



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026



Swift Class	Swallow Class	Skylark Class
Miss Hannick	Miss Versey	Miss Gallagher
Year 5 LSAs: Miss Ali, Mrs Khan		

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you had a wonderful summer and it has been great to see how excited and enthusiastic the children are about their learning. We are pleased to say that they have settled in well.

Year 5 is the beginning of Upper Key Stage 2 and therefore, the expectations of behaviour and learning are high. We welcome your support in the education of your child and we believe that working together will enable your child to effectively access the more challenging curriculum.

Home Learning

- We plan homework tasks very carefully to support and consolidate school learning. Therefore, it is vital that you support and encourage your child to complete the tasks sets and communicate with their teacher if they have any problems in doing so.
- For additional information on the Year 5 curriculum, please refer to the Long Term Curriculum Overview for Year 5.
- All maths overviews can be located on the school website.
- All home learning for online platforms will be set from week commencing 14th September 2026.
- Information on home learning projects will be sent out shortly with an expected due date.



- Mathematics
 - Mathletics tasks will be assigned for home learning each Thursday which must be completed by the following Thursday. This will be linked to the maths learning in lessons that week.
 - On a daily basis for at least 10 minutes, your child should practice their times tables using the Maths Shed site.
- English **Spelling Shed** 
 - Reading - Please ensure that your child reads daily and discuss the text they have read. It is useful to explore new vocabulary using a dictionary. More details on reading books and reading records will follow.
 - Spelling – A Spelling Shed activity will be set each Monday and needs to be completed by the following Monday.
- Username and passwords for online home learning will be glued into your child's Reading Record.**

PE Days & PE Kits

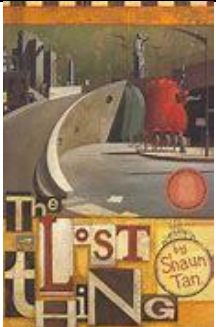
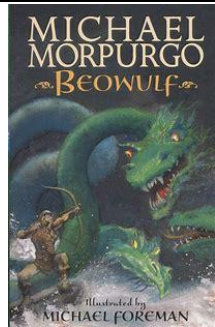
Our PE days are as follows: **Swift and Skylark** classes have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays; **Swallow** class has PE on Mondays and Fridays. **The expectation is that your child comes into school in their PE kit on those days.** Please ensure each item of your child's PE kit is labelled clearly with their name and that no jewellery is

Important Dates

1 st September	INSET Day
17 th /18 th September	Wonka Bar Sale
25 th September	MacMillan Coffee Morning
7 th October	Hampton Court Trip
13 th & 14 th October	Parent/Carer Consultations
16 th October	Non-Uniform Day for PTA Bottle Tombola Donations
19 th October	Last Day of Half Term- Normal finish
19 th October -30 th October	Half Term
2 nd November	Return to School
6 th November	Whole School Vaccinations
7 th November	PTA Fireworks
11 th November	Remembrance Day
12 th November	Individual School Photos
16 th November	Odd Socks Day: Anti-Bullying Week
TBC	Non-Uniform Day PTA Tombola Chocolate Donations
11 th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumpers
17 th December	Day Last Day of Term for children – Finish at 2pm
18 th December	INSET
21 st December -1 st January	Christmas Break
4 th January	INSET
5 th January	Return to School

More information on key school events such as parent consultations will follow.

At APPS, we follow The Literary Curriculum with Literacy Tree, which places quality literature at the core of English teaching. Below are the texts that Year 5 will study over the course of the term. If you are able to discuss the books with your child as we study them, it would really support their learning. All books are available from bookshops and local libraries. We encourage the children to have their own personal copies to support their learning in school, however, this is not a requirement. Please refer to the whole school text overview on the school's website for the texts studied in the spring and summer terms.

Autumn 1		Autumn 2
		
The Lost Thing Shaun Tan	The Lost Happy Endings Carol Ann Duffy	Beowulf Michael Morpurgo

Reading Book List: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/Printable-Poster-50-Best-Books-2026-27-Year-5.pdf>

Coming Soon: Celebration of Autumn Term Learning

For further information or queries, please check the school's website or Twitter accounts.

Website: www.ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk Twitter: @Ashford_Park

Should you have any queries, please contact the office on info@ashford-park.surrey.sch.uk

We are very much looking forward to working with you to give your child the best possible learning experience at APPS.

Year 5 Team

Miss Hannick, Miss Gallagher & Miss Versey