

**GREAT CHESTERFORD CE PRIMARY ACADEMY**  
**Class 5 Newsletter**  
**Autumn Term 2026**

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back and I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful summer holiday. I am very much looking forward to teaching Class 5 this year. I will be teaching the class all week, apart from on a Thursday when Mrs Munday will be teaching all day. Mrs Campbell and Ms Hinds will be the learning support assistants in Class 5 this term.

This term, our topic is 'Space Invaders'. We shall be learning about the Sun, Earth and Moon including the science of the seasons, day and night, the solar system and space travel past and present. Alongside this scientific focus, we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons in history, mountains in geography, and using a variety of media to create tone, tints and shade in art. If you can help by providing information or artefacts 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. This term's Year 5 class worship will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

**P.E./Games**

P.E. lessons will usually take place on Tuesday and Thursday this term so children should come to school in their P.E. kit on these days. For safety reasons, jewellery and watches/fitbits should not be worn. In line with Essex Health and Safety guidelines, earrings must be removed. If a child is unable to remove their earrings, we must have your written consent that school is not liable for any incidents relating to wearing this item of jewellery. Should your child be unable to take part in P.E. due to injury, please inform me in writing. Navy blue skins or tracksuit bottoms may be worn as required during colder weeks. However, no hooded tops can be worn. 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. They need to record this in the home pages of their planners and parents should sign this each week. The children will be set a short task each week English (Monday) and Maths (Wednesday) to be marked in class the same day the following week. Homework is intended to reinforce topics covered in class lessons. Written answers or jottings should be neatly recorded in the Homework Book or on any worksheets provided; please encourage your child to stick these in. 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. Parents are invited to make comments in these planners and initial them each week. In addition, children will be given weekly spellings and times tables to learn which they will be expected to practise daily for a testing on Tuesday. To encourage independence, it would be useful if children could bring a small pencil case with a few basic items such as a pencil, ruler, and a rubber. The school will provide each child with a handwriting pen to start the year. Children may then provide their own pens, but these must be a blue ink fibre tipped pen - no biros thank you. Pencil cases may be kept in the classroom.

**Spirit of Christmas**

This will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2026. We are really looking forward to taking part in this wonderfully festive event with Year 6 so please save the date in your diaries.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information. There will be an opportunity to come into the classroom to find out more about Class 5 after school on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September at 4pm. I am looking forward to a busy and productive term ahead.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss H Foster, Class Teacher