



# WELCOME PACK FOR PARENTS

## Year 5



2025-2026

***“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.”—Proverbs 22:6***



## Welcome

Welcome to Year 5! As your child begins their journey in Upper Key Stage 2, they will start to take greater responsibility for their learning. This is an exciting time as they grow in independence, curiosity, and confidence. Our aim is to nurture their love of learning and help them develop the skills they need to thrive.

This booklet provides key information about what your child will be learning and how you can support them at home.

## Meet the Staff

Mrs Lockett

Mr Hart (Graduate Teacher Apprentice)

Mrs Riley

## Our School Day

Children will enter school via the door by the KS2 playground.

- **8:35** – Doors open (KS2 playground entrance)
- **10:25 – 10:45** – Collective Worship
- **10:45 – 11:00** – Morning Break
- **12:00 – 13:00** – Lunchtime
- **15:15** – End of school day (exit via KS2 playground)

## Equipment and Uniform

Children may bring a small pencil case to school to encourage responsibility for their own belongings. Essential items such as pencils, rulers, and glue sticks are provided, but personal stationery is welcome.

Once your child earns their **pen licence**, they will be provided with a handwriting pen to use in class.

## Water bottle

Please ensure your child brings a **clearly labelled water bottle** each day. Bottles should contain **water only** and will be kept at their desk for easy access.

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## Snacks/Tuck

Children may bring a **healthy snack** from home. Alternatively, tuck items such as toast, pancakes, crumpets, teacakes, and bagels are available to order daily. Please ensure these are paid for in advance via **Parent Pay**

## School Dinners

If your child would like a school lunch, please select and pay for meals in advance using the school's online system, Cypad.

## Timetable & Curriculum Overview

DAY	8:50	9:00	9:25	10:25	10:45	11:00	12:00		1:00	2:15		
MONDAY	DAILY SPELLING/HANDWRITING PRACTICE	Guided Reading	Maths	Collective Worship	BREAK	English	LUNCH	DEAR	Science		Story	
TUESDAY		Guided Reading	Maths		BREAK	English	LUNCH	DEAR	Spanish	PE	Music	
WEDNESDAY		Guided Reading	Maths		BREAK	English	LUNCH	DEAR	RE		Computing	Story
THURSDAY		Guided Reading	Maths		BREAK	English	LUNCH	DEAR	History/Geography		Art/D&T	Story
FRIDAY		Spelling Test	Arithmetic		Spelling Lesson	BREAK	Maths	LUNCH	Swimming		PSHE	DEAR

Please note that the timetable may change due to school events. After Christmas, swimming will be replaced by PE.



## Homework

### Spelling

Each week, children will focus on a new spelling rule. These spellings can be practised on **Spelling Shed**, and children will be tested weekly.



### Maths

Instant recall of multiplication facts is essential in Year 5. Children are encouraged to use **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** regularly. They also have access to other maths platforms such as [www.maths.co.uk](http://www.maths.co.uk), with login details provided in their home/school diary.

This year, we will continue to build on the strong foundations laid in the first year of the **Mastering Number at Key Stage 2** programme. This approach supports a deep and flexible understanding of multiplication and division, and will be embedded through daily lessons and regular practice.



### Learning Extension Tasks

Each half-term, your child will receive a selection of optional tasks designed to extend and reinforce the learning taking place in class. These activities are linked to current topics and provide opportunities for children to explore ideas in greater depth at home.

Tasks may include research projects, model-making, writing assignments, or creative presentations. Return dates will be clearly listed at the bottom of the task sheet.

While these tasks are optional, we encourage participation as they help children develop independence, curiosity, and confidence. We love celebrating the work they produce and sharing it with the class.

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## Reading

By the end of Year 5, your child should be able to:

- Use root words, prefixes, and suffixes to decode and understand new vocabulary.
- Make predictions based on implied information.
- Draw inferences about characters' feelings, motives, and actions.
- Summarise key details from texts.
- Discuss the author's language choices and their impact on the reader.

### How You Can Help

- Encourage your child to read **at least four times a week**.
- Explore a variety of genres together.
- Discuss fiction by making predictions and commenting on characters and plot.
- With non-fiction, identify key points and layout features.
- Sign your child's reading diary each time they read. A weekly reward system is in place for four signatures, helping them progress through our **Reading Pathway**: Bronze, Silver, and Gold milestones.



### Accelerated Reader

Children will choose books based on their **reading zone**, determined by the half-termly **Star Reader Test**. All class library books are labelled accordingly, and children may also read books from home.

To check the zone of a book, visit: [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk)

Recommended books are available on our class page and your child's Accelerated Reader portal.



## School Values and Behaviour

Our school values underpin everything we do at Forsbrook. This year, we are focusing on **Respect**, inspired by our significant Christian figure, **Marcus Rashford**.

We follow a **restorative approach to behaviour**, guided by our core values:  
**Love, Joy, Peace, Hope, Friendship, Compassion, Respect, Courage**

Our full behaviour policy is available on the school website:  
<https://forsbrookprimaryschool.co.uk/policies>

## Beyond the Classroom

Year 5 offers a range of enrichment opportunities:

- **St Peter's Church Visit** – Autumn Term
- **Victoria Hall Dance Extravaganza** – Spring Term  
*Theme: "Reading is Dreaming with Your Eyes Open"*  
Parents are invited to attend this exciting performance.
- **Victoria Hall Music Festival**  
Children will learn to play the **violin** and perform in an ensemble with other schools.
- **BBHS Maths Puzzle Day**  
A fun transition activity at Blythe Bridge High School.
- **London Residential Trip**  
A highlight of the year! Activities include:
  - A West-End theatre production
  - Sightseeing tour of London
  - Warner Brothers Studio: *Harry Potter Experience*







## Contact details

Please ensure the school has your **up-to-date contact information** for text messages and phone calls.

✉ [admin@forsbrook.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@forsbrook.staffs.sch.uk)

☎ 01782 392577

## And Finally...

We believe that strong communication between home and school is key to a successful year. If you have any questions, concerns, or simply want to check in on your child's progress, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We operate an open-door policy and are always happy to help.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child enjoys their time in Year 5, feels supported, and reaches their full potential.

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