



June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of Year 5!

Our curriculum this half term

English – We are starting a new unit based on *Twitch* by M. G. Leonard. We have been reading this book as a class story. Children will complete grammar lessons about using speech and action in a story.

History – We are continuing our learning about the second Viking age in Britain. We will then move on to a project focusing on learning about the history of our local area.

Geography – We are continuing our learning about the Amazon by moving on to learning about how the Amazon connects to the rest of the world – socially, environmentally, and through trade.

Maths – As always, you will find specific details on the Weekly Overview, which goes up on ParentHub every Friday. This half term, we will complete the following units: position and direction, decimals, negative numbers, converting units and volume.

Religions and worldviews – We are continuing our topic: ‘Why are some journeys and places special?’, which focuses on the concept of pilgrimage. Through this topic, we will explore significant pilgrimages within different religions. Our school trip this half term is linked to this too.

Science & PSHE – Our next science topic focuses on learning about changes in the human body as we develop. As part of these lessons, the children will learn about puberty and the reproductive system. We will send you more details about these lessons in advance of teaching them.

PE – The children will be doing athletics, dance, and striking and fielding games.

Music – We will complete a unit on *Dancing in the Street* by Martha & the Vandellas.

Latin – We will complete a unit on nouns. In this unit, we will look in detail at how Latin changes the endings of nouns to show whether they’re singular or plural, subject or object.

Transitions

This half term, we will also be preparing the children for their transition to Year 6. As always, the children will get an opportunity to meet their new teacher, and to have a story/discussion session with them. Teachers will be talking to the children about preparing for the change, and what they can look forward to next year.

Year 2 Buddies!

A particularly lovely feature of this final half term is when Year 5 pair up with their corresponding colour Year 2 class. The Year 5 and Year 2 teachers work together to match the children up with a ‘buddy’, and then ‘buddy sessions’ are arranged. The purpose of these sessions is to help prepare and

support the Year 2 children with their transition to the Junior side, as well as encouraging the Year 5 children to recognise their position as role models for the younger children within the school. The Year 5 children are encouraged to get to know their buddy by gently asking questions, drawing and reading with them, and showing them around the West building and playgrounds. Year 5 are encouraged to check-in on their Year 2 'buddy' in the playground next year – showing awareness and understanding that this is a big transition for the younger children. These sessions have always been really enjoyable and beneficial for both year groups.

Dates for your diary

Southwark Cathedral dates:

Thursday 11th June – 5B

Friday 12th June – 5O

Thursday 18th June – 5R

Friday 19th June – 5P

5P last swimming session: Thursday 18th June

Saturday 20th June – Summer Fair

Tuesday 30th June – Y5 Visit the Classroom

Wednesday 1st July – Sports Day

Wednesday 8th July – Parents evening (in-person)

Friday 17th July – Last day of term & Toy Day

We hope to have a great final half term together.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team