



Year 5 and 6 Summer 1 2026 Newsletter

What Has Happened This Term?

Y5/6 have been doing lots more great learning this term. We've learned about tourism in Derby, writing reports on the Ancient Greeks in English, life stages in Science and done some great coding using Micro-Bits in computing. There were some amazing outfits on World Book Day too!



Church Garden Creative Activity

As part of the West Hallam Open Gardens event on Saturday 27th June, we have been invited to create some miniature gardens to display in the churchyard. We'd love it if some of our lovely creative Y5/6 pupils could make some to display from school to celebrate this event at home! Something a little like the ideas below, or even more creative would be lovely! If they could be brought into school for the 19th June to give us time to get them up to church that would be great.



Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?

Maths

Year 5: Shape & Space, Position & Direction, Decimals

Year 6: Statistics, Position & Direction



English-

Letter writing- complaint

Setting description based on The Nowhere Emporium

Science-

Living things & their habitats- plants

Computing-

Using music and sound editing software

History-

Local history study- the Victorians

Design & Technology

Design and create a moving mechanical product using cams

PE-

Eagle class will be swimming in the Summer term from Wednesday 15th April

Indoor- Merlin/Owl class- Yoga

Outdoor- Merlin/Owl class- Athletics

Religion & Worldviews-

Why do some people believe God exists?



Accept changes and negotiate alternative solutions when needed.

Talk about what matters to them and explain why they believe these things to be important.



PSHE- Relationships

Links to British Value of Mutual Respect, Individual Liberty and Tolerance.

French- Cafe Culture and Going to the restaurant

Music- Baroque music

NUT ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you

Transition visits

During the next term, Year 6 children will be visiting their secondary schools. Schools will contact you to confirm dates for these. In addition there may be days when Year 5 children are invited to visit secondary schools- we will inform you of these nearer the time.

Leaver's Hoodies

Details on these will be shared during the next term too.

Important Dates

4.5.26- Bank holiday Monday

8.5.26- Kirk Hallam visit morning for Y5 children

Week beginning 11.5.26- SAT week for Y6s

19.5.26- IoW parents meeting at 5pm

21.5.26- Black Country Living Museum visit

Nessy

If your child has a login for Nessy, please encourage them to use it to support their reading and spelling at home. It's a great resource to use- if you don't know your child's login (or if they have one) please get in touch via email: Y5-6Department.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Communication

Check out our school website- lots of useful information can be found here, including more details about the curriculum and photos from the previous term.

Twitter- each class tweets at least twice a week, so it is a great way of keeping up to date with what is going on in class.

This newsletter- keep it somewhere safe and refer back to it!

Emails to our department are always welcome, and are checked as often as possible, however if your child is ill you must contact the school office as we cannot guarantee that emails we be read first thing in the morning. When emailing in please include the name of the class your child.

Bags and pencil cases

Please do not send your child to school with a rucksack for their school equipment as there is not space on the pegs for these, unless they are bringing their swimming kit. A flat book bag should be used for reading books and any homework.

Children do not require their own pencil case, as we will provide them with everything they need. They should not bring any stationary or toys from home in to school, including large key rings or fidget key rings. PE kits should be in drawstring bags as these are easiest to hang on pegs.

Reading & Homework

Please hear your child read or talk to them about what they are reading daily and ensure they have their book in school every day, even fluent readers greatly benefit from reading to you as you can discuss new vocabulary and character development with them. We really do appreciate your support with promoting reading. Children will be receiving homework of Maths (set online via MyMaths) every week.