



Oldfield Primary School

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Monday 5th January 2026

To Parents/Carers of Children in Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you have had a restful and enjoyable Christmas holiday. Thank you very much to all of you who kindly gave Christmas cards and gifts to the Year 5 staff, we were very touched by your show of appreciation.

Home Learning

Home learning will commence from the first week of term. Children will continue to use their Home Learning book and return completed tasks on a Wednesday. Home Learning will continue to be sent home by Friday of each week. Children who don't complete Home Learning will be asked to visit homework club with Mrs Page on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Reading

In addition to any reading done at school, all pupils in Year 5 should aim to read at home every day. To incentivise the children to read on a daily basis and have their signed yellow reading record at home children are now being entered into a raffle draw termly. Children can win the prize of a £10 Works voucher each long term. Children are entered into the prize by receiving a raffle ticket each week. Children get raffle tickets by reading at home on a daily basis and bringing in their signed yellow reading record for their class Teacher/TA to check. Ideally, 20 minutes of reading each day is a good guideline (some children may decide to read for longer periods). Please encourage your children to take part in this incentive.

Spelling

Each Monday morning, the class will be taught a different spelling rule or pattern. A copy of the spelling sheet used in these lessons will be sent home alongside their Home Learning to allow continued practise of the words at home the previous Friday. These spelling words will be tested later in the week on a Thursday during our GaPS lesson.

PE

Indoor PE for both classes will be on a Wednesday morning up until half term. Outdoor PE for both classes will remain on a Tuesday afternoon.

Children should continue to arrive at school in their full school PE kit on their PE days. Outdoor trainers and tracksuits may be worn. Please ensure that these conform to our uniform policy (available to view on the school website under 'information for parents'). Please can you ensure that all items of PE kit are clearly named included trainers.



This term Year 5 have been invited to take part in the 2025 Primary Dance Festival (5T Wednesday 11th and 5G Thursday 12th February). Additional details of this event will be sent out at a later date.

Equipment

Please be aware that all children will need at least one pen plus a spare which they will use in many of the lessons. It is recommended that they have an appropriate writing pen that allows your child to write neatly. Your child should ideally have a named pencil case with pen, pencil, rubber, felt pens and colouring pencils to assist their schoolwork. We would like to remind children that they are allowed one palm sized toy in school at any time.

Website

Please keep an eye on the Year 5 webpage for photos (gallery) and updates. The curriculum overview is also available and outlines the topics covered this term. Our English text for up until half term will be The Runaway Robot by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and after half term we will be reading The Night Bus Hero by Onjali Q. Rauf.

Mayan Day – Friday 13th February

On Friday 13th February children will be ending the term with a Mayan Day to consolidate their Historical learning and understanding of their History topic – The Maya. Children can come into school dressed in their usual school uniform with a Mayan headdress made at home (this is an optional home learning task for the term). Children will be taking part in fun activities during the day. More information will be sent out closer to the date.

Tissues

We would like to thank you for continuing to send in boxes of tissues.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email the office who will pass them on to us.

Yours sincerely,



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Year 5 Tigers



Loz Marchant
Year 5 Giraffes