

Year 5 Meeting 2026 - 27

Led by: Miss Alexander



Today we will be covering:

- Staff in the year group
- Topics for this year
- Uniform reminders inc. PE kit
- Homework expectations
- Assessment
- Experiences planned for the year
- Attendance

We will also answer any questions you have.



Staff

In Year 5 the following staff will be working with your child:

Miss R Alexander – 5RA Teacher, Year Lead

Ms F Khan – 5FK Teacher

Miss Gilmore – LSA

Mrs Junaid – LSA

Mr R Long – Sports Lead

Mr B Stevens – Sports Graduate

Mrs S Jeacock – French and HLTA

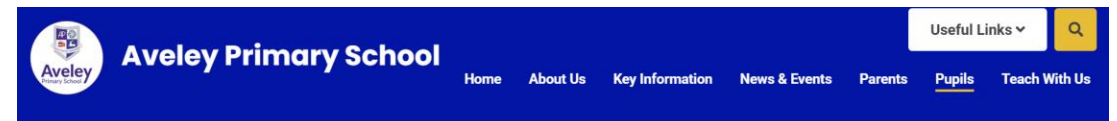
Mrs M Kidney – Pastoral Manager

Ms A Devan – Inclusion Lead



Permissions:

- We share many aspects of our school life through our school website, class pages and newsletters.
- The children enjoy knowing that you can see what they have been doing in class, so please change your permission (on Arbor) for their photo to be on social media, if you feel comfortable to.



History

Autumn 1: British Life and Culture Unit – Influential Monarchs

History

Spring 1: The Romans

History

Summer 1: The Vikings

Geography

Autumn 2: International Studies – The USA

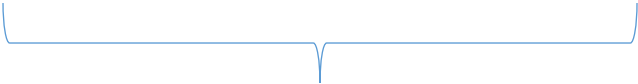
Geography

Spring 2: Climate Control

Geography

Summer 2: Rivers

Physics: Earth and Space	Chemistry: Properties and Changes of Materials	Chemistry: Properties and Changes of Materials	Biology: Living Things and Habitats – Plant Lifecycles	Biology: Living Things and Habitats – Lifecycles	Physics: Forces
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Broad topic which requires more time

Any questions about other subjects?



Uniform

- Grey skirt or pinafore or grey trousers
- Navy jumper, cardigan or sweatshirt (available with school logo)
- White blouse/polo top/shirt
- White or grey socks or tights
- Navy school logo fleece
- Black **shoes**
- Blue gingham (checked) dress in summer

• Please replace branded items with the new logo as children grow out of their clothes.



Uniform continued

PE uniform

- P.E. clothing is a **white t-shirt** and black shorts.
- For outdoors: black, navy or grey jogging bottoms/sweatshirt/tracksuit (not patterned inc. large writing) and black trainers.

All PE kit stays in school in a labelled bag.

Jewellery

- Children may wear a watch to school (*older year groups-not able to receive text messages etc*).
- Only small stud or sleeper earrings are acceptable for children with pierced ears.
- During P.E. lessons we expect your child to remove studs. Ideally your child will not wear earrings on PE days. This is the requirement laid down by the Education Authority.
- No other jewellery is allowed – this includes bands on wrists.

Please encourage your child to leave their mobile phone at home- they cannot be used in the school grounds. If you are collecting them, there is no reason for mobiles to be with them.

All items are brought into school are at your own risk. Therefore, please discourage your child from bringing anything to school that is not needed for their education.



Homework Expectations

- Weekly online homework set via SATs Companion – log-ins to follow
- Daily reading (at least five times per week) of their Oxford Reading Tree (levelled) book or a book for a pleasure. Please comment on your child's reading in their journal.
- Timetables Rockstars – daily until up to 12x12 is learnt.
- Your child will receive their log-ins again in the first/second week.
- Sometimes, extra homework may be set at a teacher's discretion. For example, half-term creative projects.



Year 5 Assessment

- During Year 5, we will begin using Year 5 tests, teacher assessment and past SATs papers to assess your child's progress.
- This is also used to analyse gaps in their learning which can be addressed in following lesson or through intervention.
- We will notify pupils of upcoming assessment weeks – please try your absolute best to ensure their attendance.
- Excellent practice for the challenge of Year 6.



Planned Experiences

Term	Event
Autumn	Mobile Planetarium / Astrodome Civic Hall – <i>Walk Online Road Show</i> Science Museum Tate Modern USA Enrichment Day
Spring	Roman Settlement – Colchester Castle Local Place of Worship RHS Hyde Hall
Summer	Viking Britain Enrichment Day Ingrebourne or Lee River

Please note that all experiences and visits are due to change.

Pupils must be able to demonstrate our core values to attend trips.



Attendance

Percentage	Number of Days in School	Number of Days Missed
100%	190	0
96%	183	7
95%	181	9
90%	171	19

Please see our website for this year's term dates.



Percentage	Days	Value
100% Attendance	0 days missed	Gives your child the best opportunity to make great progress.
95% Attendance	9 days' absence or 1 week and 4 days of missed learning.	
90% Attendance	19 days' absence or 3 weeks and 4 days of missed learning.	Makes it harder to learn and progress. Gaps in learning will be evident.
85% Attendance	29 days' absence or 5 weeks and 4 days of missed learning. Almost one half-term missed.	Will impact your child's progress significantly.
80% attendance	38 days' absence or 7 weeks and 3 days of missed learning.	Seriously impacts your child's learning and development.
75% Attendance	48 days' absence or 9 weeks and 6 days of missed learning.	

If your child has 90% attendance they will miss the equivalent of:
½ day per week
19 days a year
247 days over the 13 statutory years of education or 1 year and 10 weeks.



Punctuality

- School opens at 8:40am. Gates close at 8:55am. All children arriving after 8:55am will be marked late.
- Punctuality is important:
 - we all feel flustered if we are late - children do too.
 - everyone else is already settled and it makes it difficult to join part way through a lesson.
 - missing parts of lessons creates gaps in learning.



Attendance Process

- Children are expected to attend school every day unless they are unwell.
- If they are unwell, it is their parent's responsibility to inform the school by 9am, stating the reason for absence.
- To ensure the safety of all our pupils, if we have not been notified of a reason for absence, we will call you. If we can't make contact, a member of staff will visit your home.
- Due to the reasons outlined in the previous slides- if the child's attendance is not at least 96%, school will contact you so we can work together to improve attendance.
- Please plan routine appointments outside the school day wherever possible.
- The DFE have released new guidance regarding attendance, holidays will continue to be unauthorised and may result in a fine.



Parent Workshops

Over the course of the year, we will be offering a variety of parent workshops and drop-in sessions. These will be on a variety of subjects and topics to help you in supporting your child.

The dates and topics will be published on the newsletter, website and social media channels. Read them!



FREE BREAKFAST CLUB FOR ALL

- FREE for all pupils from 8:30am, with lessons starting as usual at 9:00am.
- Children can enjoy warm toasted bagels, cereal and fruit.
- Breakfast Club takes place in the school hall, with children entering through the KS1 gate.
- Children can enjoy a range of educational activities while eating and getting ready for the school day.
- Booking is essential via Arbor and should be completed at least one week in advance.
- Even if you are unsure whether you will need Breakfast Club, we recommend booking a place just in case.
- Bookings can be made for up to half a term in advance.
- Paid wraparound care from 7:30am will continue to be available for pupils from Reception to Year 6.



Additional Information

- All policies can be found on the school website. Key Information > Policies.
- Any problems or concerns, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance.
- There are many ways we can support children and their families, so if you have any concerns, please let us know.
- Please sure any asthma pumps are brought to the office ASAP.
- If a child has any medical needs, please speak to the office first so an appropriate care plan can be created.

