

Welcome to Year 5's information meeting

Mission statement

Love of God

Love of one another

Love of our world

Love of learning

This is what we encourage in school and we ask you to do the same

School day

- Playground is supervised from 8.30 onwards
- Bell goes on playground at 8:40
- Any late arrivals must report to the school office and sign in
- At the end of the school day the school gate will be opened at 3:15, allowing parents entry to collect their children from the classroom door (Infant pupils) and playground (Junior pupils).

School day

- The office is open from 8am until 4:15pm
- If you need to speak to a teacher in the morning, please leave a message with the office.
- Contact should be made with the office via phone/email wherever possible
- The office will make appointments if you wish to see a member of staff.

Attendance

- It is a legal requirement that children attend school.
- Appointments should be made, where possible, outside of school times. Proof of a medical appointment is required to take your child off school.
- Applications for time out of school should be made to the headteacher, however, authorised absences will only be sanctioned for exceptional circumstances.

Keeping Children Safe

- Please call us if your child is sick, please inform us promptly. We need to check they are not harmed on the way to school.
- Please let us know of arrangements for collecting your child, or allowing them to walk home on their own. A form has been emailed.
- Keeping safe online

A Healthy School

- **A healthy snack** is available for your child at break time at a cost of 30 pence.
- **Children are encouraged to drink water** throughout the school day. Please ensure they have a water bottle in class (may be purchased from the school office).
- **Healthy Schools status** – in line with this, **no chocolate-covered snacks, crisps or biscuits please.**
- **Food allergy information** - Please ensure that we hold up-to-date pupil information. **Sacred Heart School operates as a nut-free zone.**

Free school meals & Pupil Premium

Due to being a healthy school, the children are able to book a hot dinner, jacket potato or choice of sandwiches each day.

'Pupil Premium'

If you feel you are eligible for free school meals, due to low income, then please talk to the office. We receive additional **PP** funding for those who are registered and can support in a number of ways.

Uniform

- Please follow it to the letter – including trainers for PE
- Please label it.
- No jewellery please. No earrings please.
- Please ensure you have a complete PE Kit for PE days, with a school tracksuit for when the weather gets colder. Pupils are to come to school dressed in PE kits on their timetabled PE days which are **Wednesday and Friday.**

Year 5 Curriculum

Autumn term:

Science: Space and Soluble Solution

History: The Kingdom of Benin

Geography: Climate Change.

Spring term:

Science: Living Things and Forces

History: Tudors

Geography: North & South America

Summer Term:

Science: Life Cycles and Properties of Materials

History: Crime and Punishment through the ages

Geography: Maps

English:

Grammarsaurus

Maths:

Power Maths

Homework

- Homework is set on a Friday and is due in the following Friday.
- Spelling tests are also completed on a Friday from the list your child has been provided. All six weeks stuck at front of orange book.
- English homework-GPS or comprehension(orange book).
- MyMaths-set on a Friday. Linked to what we have taught that week.
- TTRS-so important! Foundation for lots of maths e.g fractions.
- All logins are in front of reading diary.
- Homework should be completed in pencil.

Reading at home

- Reading books will be sent home from school, please read with your child daily and sign the reading record to work towards the class reading challenge.
- Pupils will be encouraged to choose their own reading book from the library.
- Colour banded books that are appropriate for pupils to read and take into account pupils' understanding of the words they read as well as their ability to decode the text are used to develop the pupils reading skills.
- Please read as much as possible. Reading diaries will be checked and house points awarded to those who have read.

Trips

- This year we have two exciting trips booked so far:
- Lion King (London)
- Residential (Wat Tyler)
- We will provide more information about Wat Tyler in the Spring Term.
- Permission and deposits are all completed via School Money and payment plans are available.
- We are hoping to book in another trip too!

11+

- This is an entrance exam for Southend's grammar schools. It is created by the teachers of SH and WH through the CSSE.
- It should be the 20th September 2025 and if you would like your child to complete the test, you will need to register in May 2025.
- The test is made up of an English paper (comprehension & 2 writing tasks) and a Maths paper.
- The Maths paper is set a standard that is higher than we teach in school.
- The results are normally sent by email in October and a letter follows shortly.
- Should your child do the test? We recommend that if your child is working above expected then they should find this pathway a good challenge for them to apply themselves to.

Secondary School Open Days

- In Year 5, we will organise for your child to visit St Bernard's and St Thomas More for a whole day to experience secondary school.
- There are other schools in our local area that hold open evenings for families to visit.
- Please keep an eye out from May onwards on various school website for the dates.
- You will need to have chosen your child's secondary school by October 2025 once the 11+ results are out.
- Grammar schools, King John and Eastwood all have different entrance exams if you are out of catchment.

Communication

- We communicate with parents via email, phone calls, and texts
- Please make sure you update your information with us and on *School Money* so that you receive all the information you need and so we can contact you when necessary.
- The school website has a wide variety of information:
 - School Newsletter
 - Letters sent home via email
 - Timetables/Forthcoming events

Please make it a priority to check

Wraparound Care

- Our **charges** are currently £4 per hour: this is half price or negotiable for pupils for whom we receive *Pupil Premium* funding.
- **Breakfast club** runs daily from 7.30 to 8.30a.m. It is available to pupils in Reception – Year 6. There is a charge of £4.00. A place needs to be booked online, in advance and payment made at this time. During breakfast club, pupils can have breakfast and participate in activities.
- **‘Tea Club’** runs until 5.30pm and costs £9 per session, at present.
- **After-school clubs** run after school until 4.15 p.m. There is a charge of £25.00 per term to cover the costs of coaching and resourcing, with *reductions for some families**. Clubs need to be booked online and payment made at this time.

Extra – curricular clubs

- Signing up for a club means attending every week. For safeguarding purposes, we do an attendance register every session. Office staff then follow up those who haven't attended, to ensure all pupils are safe. If your child cannot attend for a valid reason, e.g. a medical appointment, please inform the class teacher with a letter. If a child doesn't attend for a two-week period, the place will be lost and passed onto another child. There will be no refund in this case.
- Club charges, of £25.00 per term, are necessary to cover the cost of coaching, staffing and resourcing.

Any questions?

Many thanks for your attendance
this afternoon.