

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 5!

I'm excited to begin working with your children this year and look forward to getting to know each of them as we embark on a rewarding and engaging 2025–2026 school year together.

Please note the following information for classroom routines and organisation this school year.

### **P.E DAYS**

P.E will take place on **Wednesdays and Fridays** this term. Our Friday lessons will be swimming which will begin on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**. Each child is required to come to school wearing their P.E uniform for the whole day. Please ensure your child follows the school uniform guidelines and wears the appropriate uniform, socks and shoes. We kindly request that each item is labelled with your child's name so that any missing items can easily be returned.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework plays an important role in supporting your child's learning. It gives them a chance to practise and build on what they've been learning in school, as well as share that learning with you at home. It's also a great way for children to start developing independence and learn how to manage their time — skills that will help them not just this year, but well into the future.

- Homework will be given to pupils **every Monday** and will be **due the following Monday**
- Each child is expected to complete daily reading (explained below)
- Homework tasks are intended to take no longer than one hour each week (excluding daily reading) and will be a combination of work related to our in-term topic set as a project, spelling practice and an English and/or maths activity.

### **Reading**

Reading at home is vital and greatly impacts your child's school success. Each child is expected to read at home daily for 20-30 minutes, building in time to discuss what they have read with an adult to demonstrate understanding. If your child is a confident reader they should read independently before discussing what they have read with an adult and if they are a developing reader they should read to an adult before talking about the text. This is an important habit to build into your routine at home.

All pupils have a yellow reading record which should be used to record parent/child/staff comments. School reading books that are taken home should be logged in the class reading record and in the pupils' yellow reading record. Books should be returned to school before a new one can be sent home.

## **Spelling**

Each week your child will receive new spelling words to learn at home. In addition, they will also be asked to complete one activity from their laminated 'spelling menu'.

## **Timetables**

A quick recall of timetable and division facts will be beneficial for your child in Mathematics and is also an essential skill for everyday life. Children should revise these daily to improve their speed and accuracy of these number facts.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

Please ensure the office is kept up to date with any changes to your contact details, mobile phone, medical details etc. You can call or email the school office with any necessary information. I am looking forward to teaching your child again this year and helping them to grow into confident and independent learners. Please don't hesitate to contact me or make an appointment at the office to discuss any questions or queries you may have. I can be contacted directly via the school email address: ([office@stbarnabasprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@stbarnabasprimary.org.uk))

With warm regards,

**Mr Fernandez**