



OLD BUCKENHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year Five NEWSLETTER

News updates from Old Buckenham Primary School

January 2026: Spring 1

KEY DIARY DATES

7th & 8th Jan: Parents evening

9.1.26: Non-Uniform Day: Fundraiser for Livestock Day

23.01.26: Handwriting day

29th Jan-4th Feb: National story telling week

2.2.26: You are Invited: Parent drop in to class : Zones of Regulation

3.2.26: Choir performing at Young Voices, Wembley

6.2.26- Non-Uniform Day: NSPCC Number Day

9.2.26-15.2.26: Children's Mental Health Week

12.2.26: Safer Internet Day Sharing Assembly to parents @ 2.15pm in hall

Half Term: Monday 16th- Friday 20th February 2026

Welcome!

It has been wonderful first term in Beech class and I'm looking forward another great half term.

At Home

Homework: We will be providing one homework plan for the half term with different activities for the children to do as they progress through the half term. We also expect children to complete 7 questions from their Maths books each day (Mon-Fri) and bring them into school to mark on a Monday.

Spelling Superstar: There will be spellings for each half term in your child's homework book. Please practise these by using them in a sentence and then checking if they are correct.

Reading: In Year 5 we are incredibly passionate about reading. Each child will have a reading book once we have completed our September assessment. We are continuing to encourage reading for pleasure in KS2 this year with the Reading Bingo. They will receive a certificate when they complete a line of challenges and a full house. Plus we are also giving class rewards when children across the class help the class to complete a line or full house.

TTRS

It is vital for children to know their times tables fluently, so we encourage every child to do 5 minutes a night on TT Rockstars to maintain fluency. Multiplication grids can be sent home to help.

Year 5 Team

Mr Humphrey, Miss Noyes, Miss Cook

Our Lessons: Curriculum Information

English (Reading): In our whole class reading lessons this half term we will be reading three different texts. The first two are non-fiction texts on volcanoes and the Tudors. Then we will move on to examine some poetry with an environmental theme.

English (Writing): In our writing lessons this half term we are working on two different form of story writing. Firstly, we will use the 'Nowhere Emporium' as inspiration for write a mystery story. Then we will use the 'One Small Step' short film to write an adventure story.

Maths: In Maths we will be starting by returning to our work on multiplication and division, including multiplying and dividing 3 and 4 digit numbers. Then we will be spending the remainder of the half term working on fractions, including multiplying fractions.

Science: Our topic for Science this half term is space. This will link nicely with our second English topic and will give us the chance to use the darker evenings to do some star gazing. We will learn about how the Earth orbits the sun, the orbits of the 8 planets and will begin to look outside of our solar system.

RE: In RE we will be learning more about Passover and how important it is for Jews to do what God tells them.

PSHCE: Our PSHCE topic this half term is, Dreams and Goals. We will learn about different careers, how to get there and what we can all think about in our futures.

Geography: In Geography we are learning about rivers: how they are formed; how they change the landscape; the importance of rivers in different cultures; their role in the water cycle and rivers around the world.

Art: In Art we are taking inspiration from our surroundings and drawing and painting landscapes and cityscapes.

Computing: In computing we are creating and debugging algorithms using the crumbles software.

PE: We have two PE topics, tag rugby and gymnastics. PE will take place both outside and inside.

French: In French we are learning about parts of the body and how to use different adjectives in French to describe story characters.

Music: In Music we are focusing on the skills of composition and improvisation using mainly glockenspiels. We will think about how music is structured, recorded and performed.

PE

PE lessons will be on a Thursday and Friday. Please can the children arrive in school wearing their PE kit on these days. Please bear in mind that lessons may continue in light rain, so a long-sleeved top/sweatshirt (in line with our uniform policy) would be suitable. Your child can also wear tracksuit bottoms in line with our uniform policy.

Snacks and Water Bottles

Children **must** bring a bottle of **still, plain water** to school so that they may drink whenever they are thirsty (a sip bottle is ideal). They are not allowed to bring fizzy or flavoured water. A snack of fruit or veg is acceptable at breaktime.

Equipment

We provide stationery, therefore, your child does not need to bring in their own pencil case.

Questions, Queries and Concerns

If you have any queries or concerns, please either telephone or email the school office who will forward your message as appropriate and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support.

Mr Humphrey