



St Paul's Church of England Primary School

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Welcome to Year 5!

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Dear Parents and Careers,

We are writing to introduce ourselves and to outline some of the plans we have for teaching and learning in Year 5. We are very much looking forward to working with the children, and with you, in what we are certain will be a successful year.

We are always here to help:

Year 5 is made up of a lovely team of people who are always ready to listen to any issues or concerns you, or your child, may have. Class teachers are Mrs Yates and Miss Anthony. Mrs Yates will be resuming her role as Assistant Head Teacher for UKS2.

Keeping in touch:

The Home School communication book is an ideal way to contact us on a daily basis. These are collected every morning, checked and signed ready for the children to use during the day. Please feel free to use the diary to give feedback regarding homework tasks, ask any questions or queries and inform us of appointments etc.

We also request that children use this book to keep a note of the reading they have done at home – a sentence outlining something about what they have read helps us to check that they are practising this most vital of skills.

You may also need to contact us via email. Please see our email addresses below:

Mrs Yates: jyates@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk Miss Anthony: banthony@st-pauls.hereford.sch.uk

What do the children need to bring to school?



Each pupil should have their reading book in school, as well as a drinks bottle, a snack and a packed lunch if necessary. We provide all the stationery necessary. However, if you would like to bring a pencil case with: black ballpoint pen, pencil, rubber, purple ballpoint pen, glue, ruler, highlighter, colouring pencils in, we ask this is a suitable size due to the limited space in the trays (books also go in there). We understand some children enjoy using their own stationery, but we do provide it.



Swimming

Year 5 will be swimming during the Summer term. Each class will have 2 weeks of intensive lessons, for 30 minutes each day. Further information regarding lessons will be sent to you nearer the time.

Homework:

We ask that the children read daily and record this in their home-school diary, as outlined above. We also ask that children learn their spellings. Spelling checks will be on a Friday afternoons and a new list will be given out for the following week. Homework is set weekly and we greatly appreciate your support at home. The children are set one piece of Maths and English homework each week. We believe this steady increase in homework helps the children become more independent and prepares them for Year 6 and High School. Homework will be collected in on a Thursday and marked on a Friday. New homework will come out every Friday ready for the weekend.

Autumn Term Forest School:

This year we are very lucky to have Miss Randall teach forest school on a Monday afternoon. The classes will alternate on the week they are taking part in forest school starting on the 8th of September with 5Y. Children will need to bring in water proofs and wellies to put on over the top of their uniform.

RAF Cosford School Trip

We are going to RAF Cosford on the 13th of November to take part in their exciting Evacuee themed workshop. The children will also experience a tour of the museum learning about the history of the RAF. We hope a visit to the museum will bring our World War Two topic to life. Further details and information will be sent out to parents early in the Autumn term.

Pioneer Centre

During Year 5 we have an amazing opportunity to go to the Pioneer Centre in Shropshire, for our two-night residential trip. This will take place on Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd January 2026. During our stay children will have the chance to take part in a wide range of activities from caving to high ropes. This is a fantastic event for children to challenge themselves and learn a wide range of new skills and most importantly have a lot of fun! You will have previously had a letter with more information including a payment plan and important dates list.

Summer Homework:



To kick start our World War II topic, we would love for the children to create a model related to WWII over the summer holidays. This model could be anything from a tank, plane, ship, air raid shelter, helmet, city, evacuee suitcase, gas mask, to name just a few! We would request that the model is no bigger than a shoe box as we would like to display the models in school. We



would also like the children to create a piece of writing to go along with their model.

This could be in the form of a diary, story, information poster or even a letter or newspaper article.

Key dates:

Parent workshop

We look forward to welcoming you to our Year 5 parent day on **Wednesday 26 November** – more information to follow in the Autumn term.



Class assembly dates.

5Y – 25th September 2025

5A – 21st May 2026.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Anthony and Mrs Yates