

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

January 2026

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back and a 'Happy New Year' to everyone. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas holiday and thank you all very much for the lovely Christmas cards and generous gifts. I am very much looking forward to a busy and productive spring term ahead. I will be teaching the class all week, assisted by Mrs Munday on a Thursday afternoon. Miss Colgan will continue to support Class 5 this term.

This term's topic is 'Ancient Egyptians'. We will be learning about aspects of Ancient Egypt through history and artwork. Sharing of any resources or expertise you may have on this subject would, as always, be gratefully appreciated.

P.E./Games

P.E. lessons will continue to take place on **Wednesday and Thursday**. Children are requested to come to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days. For safety reasons, 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; however, when PE is taught inside children should wear clean trainers, plimsols or bare feet.

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 media is accessible to all.

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 collected 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 Tuesday 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 the planner.

Dates for your diary

Parent Consultations: Tuesday 27th January (5.00 - 7.30pm)
 Wednesday 28th January (3.45 - 6.15pm)

Y5 Class Worship: Friday 13th February

Parent Drop-ins: 10th/11th/12th March

Upper KS2 Dance
Performance: Tuesday 17th March (4.15 - 5.45pm, SWCHS) **Please save the date.**

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Angela Raper, Class Teacher