; character descriptions; poetry; non-chronological report, persuasive letter

SCIENCE: Changes in properties and material; Forces.

GEOGRAPHY: Mountains.

HISTORY: Anglo-Saxons.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY: Food: Bread making.

COMPUTING: E-Safety; digital citizenship.

PE: Handball; 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: Drawing Project- 'The Tool Shed'- Tonal Shading and sketching skills

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.

