



Year 5
Information
for
Parents/Carers

Welcome to the 2025-2026 school year. Our Year 5 children have settled into their new classroom and are now working towards establishing routines for the year ahead.

The information set out in this booklet is about how the class will operate throughout the year.

If you have any questions or queries throughout the year please feel free to ask at any time.

N.B. Don't forget to check out class dojo story for our latest news, photographs and examples of work.

Please see the school website for curriculum information and school policies.

www.valewood.co.uk

Year 5 Staff

Class Teacher – Miss Eglin: Mon-Fri

Teaching Assistants – Mrs Stoddart (a.m.) and Miss Murthwaite (p.m.)

Please feel free to pass on any information to the above staff. There is always someone available at the beginning and at the end of every day.

School Day

Doors open at 8:40am

Registration takes place at 8:45am.

School ends at 3.15pm for all children.

Please be reminded that you are responsible for your children before 8:40am/ handover and also after 3.15pm/ pick up from school. Children need to be supervised by parents/ carers at all times.

Dismissal Procedures

Dismissal at the end of the day will be from the Y5 classroom door. Children will only be handed over to a known adult. If you require another adult/friend to collect your child at the end of the day, a verbal communication at the classroom door will suffice or communication via the school office. However, school cannot accept the say so of another child's parent and your child will not be handed over.

N.B. A password may be required from any adult not known to school.

Attendance & Punctuality

Termly acknowledgements regarding attendance will continue to be issued this year. 97% is our school target. It is important that your child arrives to school on time, as learning starts the moment they step foot in the classroom! If your child is late or needs to be collected for an appointment you will be required to use the electronic signing in/out system located by the school office. If your child's attendance falls below 90% they are classed as a "Persistent Absentee". Attendance concerns are addressed each half term and parents/carers will be notified in writing of this. Please be reminded that request for holidays in term time will not be authorised and it is school policy to issue a local authority fine if the child has 5 days or 10 sessions missed for unauthorised reasons. Any request for "special leave" (extenuating circumstances) must be made on the orange form which can be collected from the school office.

Behaviour

This year the children will continue to receive 'Dojo' points for their behaviour and fabulous work. This system has been a great success over the last few years as both a way of celebrating successes and communicating with parents. I will be available each morning and the year 5 team will be available at the end of the day. Feel free to contact us via the Dojo system and we will respond at our earliest convenience. Dojo is great for minor queries, however, if you have anything that you feel needs discussing in more detail, please contact me via my school email: CEglin.VPS@schools.sefton.gov.uk and/or make an appointment to meet at a suitable time. Please be aware that messages in the evenings and at weekends will not be routinely monitored. Please be reminded that all urgent queries in the school day should go through the office.

Uniform

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct Valewood uniform. Nail varnish, makeup and jewellery are not permitted to be worn in school. Small stud earrings and a small analogue watch are permitted but smart watches are not allowed. Please ensure ALL uniform is named. When the children attend swimming lessons they must do so without any earrings. Staff are unable to take out/put in earrings. This is Crosby Pool's policy and must be adhered to.

Curriculum

The children will continue to receive a broad and balanced curriculum. Termly curriculum guides will show the focus for each subject that will be taught throughout the term. Learning will be periodically revisited throughout the year. Check out the school website or class dojo for information regarding the Year 5 curriculum.

Online Safety

Teaching online safety is an integral part of our curriculum and is referenced in all subjects. Children's use of technology is carefully planned for throughout the week and all school devices are protected by our school firewall.

Use of Technology At Home/Access to Social Media

Children's access and use of technology and social media is the responsibility of the parents/carers at home. Issues arising from the inappropriate use of social media outside of the school day will not be dealt with by school staff.

School Excursions

School excursions and learning outside the classroom (e.g. forest school) are important elements of our curriculum. Parents/carers are welcome to support these days, providing you have a current school volunteer DBS. Please contact the school office to apply. All volunteers must adhere to the school volunteers' code of conduct. *

Learning at Home

Home Reading

Regular home reading gives children an opportunity to practise skills and encourages a love of reading in leisure time. In Year 5, the children will read in a variety of ways, through whole class reading sessions and independent reading activities. Please encourage your child to read **every day** at home as it is proven that home reading has a big impact on a child's reading fluency and accuracy with recalling information. Some children may be given a home/school reading record and, in this case, home reading should be recorded daily. Children can bring their school bags to school, which will be kept in their locker. All children must bring the book they are currently reading into school every day, whether that be a class novel, a book from home or a chosen book from our class library.

Homework tasks

Spellings will be given and quizzed on every Friday. Other homework, when set, will be sent home each Friday to be returned the following Thursday.

Maths challenges will be set on Maths.co.uk and this will be communicated via Dojo.

Spellings

Year 5 spellings will be available via our app – The Spelling Shed. Each child has a login for the website/app where they will be able to practise the relevant spellings for their age. The children will be given a paper copy of the spelling list that we are focussing on each week to bring home. There will be a spelling quiz every Friday.

N.B. It is expected that every child completes the above homework.

P.E.

Swimming will be during the Autumn term every Wednesday morning w.e.f 10/9/25. There will be a PE lesson on Thursday afternoon.

PE kits consist of their house top (school logo and in house colours), blue shorts, white ankle socks (children should not be taking part in PE lessons whilst wearing tights) and trainers.

Children are welcome to bring a PLAIN tracksuit (jacket and jogging bottoms) for the winter months. Please note that children still need their full PE kit on underneath.

If your child fails to bring in a PE kit, you will be reminded that PE is part of the school curriculum and we will provide spare kit so that your child does not miss their lesson.

Extra-curricular Sports Activities

This year the children will continue to take part in additional sport activities outside of PE lessons during the school day. This may be a 'Daily Mile' style activity, team games or simply practising key PE skills. There are also a wealth of extra-curricular sports clubs after school each night. These will be communicated with parents/carers each half-term.

School Meals

If you believe you are eligible for free school meals, linked to your income, it is important that you apply for this as it provides additional funding for your child in school. The form for this application can be collected from the school office. If your child decides to bring a packed lunch then they can bring their lunch in an appropriate lunch box, which will be kept in their locker.

Snacks and Tuck Shop

Children are allowed to bring a sensible snack from home to consume at morning playtime. Fruit and healthy snacks are encouraged. Alternatively, the children can purchase a snack from the class tuck shop at the cost of 40p. If your child requires a tuck shop snack everyday please send them into school with £2.00. Alternatively, they can bring 40p each day however they will need the exact money as no change can be given.

Walking Home Permission/Mobile Phone Consent (Y5 and Y6)

If you wish for your child to be dismissed without an adult present at the end of the day, we must have signed permission on the given form. If you wish for your UKS2 child to collect a younger sibling, without an adult present, this must also be outlined on the form. Similarly, if you wish for your child to have their mobile phone in school, we must have signed permission. Please note, children are not permitted to use their mobile phones until they have left the school premises, completely. Phones will be handed in at registration and locked away in the school office for the day.

Bikes and Scooters

We encourage families to stay active and walk to school, wherever possible. Please remember that children are not permitted to ride their bikes or scooters on the school grounds. Bikes and scooters must be locked up in the bike sheds and are left at your own risk.

Parking – Sherwood Avenue

Please park away from Sherwood Avenue and Sherwood Road, where possible. Please be reminded to park respectfully and not block the driveways of our neighbours.

REMINDERS

Please help us to make sure that your child does not lose any of their clothing by naming all items.

Please ensure that your children arrive at school with all the necessary equipment they need to minimise disruptions to learning.

Please remind your children that scooters/ bicycles etc should not be used on school property and should be locked in the bike sheds.

Children are not permitted to use the playground equipment at drop off or pick up times.

We are looking forward to teaching and supporting your child in Year 5, here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Miss Eglin

Further Meetings

- Parents/carers consultations will be held in October and March.