



# \*Class Name\* Newsletter Autumn 2026



Ms Rouse and Mrs Hynard

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you had an amazing yet relaxing summer and your children are ready for the challenges and exciting learning to come this year in Sycamore class. As the children have now entered Upper Key Stage 2, we will be expecting more from them in terms of behaviour choices, maturity and attitude to learning. It has been a great start so far! There will be many thrilling opportunities across the year as we engage with the learning and we encourage all children to follow the school philosophy of Grow, Believe, Succeed.



## At a Glance

- **School starts:** 8:35–8:40
- **Collection:** 3:15
- **PE days:** Tuesday and Thursday
- **Every day you will need:**
  - Water bottle (labelled)
  - Reading book and reading journal
  - Packed lunch (If needed)
  - Fruit for a breaktime snack (If needed)



## Reading and Home Learning

Regular reading has a significant impact on children's progress, so we encourage children to read as often as possible — ideally more than 5 times each week. This year, we are introducing our new Reading Stars system; full details can be found in your child's reading journal.

We also share a termly home learning activity sheet that includes fun activities and opportunities to extend and build on learning we do in class.

Children should also use Times Tables Rock Stars each week, with parents encouraged to keep an eye on their child's progress and heatmap to see which times tables need further practice.

Weekly spellings will also form part of our home learning. Children should practise these regularly during the week, ready for a short spelling assessment every Monday.

## Drop off and collection



Drop off – between **8.35am and 8.40am**, at the side gate. Children walk through the playground to their classroom. Please try to be on time, because we will be doing phonics at the start of the day.

Collection – at **3.15pm**, from Sycamore classroom or on the Green if permission has been given.

## Year 5 This Term

**Half Term** – 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Inset Day** – 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Year 5 Harvest Festival** – September TBC

**Development Day** – Simon Balle - October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Cross Country** – 23<sup>rd</sup> October – selected Year 5 pupils

**Dare to be different** – October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Term ends** – 18<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm

## Keep in Touch



We are always happy to help with any questions or concerns. For quick queries, please speak to us at the end of the school day. For anything that needs a little more detail, please contact the school office at [Admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Admin@tewincowper.herts.sch.uk), and your message will be passed on to the appropriate member of staff.



## English

Non-chronological reports:  
Monsters  
Narrative: Cloud Tea Monkeys  
Poetry: Where the Poppies Now  
Grow  
Narrative: The Promise  
Biography: Groundbreaking  
Scientists

## Maths

Number and place value  
Multiplication  
Division  
Fractions  
Algebra

## RE

**Hindu – moksha - What spiritual pathways to Moksha are written about in Hindu scriptures?**



## Science

Mixtures and separation  
Properties and changes



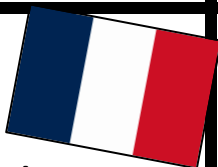
## History

British history 4:  
Were the Vikings raiders, traders or something else?



## Geography

What is life like in the Alps?



## French

Phonetics 3  
Do you have a pet?



## Computing

Systems and networks:  
Search Engines  
Programming music



## Art

Sculpture and 3D: interactive installation



## Design and Technology

Cooking and nutrition:  
Developing a recipe



## Music

Music in nature: Chords and melodies  
Three-chord pop: Playing in a band



## PE

OAA  
Badminton  
Hockey  
Dance