# Welcome to Year 5

Learning together as we walk in the footsteps of Christ

2026-2027

## School day:

Soft start 8.45 a.m.

Register closes at 9a.m. Children arriving after this time should sign in at the office where they will then be sent to their classrooms

3.15 p.m. We will walk the children out to the KS2 playground at the end of the school day and stay with them until they are collected. If you have made alternative arrangements for the collection of your child please inform the office or write in the link book. Children who have not been collected will be taken to the school office and parent will then be contacted by telephone

*If your child is unwell, please ring the school first thing in the morning to let us know the reason for absence.*

## Holiday dates

Notification of school term dates is always given in advance. Parents are expected to arrange family annual holidays to coincide with school holiday dates.

## Curriculum and Timetable:

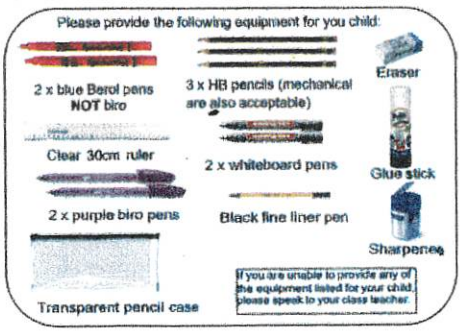
We follow the Year 5 National Curriculum . We aim to make all our lessons as creative as possible in order to inspire and engage all children and are consistently revising, updating our lessons and approaches in line with our school vision. This year we have lots of exciting themes such as:

- In the Autumn term, we will be looking at Place value, Geometry, The Romans and Fiction texts.
- In the Spring term, we will be exploring Fractions, Mystery and Suspense stories and biographies
- In the Summer term, we will learning about Area, Perimeter, Recounts and The Mayans

Please look out for our termly curriculum newsletters for a more detailed outline of what we intend to cover.

Children will be issued with a timetable at the beginning of each term. It will also be uploaded onto our class page and on Google Classroom

## Equipment:



Equipment will need to be checked regularly and replaced when needed. Please support us with this.

## School Visits

We intend to go on a school trip or invite a visitor into our class every term. More detail on these trips will be given during the year. In the Autumn term, we will be visiting St Albans Cathedral

# Home Learning

### Reading:

Children are expected to read aloud to an adult at least once a week, and to read independently at home at least twice a week. This is to be recorded in their link books which will be checked by an adult.

Children will be rewarded with a house point if they read three times a week and with two housepoints if they read more than this.

If children do not read three times a week , without good reason, they may be asked to stay in at break time and read on a Friday.

If your child is not a free reader an adult will hear them read regularly at school **in addition** to the home reading.

Children are expected to bring a reading book into school of their choice. Please make sure it is age appropriate and that they are able to read it.

### Homework

Maths or English homework is issued each week on Wednesday and is due back on a Tuesday. We use Google Classroom to set homework—you will receive a code or link and instructions on how to join the first week back in the autumn term.

### Spelling

Children will be learning spelling rules each week and we expect the children to use these rules when using and spelling new vocabulary.

### Perfect Presentation

Presentation rules in class also apply to home learning and written tasks should be completed in pen with joined handwriting. Maths home learning should be completed in pencil and any lines or diagrams drawn with a ruler in line with our presentation expectations.

### Snacks and water

Please send fruit or vegetables only for break time snack. Water is food for the brain! We actively encourage your child to bring in a filled water bottle each day and to refill this when needed.

### Uniform

See the uniform policy found on the website, but please remember that children should come in their PE kit on the days in which they have PE.

Please make sure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name (be aware that names written with biro fade with washing and need to be redone at regular intervals)

Look at the website for more information on uniform, hair and jewellery expectations: https://www.sjfisher.herts.sch.uk/helpful-information/

### Our Behaviour Bees:

Be safe

Be respectful

Be ready to learn

Our whole school rewards system gives housepoints, rewards and privileges as positive consequences for keeping the behaviour bees. These are added to the class housepoint charts:

30 house points = Bronze

60 house points = Silver

100 house points = Gold

150 house points = Platinum

200 house points = Diamond

## The Year 5 Team:

Class teacher: Mrs Ward-Tsang (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Ms Walsh (Thursday and Friday)

Teaching Assistants: TBC

We are all here to help and support you and your child throughout their year at St John Fisher . We would like to develop a working partnership with you to enable your child to reach their full potential. Please visit our Google Classroom and class pages on the school website which contains information about our class.

Children come into class through the back door and we encourage them to do this independently. If you have an urgent message please email admin@sjfisher.herts.sch.uk or write a message in their link books.

## Parents Evenings

Autumn Term—Parent consultations (dates on website)

Spring Term—Parent consultations (dates on website)

Summer Term—Reports

Please encourage your child to share their concerns with us during the school day, rather than going home with worries that could have been resolved immediately. However small the problem, it is always better to deal with any concerns immediately.