



Year Five

NEWSLETTER

News updates from Old Buckenham Primary School

April 2026: Summer 2

KEY DIARY DATES

15th April & 16th April: Parent Consultation Meetings (3.15-6pm)- please make an appointment via MCAS

15th April: Rugby taster session with Wymondham Rugby Club

17th April: PTFA Non-Uniform Day Fundraiser: Rainbow Day

20th & 22nd April: Bikeability session- please sign up using the link shared via MCAs to consent.

24th April: RSHCE Information session for parents with Miss Moll- more information to follow

28th April: Class Photographs

4th May : May Day Bank Holiday – school closed

6th May: PTFA Bag 2 School Fundraiser

15th May: Non Uniform Day: Mental Health Week: 'Take Action'- wear green- more information to follow

18th - 22nd May :Walk to school Week- more information to follow

21st May: Y6 Fundraiser- Make Day

25th – 29th May: Half Term

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: We are using Emile Spellings to support our learning this half term. Children will be set new spellings each week on the Emile spelling app which can be accessed via the app or web browser.

Reading: In Year 5 we are incredibly passionate about reading. Reading regularly and out loud is an essential skill for all children. The aim is for every child in year 5 to read over 140 words per minute accurately. To support this we are trialing a new online reading program with Discovery Education. Your child will have a QR code to help them login and may chose any reading they wish.

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 focusing on two key elements of reading in year 5: fluency and comprehension. For our fluency reading we are continuing to read 'The Children of the King'. For comprehension work we will be using past examination papers to learn comprehension skills.

English (Writing): In our writing lessons we are beginning with a science fiction text, 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boys and will be writing a new plot using the same characters. Next we are learning how to write a non-fiction text about David Attenborough, and will use this knowledge to write our own independent piece on a different conservationist.

Maths: We will be covering several topics this half term. We are starting with statistics, focusing on line graphs before moving on to shape, with a focus on angles. In the latter part of the half term we are then learning about position and direction before returning to decimals.

Science: In Science we are continuing some of our work on Animals including humans from last half term, then using the remainder of the half term to recap and embed previous learning and making links between different areas of our Science curriculum.

RE: In RE we will be continuing to learn about Hinduism, but with a focus on how the Hindus believe Brahman can be everywhere and everything.

PSHCE: Our PSHCE topic this half term is, relationships. The focus for this unit is on online relationships and being part of an online community.

Geography: In Geography we will be learning about mountain ranges, their formation, importance and different uses.

Art: We are learning about set designs for animations, creating miniature sets. We ask that every child brings in a shoe box size box for their set.

Computing: In computing we will be using computers to make vector drawings. Vector drawings involve using 2D shapes and layering them to create pictures.

PE: We are developing our skills within the two PE topics, tennis and multiskills. For those children selected, they will be going swimming alongside some of the year 3 pupils to continue developing this important life skill, working towards achieving their 25m certificate.

French: In French we are learning about going on holiday.

Music: In music we will be listening to 'Dancing in the street' and learning to play the song on recorders.

PE

PE lessons will be on a Monday 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 . I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Many thanks for your support.

Mr Humphrey