



Year 5 and 6 Autumn 1 2026 Newsletter

Welcome to Year 5/6!

We are so pleased to be welcoming your child to the year 5&6 department this September, whether they are moving from year 5 to year 6 or joining the department from lower KS2. We hope they are excited about the new academic year and all it will bring.

Let us introduce ourselves...

Owl Class	Eagle Class	Merlin Class
		
Mr Askew (Mon, Tues) Mrs Bown (Wed-Fri)	Mrs Rudd-Walters	Mr. Attenborough

What is happening this term?

Our children will be having swimming lessons this academic year.

Merlin class are going swimming during the autumn term

Owl class are going swimming during the spring term

Eagle class are going swimming during the summer term.

More details will follow.

Secondary School information

Even though we will only be at the start of the year, information will begin to arrive in September about the transition to secondary school, so please keep an eye out for dates for secondary school open days/evenings, which are normally at the end of September or the start of October.

Bikeability

This term Y5 (and some Y6) children will be doing bikeability, this will be in the week beginning 21st September. Letters for this will be going out in the first week.

Equipment in school

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. PE kits should

be in drawstring bags as these are easiest to hang on pegs- please ensure these are **in school for the first week.**

Fidget toys

Please do not allow your child to bring fidget toys of *any kind* in. If your child has an identified sensory need where a fidget may help them concentrate, these will be provided by school. Any toys brought in will be confiscated and returned to *parents* at the end of the day.

Mobile phones, airtags & smartwatches

These are **not allowed in school at all.** Any device found in school will be sent to the office and returned **only to parents** at the end of the day. Our school device policy states:

The DfE's non-statutory mobile phone guidance says that pupils should not use mobile phones throughout the school day.

Pupils are not permitted to bring mobile phones and other devices into school unless they have been given express permission by the Executive Headteacher.

Permission must be sought in writing by the child's primary carer. Permission will only be granted in 'exceptional circumstances'. Walking to and from school alone, will not normally constitute 'exceptional circumstances'. The decision of the Executive Headteacher is final.

If a pupil is given permission to have a personal device in school, it will not be used on the school premises. The device will be brought directly to the school office at the beginning of the day and collected at the end of the day prior to leaving. Access to the phone during the day is not permitted.

On occasions, a child may accidentally bring a device into school. If this is the case, it should be handed into the office at the earliest opportunity. The parent will be notified by a senior member of staff and be expected to collect the device in person from the school office.

Please ensure your child **does not** bring these devices into school.

Important Dates

7.9.26 Return to school
18.9.26- Heanor Gate Y6 visit day (to be confirmed)
WB 21.9.26- Bikeability
22.9.26- Changing lives sessions
WB 19.10.26- Book fayre
19.10.26- Parents evening

NUT ALLERGY AWARENESS

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

22.10.26- Open centre visit (rescheduled Y6 visit) 22.10.26- Parents evening 23.10.26- Anglo-Saxon visitor	chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces, sesame topped bread or hummus dips. Thank you!
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. 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. Department emails will be checked by all class teachers.	Reading, Spelling & TT Rockstars 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. Dojo points will be given out for children reading to themselves and also to an adult. Children will be receiving spellings to learn each week. These will be given out on, and tested each Friday. Please encourage your children to use TT RockStars regularly. This will help your child with their quick recall of number facts.
<u>Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?</u>	
<u>Maths</u> Place value, four operations, properties of number	
<u>English-</u> Empathy Lab "Our Tower" Narrative Texts, "Road's End" Discussion texts, Vikings discussion	
<u>Science-</u> Light	
<u>Computing-</u> E-Safety – Being a good digital citizen- digital rights, safe searching	
<u>History</u> Viking Invasion and Settlements	
<u>Art</u> Drawing- Making my voice heard	

PE-

Merlin class will be swimming up until Christmas. Owl class will be swimming in the Spring term and Eagle class in the Summer term. Swimming will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon throughout the year.

Indoor- Eagle/Owl class- Adventurous activities & team building

Outdoor- Eagle/Owl class- Tennis

Religion & Worldviews-

What do religions say to us when life gets hard?

British Values

Individual liberty

Mutual respect

**PSHE-**

Being Me

French-

Asking the time, Everyday life

Music-

Composition notation

Club Information

This is will come out soon. Watch this space!