



Year 5 & 6 Autumn Term



Welcome to the Autumn term in Year 5/6. The children in Year 5 will be exploring the question, 'Who were the Greeks?' and Year 6 will be exploring the question, 'Who were the Maya?'. It is a fantastic learning opportunity for children to delve back in history and learn about these two ancient civilisations.

Key Dates for your diary:

29th September 2026 (2:30pm) - Y56 Parents invited into school to 'Meet the Teacher'
2nd October 2026 - Whole School Cross Country (pupils will need to come to school in their PE kits)
12th & 13th October 2026 - Parents' Evenings
13th October 2026 - Harvest Festival
21st October 2026 - KS2 Halloween Disco (after school)
23rd October 2026 - School closes for half term
2nd November 2026 - School reopens for pupils
11th-12th November 2026 - Y5HUL Edinburgh
13th November 2026 - Children in Need
18th-19th November 2026 - Y5CAR Edinburgh
25th November 2026 - White Ribbon Day
W/C 30th November 2026 - Y5 Bikeability (More information to follow)
1st December 2026 - Christmas Fair
11th December 2026 - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
17th December 2026 - Christmas Party Day
18th December 2026 - School Closes for Christmas Holidays
4th January 2026 - Staff Training Day (School closed for pupils)
5th January 2026 - School reopens for pupils

General:

- To support children in staying hydrated, please ensure your child brings a clearly labelled water bottle to school each day.
- Any changes to collection arrangements should be communicated to the school office or your child's class teacher before the end of the school day.
- If your child is going to begin walking home alone this academic year, a safeguarding form will need to be completed and returned. These can be collected from the school office. (Any forms from previous years will still be held on file so will not need re-completing).
- Please encourage your child to read regularly at home
- Further information regarding updates to our homework policy will be shared with parents and carers over the coming weeks.

Uniform Reminders:

- Girls: Grey or black skirt or trousers/navy or white polo shirt/school sweatshirt or cardigan plus sensible outdoor shoes; a blue/white or green/white school dress may be worn in the warmer weather. Hijabs should also be in the school colours of either grey, navy or black. Sensible black school shoes or plain black trainers
- Boys: Grey or black trousers/navy or white polo shirt/school sweatshirt plus sensible black school shoes or plain black trainers.
- Year 5/6 **PE is on a Thursday afternoon** and your child must come to school wearing their PE kit— they will remain in this all day. The school PE kit consists of:
 - Plain white T-shirt (generic)
 - Plain black or navy shorts (generic)
 - Plain black or navy tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt (generic, for outdoor PE)
 - Trainers suitable for PE activities
 - To reduce costs for families, no PE items are required to be branded, although we do have a plain white branded t-shirt/ navy hooded sweatshirt if families want to choose this option.
 - Children may also come in their PE kit if they are attending an after-school sports club.
 - All uniform items embroidered with our school logo can be purchased from www.X3Ltd.com
- Apart from watches and stud earrings, jewellery is not allowed in school for safety reasons. If earrings that cannot be removed by your child are worn, they must be taped for P.E. lessons.

Thank you for your continued support.