

# William Murdoch Primary School

## Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

### Year 5 Staff

Y5.1 - Mr R Dempsey  
Y5.2 - Mr M Slinn (Team Leader)  
Y5.3 - Miss T Bharth  
Year 5 Support Staff  
Mrs S Gaddu

### Holidays

#### **Half-Term**

Thursday 23 October 2025

#### **Return to School**

Monday 3 November 2025

#### **End of Term**

Friday 19 December 2025

#### **Return to School**

Tuesday 6 January 2026

### Key Events

#### **Staff Training Days**

Monday 1 & Tuesday 2  
September 2025

Friday 24 October 2025

Monday 5 January 2026

#### **School Photographs**

Tuesday 30 September 2025

#### **Parents' Evening**

Wednesday 8 October 2025

### Festival Assemblies

#### **Year 4 - Diwali**

Thursday 23 October 2025

#### **Year 2 - Guru Nanak's Birthday**

Friday 7 November 2025

#### **Year 3 - Christmas**

Friday 19 December 2025

#### **Nursery - Nativity**

Tuesday 9 December 2025

Nursery AM at 9.00am

Nursery PM at 2.15pm

### **Year 5 Good Work Assemblies**

Friday 19 September 2025 (2.50pm)

Friday 28 November 2025 (2.50pm)

### **Year 5 Class Assemblies**

Y5.2 - Winston Churchill

Friday 17 October 2025 (2.50pm)

Y5.3 - Anti Bullying

Friday 21 November 2025 (2.50pm)

Y5.1 - Road Safety

Friday 5 December 2025 (2.50pm)

### Welcome

Welcome to the new academic year at William Murdoch Primary School. In order to strengthen the home/school partnership, this newsletter aims to inform you of the topics being covered by your child this term and of any special events taking place.

### Maths

Place Value  
Addition & Subtraction  
Multiplication & Division  
Fractions

### English

Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo  
Third person recounts of events in  
Kensuke's Kingdom

### Science

The Human Body  
Materials

### Geography

Spatial Sense  
Mountains

### History

Baghdad c.900 CE  
The Early British Empire

### Art

Style  
Islamic Art

### Computing

Computing Systems & Networks  
Creating Media

### Modern Foreign Language

Latin

### RE

Sikhism  
Christianity

### PHSE

Being Me in My World  
Celebrating Difference

### PE

Hockey  
Football  
Touch Rugby  
Netball

### PE

Y5.1 - Thursday  
Y5.2 - Thursday  
Y5.3 - Monday

### Swimming

Y5.1 - Monday  
Y5.2 - Tuesday  
Y5.3 - Thursday

### Project Topic for this Term

Ancient Rome

### Homework

Maths, English, Spellings and Science homework will be given out between Monday and Thursday depending on the class timetable.

Homework related to Knowledge Organisers will be posted on Class Dojo on Fridays.

Children should be reading 20 minutes daily to an adult. Comments should then be left in their reading journals.

### Trips

Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha  
Gurdwara  
Date TBC

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