

Year 5/6 Yearly Curriculum Overview 2026-2027

In mixed classes, when subjects are taught in year groups, this is shown below.

Subject	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Religious Education	Creation and Covenant: Moses, God's covenants, the Ten Commandments, virtues, the second Creation story, literary forms, stewardship, original sin, baptism and Christian scientists Prophecy and Promise: the life of David, David's kingship, the Rosary, Old Testament women, Mary and the Magnificat prayer	Galilee to Jerusalem: the Beatitudes, comparisons between Matthew and Luke on Jesus's great commandment, the Transfiguration, the seven petitions of the Our Father, the seven sacraments, the 'I Am' statements Desert to Garden: Ash Wednesday, sin, conscience, the great commandment, the last things, the Resurrection, the Rosary, the Holy Week in John's Gospel, Jesus's actions as love for all his people	To the Ends of the Earth: the gifts of the Holy Spirit; confirmation; the Bible as containing sacred texts from Judaism; the four Gospels and other writings of the Early Church; scripture in Jewish life; showing respect for sacred texts; Jesus as the new Adam; Christians bearing witness to their beliefs; the life of a saint From Dialogue to Encounter: the Bible, Judaism, the Torah, Shema, dialogue in action – Dharmic faiths
English	Daily English lessons focusing on reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation, and writing skills. Handwriting and spelling are taught separately. Spellings are taken from the national curriculum for the year groups. Core text: The Greenling by Levi Penfold	Daily English lessons focusing on reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation, and writing skills. Handwriting and spelling are taught separately. Spellings are taken from the national curriculum for the year groups. Core text: Holes by Louis Sachar	Daily English lessons focusing on reading fluency and comprehension, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation, and writing skills. Handwriting and spelling are taught separately. Spellings are taken from the national curriculum for the year groups. Core text: The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes
	Key terminology for Y5: modal verb, relative pronoun, relative clause, parenthesis, bracket, dash, cohesion, ambiguity Key terminology for Y6: subject, object, active, passive, synonym, antonym, ellipsis, colon, semi-colon, hyphen Sentence structure focus for Y5: use simple and compound sentences; write complex sentences; cause and effect conjunctions; time-related conjunctions; conjunctive adverbs in non-narrative; direct speech punctuation Sentence structure focus for Y6: revise simple, compound and complex sentences; cause and effect conjunctions; time-related conjunctions; conjunctive adverbs in non-narrative; direct speech punctuation; conveying character through dialogue Editing focus for Y5: comma to separate clauses, precise nouns, fronted adverbial phrases, apostrophes Editing focus for Y6: commas to separate clauses, semi-colons and colons to separate clauses, precise nouns, relative clauses, parenthesis, fronted adverbial phrases		
Mathematics	Year 5 and Year 6 are taught separately. Daily maths lessons and fluency sessions to consolidate retrieval of key number facts, particularly multiplicative facts and reasoning.	Year 5 and Year 6 are taught separately. Daily maths lessons and fluency sessions to consolidate retrieval of key number facts, particularly multiplicative facts and reasoning.	Year 5 and Year 6 are taught separately. Daily maths lessons and fluency sessions to consolidate retrieval of key number facts, particularly multiplicative facts and reasoning.

	Year 5: place value, calculations and fractions Year 6: place value, calculations, fractions, decimals and percentages	Year 5: calculations, fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter and area, statistics Year 6: ratio and proportion; algebra; fractions; decimals and percentages; area, perimeter and volume; statistics	Year 5: shape, position and direction, decimals, negative numbers, converting units of measurement, volume Year 6: shape, position and direction, statistics
Science	Forces: gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction; mechanisms such as gears, levers and pulleys	Electricity: constructing circuits, functions of components, circuit diagrams Living Things and their Habitats: life cycles, reproduction, classification	Animals including Humans: circulatory system; impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle; transport of nutrients and water in animals including humans
Computing and Online Safety	Creating websites Online safety: SMART rules and staying safe on social media	Variables Spreadsheets Online safety: life online	Using microbits Online safety: cybersecurity
Physical Education and Sport	Fundamental movements/team games Around the world/international sports Cheerdance	Net sports Racquet sports	Athletics Striking and fielding
History and Geography	Geography: the Amazon rainforest History: the Ancient Maya		History: World War 2 in Britain and the Sheffield Blitz Geography: population change
Personal, Social and Health Education	Me, my body, my health Emotional wellbeing	Life cycles Personal relationships Life online: keeping safe online	Keeping safe Living in the wider world
Art / D&T (alternative half terms)	Art: drawing – expressing emotion and movement DT: gears and levers	Art: painting and mixed media – expressive portraits DT: primary electronics	Art: sculpture and 3D – interactive installation DT: eating seasonally
Music / Spanish (alternate weeks)	Music: why we sing; introduction to songwriting Spanish: dates	Music: play percussion Spanish: pets	Music: play percussion Spanish: the weather