



Welcome to Year 5 2024/2025!

My name is Mrs Piper and I am delighted to be your child's class teacher this year! My main aim is for the children to be happy and confident, as well as feel safe whilst in my care.



I am very much looking forward to meeting you and your child in what I am sure will be an incredibly exciting year ahead. I am joined in class this year by the wonderful Miss Rivers, who I am sure many of you already know! She will be there to work alongside myself as well as support groups and individuals. Miss Lawless will be covering the class on a Tuesday afternoon.



Our curriculum information evening will be held soon (see the calendar for timings) where I shall be sharing more specific information about Year 5, our expectations and what exciting learning will be taking place this year!

My door is always open, therefore if you ever have a concern or worry, please come and let me know.

This page will be updated throughout the course of the academic year so keep looking at this for updates. For now, enjoy reading all about Year 5!

Regards,

Mrs Piper





Key Information



Punctuality: It is so important that pupils arrive at school on time and ready to learn. We line up outside the classroom at the beginning of the day. Pupils need to be lined up at 8:45am. If you are late, the gates will be locked and children need to go through the main entrance. As this is Year 5, we expect all of our pupils to come in quietly and sensibly and of course, ready to learn!

Lockers: Our lovely lockers are located in the cloakroom. Pupils will be allocated a locker for the year ahead. We kindly ask all pupils to pop all of their things in here at the start of the day. This ensures things are kept safe and allows our learning environment to remain clear.



Mobile Phones: We are happy for pupils to bring a mobile phone into school with them, however, we ask that mobiles should be turned off whilst on the school premises and will be stored in the main school office securely throughout the day.

Toilets: We use different toilets in Year 5. They are located along the corridor near to the library. We encourage you to go to the toilet at playtimes and lunch time, however should you need to go to the toilet, you simply need to ask a member of staff.



Stationery: In Year 5, you will all be provided with your very own pencil case containing all of the resources you require on a daily basis.

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Pastoral: Being safe and indeed feeling safe, is at the very heart of our school. At St Michael's we are very lucky to have a superb pastoral team in place. The children are all aware of who and where in school they can go should they need support or someone to talk to. The pastoral team have drop in sessions each term which are open to any parents who would like to discuss their child's needs. The dates for the drop ins are added to the parent calendar so please watch this space. If however, you would like to meet with one of the team before the drop in, then please contact them. Our door is always open!



Pupil Drop Off: Children are now starting to prepare for high school and this can mean different scenarios. Some might need to learn the skills for catching a bus; others might be planning on walking to their future high school. Either way, children are now starting to build those skills. Generally, children are dismissed by the class teacher without the need for an adult and often go and meet their adult by another classroom or at a meeting place outside of school premises. This is when discussions about what to do if things don't go to plan are more essential. School always tell children that if someone is not where they expect them to be, to come back into school.

Passwords: We have a password system in school for collection of children. The passwords progress through school with your child so if your circumstances change and you need to change the password please let the school office know. It is likely that this password will only be used on rare occasions, in unexpected circumstances and not for normal collection





Reminders



PE: Our PE days in Year 5 are Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit consisting of navy shorts/jogging pants, trainers and their house T-Shirt. Any watches must be removed as well as stud earrings.

Uniform: We are very proud of how smart our pupils look at school. Please ensure your child has correct school uniform. The PTFA hold a used uniform stall quite frequently, where you can pick up good as new pieces for a tiny amount.



Water & Snacks: Your child is encouraged to bring a fillable bottle to school containing water. This can be replenished during the school day. We also encourage your child to bring a healthy snack for them to enjoy at playtime.

Celebration Assembly: In Year 5 we still reward our pupils against our core values; information on these can be found on the school website. Every week, a child will be chosen who has demonstrated a specific value and this will be further celebrated in our celebration worship on Friday. We also have awards for Writer of the Week. If your child has been rewarded, you will be invited into school to celebrate this too!





Homework In Year 5



Topics: There is nothing more exciting for a teacher to hear than when their pupils want to continue learning at home! Throughout this year, we will be covering some really exciting topics where the children will have the option to produce work to support this, in their own time and will have the option to share this with their peers.

Core Subjects: Additionally, we really want to continue to build on your child's knowledge, ensuring that their spelling is good and that their recall of multiplication tables is quick and accurate. With this in mind, as a school we have subscribed to TT Rockstar Maths & Spelling Shed; 2 award winning learning platforms that are both fun and educational for your child to use. Pupils will be given a log in and passcode for them to be able to access these.



Reading: In Year 5, you can choose your own book once you've finished reading it...isn't that exciting? Books can be changed any day of the week. We are incredibly lucky here at St Michael's to have a well stocked library and brilliant reading walls. The reading walls display 100's of books for your child to choose from. We encourage children to take a book home and bring this into school with them daily. This is so important. We still build time into the school day to simply read and we still encourage you to read with your child as often as you can.

"The more you read
the more things you know.
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go."
-Dr. Seuss