

ASTON FIELDS MIDDLE **SCHOOL** ***STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE: LEARNING FOR LIFE.***

**YEAR 5
Autumn
2026**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

**Friday 23rd
October - pupils
break up at
3.30pm for half
term**

**Monday 2nd
November -
TE Day**

**Tuesday 3rd
November - pupils
return to school at
08.45am**

**Friday 18th
December - pupils
break up at
3.30pm for the
Christmas holidays**

**Monday 4th
January 2027 –
TE Day**

**Tuesday 5th
January 2027 -
pupils return to
school at 08.45am**

Please Remember:

**Pupils must hand
in their mobile
phone to their
form tutor at the
start of each day.
No other internet
enabled device is
allowed in school.**

Welcome to Year 5!

We hope that you have had a lovely summer break. The return to school for your children has been a huge success – they have clearly enjoyed their first few days of middle school. All of the pupils have made a fantastic start and have amazed us with their manners, eagerness to learn, kindness and resilience in this new chapter of their education. We are very proud of them!

I truly believe that this will be a wonderful year for all our pupils, and we are very much looking forward to watching them grow and develop into caring and hardworking individuals.

It is our hope that your children have a happy and successful time with us, and to help ensure this, it is important that we work together in partnership with you, their parents and carers. We will endeavour to keep you informed of upcoming events as well as celebrate with you your children's successes as the year unfolds. We ask that you help us by informing us of any changes that we need to know about, and we would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your children to speak to an adult they trust, in or out of school, should they have any worries or concerns.

We are very much looking forward to getting to know all of you and working with you to ensure that this is a successful year for Year 5 pupils.

Equipment:

We would like to thank parents and carers for ensuring their children have come to school well-equipped. Pupils need basic stationery with them in school each day. This should include: a pen, pencil, sharpener, rubber, ruler, colouring pencils and a glue stick. A highlighter, whiteboard pen and wired earbuds/headphones would also be useful. As the term and year progresses, we understand that items get misplaced or used up, but we would appreciate your help at home in checking that your child has the correct equipment throughout the year.

Planners:

Pupils have been given their new planner in their house colour. They have already been busy collecting house points for all of their hard work. The planner is important in facilitating communication between home and school. We ask that your child's planner is checked weekly. If you write a message in the planner, please encourage your child to show the relevant member of staff so that communication between home and school remains effective. Please talk to your child about the need to look after their planner and help them to remember to bring it into school each day and treat it as part of their equipment.

Uniform:

All pupils have started their time in Year 5 looking exceptionally smart – thank you! Please can you check that your child's uniform is clearly marked with their full name, including their bag, coat, lunch box, water bottle and pencil case. It is very difficult to reunite items with their owners if this does not happen. Please also note, your child should only come to school in their PE kit on days when they have a PE lesson.

Break time snacks and drinks:

All pupils have a 15-minute morning break during which they can eat a healthy snack bought from home. We encourage pupils to have healthy snacks and request that **no nuts** are brought into school. Snacks are also available at the tuck shop – cash only, please. We understand that staying well hydrated is important for learning; therefore, pupils are allowed to have a water bottle with them in most of their lessons. Pupils need a re-useable water bottle in school each day. There are water stations positioned around the school where pupils can refill their water bottles throughout the school day.

Mobile Phones:

The use of mobile phones in school is completely banned. However, we do understand that some pupils will have them for use during their journey to and from school. These must be turned off and put away before entering the school property and be in a named case. They are then collected, securely stored throughout the day and handed back at 3.30pm. Please be aware that the school cannot take responsibility for any phones that are damaged or lost.

Mrs Weston (Director of Year 5) and the Year 5 Team.