

11th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure getting to know your children over the past couple of weeks. I am proud of the way they have embraced the transition to Year 5. We have an exciting year ahead, filled with learning, growth, and fun. So far, we have spent time getting to know each other, establishing our new routines and expectations, and settling into our surroundings.

Curriculum:

In History this half term, we will be exploring the question: *How did Huddersfield and Britain change during the Industrial Revolution?* Following this, we will move on to learning about the Anglo-Saxons and then the Vikings.

In Geography, we will study life in the Alps, before moving on to deserts and asking the question: *Do the oceans matter?*

In science, your child will begin by exploring the concept of forces and how they affect objects in everyday life. They will learn about different types of forces—such as gravity, friction, and magnetism—and how these influence movement and shape. We will then study space, before moving on to chemistry, where we will look at the properties of materials. In biology, we will learn about life cycles.

At Christ Church CE Academy, we use SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, and Friendship) to teach RSHE. This half term, we will be discussing friendships, feelings, and how to collaborate successfully. This will give us a strong foundation to then move on to learning about rights and respect, valuing differences, and keeping safe.

In PE this half term, the focus is on fitness and wellbeing every **Friday**. Children will need to bring PE kit in a bag on the assigned day. Later in the year, children will also learn about moving to music, gymnastics, invasion games, and outdoor and adventurous activities.

Trips and Visits:

This academic year, Year 5 can look forward to a trip to Cannon Hall Farm, making links to our science learning in the spring. Later, Year 5 will also enjoy a visit from Viking re-enactors!

Worship Dates:

Save the date: You are warmly invited to join us for our Community Worship on **Thursday, 17th December**, where we will be showcasing *Christmas Around the World*. On **Friday, 18th December**, there will be a carol service at Christ Church Woodhouse Church.

Home Learning Expectations:

In Year 5, we do not want home learning to feel like a chore—learning should be enjoyable. To support this, we recommend short, regular activities. I will be issuing logins for Times Tables Rock Stars to help practise multiplication at home. In addition, please read with your child every day for at least five minutes. Every Wednesday, your child will bring home a reading book. Children will also be sent home with spelling homework to support the spelling rule that is being taught that week in class.

I have already had the opportunity to meet some of you, and I am looking forward to getting to know you all better over the coming year. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Mr. Sam Pearce