

Year 5 Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

Routines and Expectations

- At the start and end of the school day, children will arrive and exit through the main gates. In the morning, the main gates will be open for children to arrive between 8:40am and 8:45am.
- As safeguarding is so important, please ensure that you have informed the school office and staff on the door (before the end of the school day) of any unfamiliar adults that are not recognised by the class teacher who maybe picking up your child.
- As safety is our priority, if you would like to speak to the class teacher please ensure that you wait until all children are dismissed from Year 5 at the end of the school day.
- Children are welcome to bring a water and juice/squash bottle into school. However, **only water** is to be consumed within the classroom.
- P.E. days will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.** On these days children will need to wear their PE kit. Please ensure that **earrings are removed** and **no jewellery is present**. Swimming will take place on a Thursday afternoon.
- Please ensure that ALL uniform, including PE is clearly labelled. (Please check - as sometimes labels wash out)
- Earrings need to be a plain stud.
- Owlet cards (badges) are available to download from the school's website.
- Please ensure that you order school dinners for the following week.

Reading at Mount Pleasant

Reading is at the heart of all we do. In Year 5, children will take part in whole-class reading sessions each week, developing a wide range of reading skills. They will explore key vocabulary and develop fluency, with a focus on expression, pace and bringing characters to life through voice. Children will develop their comprehension through retrieval, inference and prediction, while also exploring the impact of an author's choices. Each child will have a banded reading book matched to their reading ability. Books can be changed once read, with a weekly opportunity to change books on Tuesdays. Children will also have access to our school library, allowing them to choose a book to enjoy at their own pace. We believe reading for pleasure is key to developing a lifelong love of reading.

Our expectations

Your child will have a reading record to share and showcase their reading routine outside of school; it tracks your child's reading journey. We ask that parents (and where appropriate, children) write in these regularly. Our magic number with reading is **20** – 20 minutes as often as possible. **Reading is a key skill and we firmly believe that children who read well, do well.**

Our vision: Believe it, Achieve it

Our key values: Relationships, Respect, Resilience

Our rules: Kind words, Kind actions

Our expectations around school:

Be Polite, Peaceful, Purposeful



The team in Year 5 this year is:



Mrs Archer



Mrs Clarke



Mrs Donnelly



Miss Morgan



Miss Ware

Our Mount Pleasant Learning Adventures

We aim to provide a broad, balanced and exciting curriculum from Nursery to the end of Year 6. This includes ensuring our children have a wide range of experiences to enrich their learning both in and out of the classroom. Staff and curriculum leads have been working hard to ensure our evolving curriculum develops the skills and knowledge needed to create passionate and excited life-long learners. Following on from the success from last academic year, the children will focus on two Learning Adventures per year. This will enable children to spend more time developing a deep understanding of key topics. We have ensured that we cover all National Curriculum subjects and objectives, as well as offering visits and after school clubs to make learning even more memorable.

Maths – Rapid Recall

Our mathematics team have made some changes: maths challenges have now been replaced with a rapid recall programme, designed to help improve automaticity with key skills in mathematics across the curriculum. Please ensure that you have read the recent School Spider letter from Mrs Phillips & Mrs Poole regarding this important change.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

At Mount Pleasant we take the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils very seriously. Our Safeguarding team can also offer advice and support on a range of issues or give you ideas on where you can access further support.

If you are concerned about the safety of a child, please see a member of our Safeguarding Team or report it to Children's Services 0300 555 0050 (9am – 5pm) 0300 555 8574 (out of office hours) or in an emergency dial 999

Safeguarding Team

Mrs Grinsell



Mrs Jones



Mrs Priest



Nut Free School

We would like to remind you of the following points to help minimise the risks for our children with serious allergies:

- Avoid giving children peanuts/nuts in school packed lunches
- Avoid giving peanut butter sandwiches, other spreads containing nuts such as Nutella and snacks/bars obviously containing nuts or labelled "may contain nuts" in school lunches
- Children must not share their lunch
- Children will be given fruit as their daily snack

Home Learning

Please bear with us whilst we settle your children in. Further information will be provided soon about each learning platform (this will be a staggered release). Once up and running, the children will need to complete the following:

- Spelling Shed and TTRockstars
- Rapid Recall
- Reading – our magic number is 20.