



OLD BUCKENHAM
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year Five

NEWSLETTER

News updates from Old Buckenham Primary School

February 2026: Spring 2

KEY DIARY DATES

24th Feb: Selected pupils from Y4 & Y5 attending Dodgeball Competition @ UEA

2nd Mar: Parent Rep Meeting with Mrs Mitchell @ 0845

4th Mar: Reading Café @ 2.45pm in Beech Class- *come and share a book with your child*

4th-10th Mar: Book Fair @ OBPS-more information to follow

4th & 5th Mar: National Spelling Competition: Emile

5th Mar: Non-Uniform Day: World Book Day

10th Mar: International Women's Day

11th Mar: Year 5 visit to Old Buck High School

16th Mar: STEM sharing assembly for KS2 parents @ 2.30pm

18th Mar: Choir singing at Norfolk Music Festival

24th Mar: Gressenhall Trip

25th Mar: Rocksteady Concert to parents

26th Mar: Easter Service at All Saints Church, Old Buckenham

Welcome!

It has been wonderful start to 2026 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.

Spelling Superstar: This half term we are continuing our new spelling homework on the Emile platform. Each week your child will have 2 spelling activities to complete. One will be linked to our weekly spelling lesson and the other will be recapping a spelling pattern from earlier in the year.

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 starting a new initiative to encourage reading for pleasure in KS2 this year, Reading Bingo. When your child receives their homework book there will be a Bingo sheet in the front to work their way through with different reading challenges for the year. They will receive a certificate when they complete a line of challenges and a full house.

Maths: Continue to complete 7 questions a day in your Schofield and Sims Maths books. Maths fluency is also essential, so practicing times tables on TTRS for 10 minutes a day will help every child to make great progress.

Our Lessons: Curriculum Information

English (Reading): In our whole class reading lessons this half term we will be reading two very different texts. We are starting with a book called 'Brother Eagle, Sister Sky' which is a speech made by a Native American Chief, then we are reading 'Children of the King', a book set during World War 2, linked to our History topic.

English (Writing): In English we are starting with a Diary writing topic based on the diary of Scott of the Antarctic then we are using the short film, The Piano, to write a narrative linking with our History topic of the Battle of Britain.

Maths: In Maths will be continuing our work on fractions, decimals and percentages, before moving on to learn about perimeter and area and statistics. In statistics we will be focusing on line graphs.

Science: Our topic for Science this half term living things and their habitats. Looking at life cycles of plants and animals, how plants and animals reproduce and how offspring grow into adults.

RE: In RE we will be learning about how Hindus show commitment to God.

PSHCE: Our PSHCE topic this half term is, Healthy Me. We will be learning about smoking, alcohol, emergency aid, body image and having a healthy relationship with food.

History: In history we will be learning about the battle of Britain and the impact this had on the outcome of the Second World War.

DT: In DT we will be learning about some of the fundamentals of construction, including building safe and interesting models of adventure playground equipment.

Computing: In computing we will be using flat file databases to learn how data is stored and processed.

PE: We have two PE topics, Net and wall and basketball. PE will take place both outside and inside.

French: In French we are learning about directions and finding places in a town.

Music: In music we will be working on listening and responding to different musical styles

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 class email address: year5@obps.set.education.

Many thanks for your support.

Mr Humphrey