

Year 5 & 6 Learning Leaflet

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Upper Key Stage 2 Spring Term Update...

Welcome to 2026! We hope that you and your family had a restful Christmas and New Year break.

important part of teaching children values. As a phase, we would also like to express our thanks for the kindness shown to staff at Christmas time.

A great deal was achieved last term in Year 5&6—the children worked hard to ensure that they could make progress in all areas of their work. However, some children struggled to complete their homework consistently—it is very important that all children complete their homework to ensure that they are working at age related expectations.

During the Spring Term, we will continue to build knowledge and understanding in all areas of the curriculum with a variety of interesting and challenging activities. Our main theme this term is 'Earthwatch'—more details are included on page 2.

By the time children reach Year 5, they should know and be able to recall all multiplication facts up to 12x12. Please help them to achieve their best by practicing and testing them every day.

Diary dates for this term are included on page 3. Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Year 5 & 6 Team

We would like to thank everyone who supported the charitable collections during the Autumn term— it is an



Meet the team:

Mrs Kimberley

Mrs Franks

Mr Daley

Miss James

Ms Rorbach

Miss Lovelock

Miss Bitulu

Mr Evans

Mr Perkins

Even better if...

Your child reads for 25 minutes a day and you spend 5 minutes talking to them about their book to help their general understanding.

You practice times tables (up to 12x12) and weekly spelling patterns with your child each day.

You **celebrate** The Year of Reading with your child by choosing and sharing books together, visiting a library, watching a film of a favourite book...

You sign their reading diary daily

The Spring Term Curriculum



PE in Year 5 and 6...

PE will be on Tuesday morning with Mr Evans and Mr Perkins.

During this first half term PE will be indoors, but after the February half term holiday the weather may be warm enough for us to work outside. Please make sure you have the correct kit at school.

Basketball/team sport sessions continue on a Friday afternoon. When the weather is dry, the class may work on the all weather pitch. Again, please make sure kit is in school.

KIT—BLACK SHORTS/TRACKSUIT BOTTOMS, WHITE T-SHIRT, BLACK PUMPS

All clothing needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name. **Thanks**

If your child takes part in an after school sports club, they will need to use a separate kit.



Key Dates for: Spring Term...

Monday 5th January	School re-opens for the Spring Term - clubs begin
Tuesday 6th January	School Mass at church - 9.30am
Monday 12th January	Parent SAT meeting 2.30pm - school hall
Friday 16th January	Depart for Plas DYM @ 1.00pm
Tuesday 20th January	Arrive back from Plas DYM @ 1.15pm
	XP Creaturama Day @ school
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day - Theme: <i>'Smart Tech, safe choices, Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'</i>

HALF TERM

16th—20th February

Monday 23rd February	School opens at 8.30am
Friday 27th February	Cafod Family Fast Day—non uniform
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Monday 9th March	KS2 Lenten Mass in hall
Monday 16th March	Y5 Into University Focus day
Monday 23rd March	Whole School Lenten Mass
Thursday 26th March	Stations of the Cross 1.30pm

EASTER BREAK

Monday 30th March—Friday 10th April

For further updates, please read the weekly newsletter.

YEAR 6 REVISION

We will be providing the children in year 6 with revision books for maths, reading and grammar. These will be given out at some point during the first half term and we will explain to the children how to use them. Information about booster sessions will follow during the term. It will be very helpful for you to assist with your child's management of their revision so that they are in the best possible situation—both academically and their personal wellbeing - to cope with assessments later this year.

National Expectations for Children in Year 5 and 6

In the summer term, after completing the SATs, children now receive a scaled score instead of a level. Their raw score - the actual number of marks they achieve - will be converted into a scaled score; this helps to allow for differences in the difficulty of the tests from year to year so that pupils' results can be compared accurately.

You will be told your child's raw score, scaled score and whether they have reached the national standard for that subject. The score that equates to the national standard is announced annually.

Children will also be matched against 'performance descriptors' (in other words what pupils are expected to know and be able to do at the time of assessment) when being assessed by their teachers in non-tested subjects at the end of the year to see if they've achieved the expected standard.

So, how can you continue to help at home?

Please check the school website for useful links to assist learning and development:

<http://www.stmary-stben.coventry.sch.uk>

Other useful web links to support all areas of the school curriculum:

Literacy:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/english/>

Science:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/science/>

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/gamesactivities.html>

Maths:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2/maths/>

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/>

<http://www.mymaths.co.uk>

REMEMBER— your child can log into **MyMaths** with the following login details:

benedict and angle.

Purple Mash is also an **EXCELLENT** website to help your child develop cross curricular skills. Please encourage them to use sites to support their learning in a safe online environment.

ONE LAST THING...

If your child needs an inhaler or allergy medication at school, please check with the class teacher that all medication is in date.

Thank you

Together with Christ everyone achieves more