



"Learning together,
learning for life"

AUTUMN TERM 2026

TIMETABLE:

Monday

Homework due in
Reading logs due in

Tuesday:

New homework set

Wednesday:

PE with class
teacher

Thursday:

PE with Mr
Tavender

KEY DATES

w/c 12th Oct -
Reading Café

12.10.26 - London
Science Museum
trip (5A)

13.10.26 - London
Science Museum
trip (5B)

14.10.26 - London
Science Museum
trip (5C)

21.10.26 and
22.10.26 - Parents
Evening

Year 5 Autumn 1 2026 Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope that you had a fantastic summer holidays and the children are refreshed and ready for a fresh start, and new adventures ahead. We are so pleased to welcome the children back!

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Meet our Team

We have three Year Five classes who work very closely together.

Mandela Class



Mrs Hillman
Ms Kislingbury

Nakate Class



Mr Wakeford
Mrs Smith

Tulu Class



Miss Allen (Year
Lead)

At the end of the day, the children will be dismissed from the main hall to the playground at 3.25pm. If you would like your child to walk home on their own, please notify the school office of this arrangement (via email). Similarly, if your child is going home with a friend or someone other than yourselves, please advise the class teacher or the office of this.

How you can help at home

Hearing your child read is one of the most beneficial things you can do. **Please read five times per week** with your child and record your comments about your child's reading in their logs. Even just a few minutes of reading each day can make a big difference. **Please ensure that the reading logs are brought to school every day** as the adults in school will also be listening to your child read weekly and would like to work in partnership with you. If your child is struggling with reading, speak to the class teacher so we can help them find a book they enjoy.

Our Topics

Our Autumn term Geography and History topics are:
'How much does North America change from place to place?'
'How did the Victorians shape Eastleigh?'

English In English this half term, we will be completing a book study of, 'Brother Eagle Sister Sky'. We will be using this to write a descriptive setting. In Guided Reading, we will be studying the traditional tale of Hansel and Gretel. We will be focusing on our reading skills and completing a range of comprehensions based on the book.	Maths We will begin the half term with place value, and then move into the four operations. Children will learn a range of new concepts and continue to build on their mental and written work. Problem solving will focus on the children's creativity and make links with other areas of their learning.	Science Our Science this term is learning about Earth and Space. The children will be learning about the order of the planets and will be designing their own. As part of the topic, we will be visiting the Science Museum in London.
Music The children will be developing their understanding of pitch and duration through our <i>Mastering the Keys!</i> unit. They will learn how music is written using pitched notation and begin to recognise and play notes on a keyboard. Through listening, performing and composing activities, pupils will build confidence in reading simple musical notation and understanding how different notes and rhythms work together to create music.	Geography This term we will start an exciting new topic about North America. We will be studying human geography, focusing on the different countries within the continent and the physical and human features of each area.	History This term, Year 5 will explore how the Victorians helped shape the town of Eastleigh. Children will investigate the impact of the railway, discover how the town grew during the Victorian era, and use a range of historical sources to learn about the lives of people who lived and worked in Eastleigh over 100 years ago.
PE Year 5 will have their PE lessons on Wednesday with their class teacher. We will be focussing on Gymnastics. The children will be taught by Mr Tavender on Thursdays. Please ensure the children have appropriate PE kit for each session.	PSHE Our focus this term is 'Health and Wellbeing'. The children will be discussing balanced lifestyles, choices, health and wellbeing. We will also explore screen time, and consider how to make healthy choices with our diet too.	Computing This term, children will build the essential computing skills needed for learning throughout the year. They will explore how technology has changed over time, learn about computer networks, organise and manage files, use formatting tools and keyboard shortcuts, create hyperlinks, improve their typing skills, and recognise common computer icons and their functions.
	DT In our DT lessons, we will be learning about how to make structures using different materials. We will be designing and making a bird hide, using measuring, cutting and gluing skills.	
RE We will be exploring the concept of worship and describing some of the ways that Christians and Jews worship and pray.		

Mrs Hillman

Mr Wakeford

Miss Allen