

**Great Chesterford C.E. Primary Academy**  
**Class 5 Newsletter**  
**Summer Term 2026**

April 2026

Dear Children and Parents,

We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday. We are very much looking forward to a busy and productive summer term.

This term, our topic is "The Tudors". We will be exploring this fascinating period in British history through many areas of the curriculum including music, art, and D.T. We have an exciting class trip planned to the Tudor reconstruction at Kentwell Hall – details to follow. If you can help by providing information, artefacts or expertise on any area of the curriculum, I would be pleased to hear from you. A full topic web accompanies this letter with the details of what will be taught in each subject area.

During Mrs Raper's absence, Mrs Munday will continue to teach the class on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Mrs Roberts will continue to teach the class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We hope to welcome Mrs Raper back at some point during this term. Mrs Campbell and Miss Colgan will continue to support Class 5 this term.

#### **P.E./Games**

P.E. lessons will take place on **Wednesday and Thursday**. Children are requested to come to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days. For safety reasons, hooded tops, jewellery and watches/fitbits should not be worn, and earrings must be removed. Navy blue skins or tracksuit bottoms may be worn as required. Most lessons will be outside; when PE is taught inside children should wear clean trainers, plimsols or bare feet. When the weather improves, a hat/cap is a good idea in PE lessons. All children with long hair should have it tied back when in school. On non-PE days, school shoes should be worn.

#### **Art / DT**

Please make sure that a named overall/old shirt is available to be worn for art and DT lessons. This is essential to ensure that the full range of artistic mediums is accessible to all.

#### **Relationship and Sex Education**

After half term, we will start the PSHEE work on Relationship and Sex Education. Resources used will include worksheets, images and video clips which are age appropriate. This year, as a school, we are using some new resources and a parents' meeting to introduce these has been arranged for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 3:30 p.m. However, if you are unable to make this meeting but would like more information about the content of this unit of work, please get in touch.

#### **Homework**

Children in Class 5 are expected to do at least **15 minutes reading daily** and to keep a record of this in the home pages of their homework diaries – **please sign and date your child's planner each week**. In addition to daily reading, the children in Class 5 will be set a short literacy and numeracy task each week intended to reinforce topics covered in class lessons. English homework is set on a Monday and marked the following Monday; Maths homework is set on a Thursday and marked the following Thursday. Written answers or jottings should be recorded in the Homework Book or on any worksheets provided. This homework should take approximately **25 minutes** to complete. If a task is taking significantly longer, please encourage your child to stop and inform the teacher when the work is handed in. As last term, the children will usually be tested on their times tables on Monday and have a short spelling test on Friday. The planner is used to record the homework tasks and relevant comments and deadlines. Parents are invited to make comments in these diaries.

#### **Dates for your diary**

- **Class Collective Worship** - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- **Kentwell Hall visit** – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

- **Bikeability** – Group 1: 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April; Group 2: 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> April; Group 3: 13<sup>th</sup> July
- **UKS2 Production** – 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July

A copy of the topic overview is provided with this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Year 5 team if you require any further information. We look forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

Kind regards,

**The Year 5 Team**