

Welcome to Year 5



Thomas A Becket Junior School
2026 - 2027



The Year 5 Team



Mrs Linford

Mrs Wise, Mrs Saunders

Mr Cotten

Headteacher

Deputy Headteachers

Assistant Headteacher

Mr Potter

5HP (Year Leader)

Ms Found

5CF

Miss Langford/ Miss Haines

5LN

Miss Terelinck

5CT

Mrs Micaiah

5RM

Mr Watson

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The Year 5 Team



The Year Five Teachers



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Miss Langford



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5CT



Mr Watson
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Learning Support Assistants

Mrs Stainthorpe **5HP**

Mrs Convery **5RM**

Mrs Hosier **5CF**

Ms Robbins **5CT**

Miss Watts **5RW**

Miss Sargent **5RW**

Miss London **5LH**

Mrs Agius **5LH**



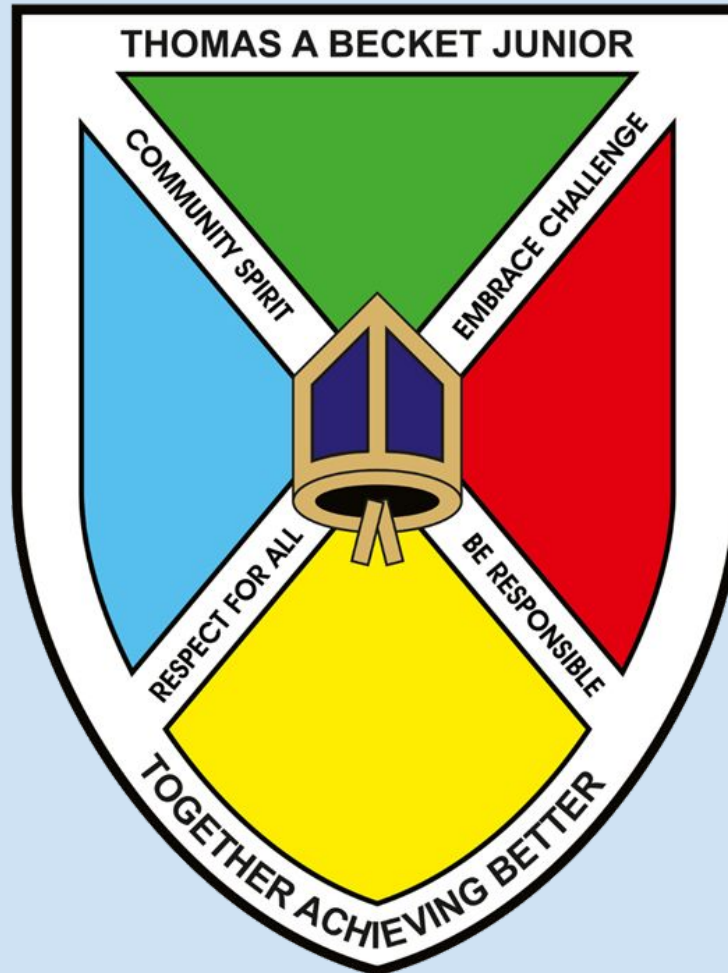
The TAB Way

Community Spirit

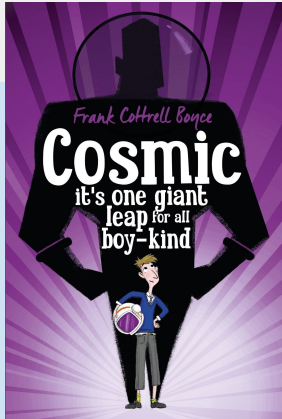
Being Responsible

Embracing Challenge

Showing respect



Year 5 Topics



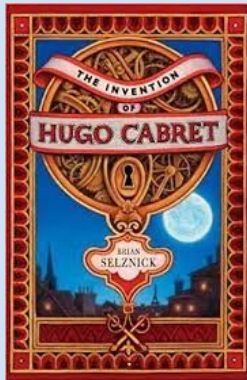
Autumn Term: Raiders and Settlers

Saxons and Vikings

Forces



Arthur and the Golden Rope/The Invention of Hugo Cabret

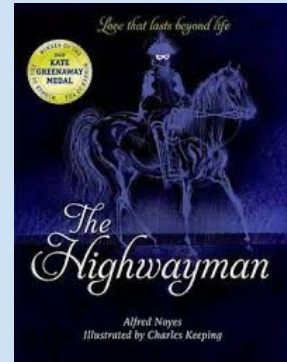


Spring Term: To the Mayans and Beyond...

Space

The Highwayman

Mayans



Summer Term: Changing the World

South America / Amazon

Climate Change

Tribes

Graffiti Art



Enrichment

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Raiders and Settlers	To the Mayans and Beyond...	Changing the World
• Jedi day • Artefacts from a local museum • Butser farm trip (Anglo-Saxon focus) • Christingle Service • Open afternoon	• Planetarium trip • Mayan exhibition (open afternoon) • Clay mask making	• Healthy eating cooking • Highdown trip • Top-up swimming • RE visit to a local church • Open morning

Enrichment throughout the year:

- Swimming
- Forest School
- Clubs
- Sports events
- Wheels-Up! training



Curriculum



- The children will follow the National Curriculum in their learning.
- The children will have daily maths lesson with one lesson a week will with an arithmetic focus. As in previous years, the children will be grouped for maths.
- In addition, there will be a daily English lesson (writing, reading, GPS, spellings).
- They will have lessons in science, humanities, PE, art, computing, French and music across the week. Music is specialist taught and (in most cases) so is indoor P.E.
- PSHE, RSHE and wellbeing are taught explicitly but also interwoven within the curriculum.
- The children will have two P.E. sessions a week (one indoor and one outdoor). The days for this are published on the autumn term letter.
- They will have forest school twice per term (see letters and GC for dates).



Smartphone & Smartwatch Free



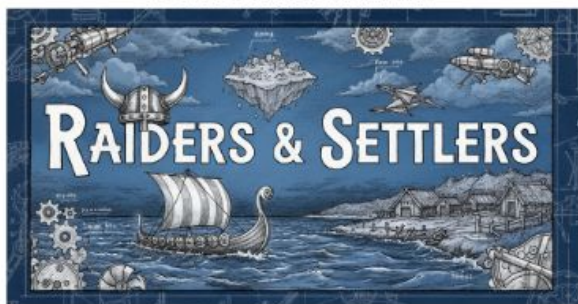
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Key Information



Y5 Autumn Term 2026



Term Dates: **Thursday 3rd September - Friday 18th December 2026**

Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026

INSET Days: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September

Year 5 Teaching Staff: Mr Potter (5HP and Year Leader), Mrs Found (5CF), Mrs Micaiah (5RM), Miss Terelinck (5CT) Mr Watson (5RW), Miss Langford and Miss Haines (5LH).

Y5 Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Stainthorpe, Mrs Hosier, Mrs Convery, Mrs Robbins, Miss Watts, Mrs Sargent, Miss London, Mrs Agius.

Other Y5 Staff: Miss Percy (PE) and Mrs Dodd (music).

We are looking forward to beginning our autumn term with the **TAB Way Week**, in which we will be focusing on understanding and applying the TAB values while getting settled into a new year. On the first day of term, pupils will be met on the playground and shown the way to their new classrooms. After this, they will walk around to their classrooms independently. We will be enjoying **Jedi Day** during this week. Please see the termly enrichment letter for further details.



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Monday 20th July 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 5 Autumn Term Enrichment

We hope that your children had a wonderful time last week on Transfer Day and that they are looking forward to starting year 5 in September. We are looking forward to getting to know them better too! For the coming term, the year 5 team have planned and incorporated a number of enrichment opportunities into the curriculum. We hope that these opportunities will bring the learning to life for the children and immerse them into our topics. Please see below for further information.

Year 5 Swimming

We will be teaching swimming to one class at a time, for a period of eight lessons each at Splashpoint Leisure Centre in Worthing. This is part of the national curriculum for PE and a fantastic opportunity for all pupils, regardless of their current experience.



WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA



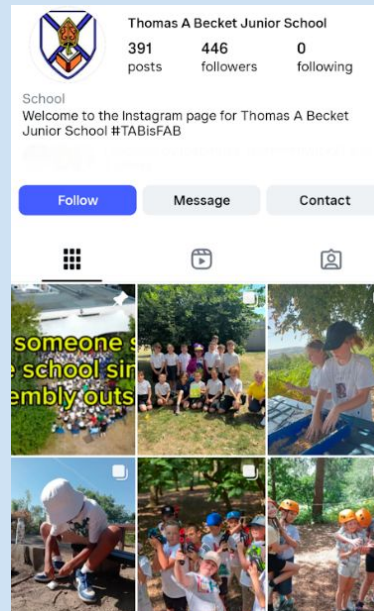
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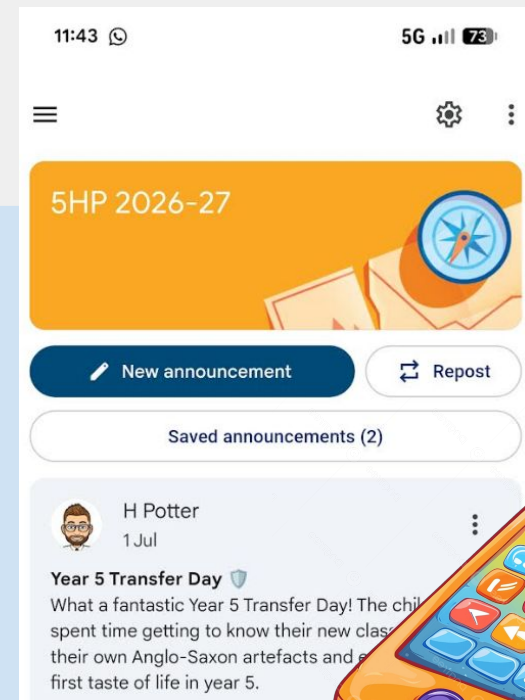
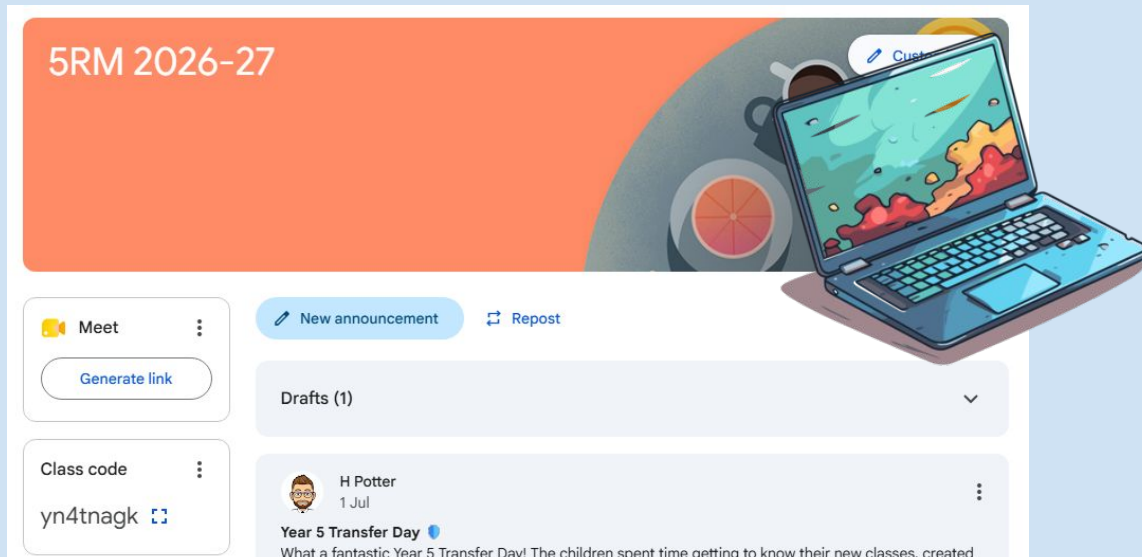
Posts About Photos Reels More ▼



For a more detailed overview of our year 5 curriculum and other information about clubs, staffing and wellbeing (and more) please take a look at our website.

To stay up to date with more goings on, follow us on social media.

Google Classroom



This year, we will continue to post weekly on Google Classroom. It is essential that you familiarise yourself and feel confident logging on to your child's Google Classroom page.

All pupils will know how to use the page during school time and login details will be sent home this term, please ask them to demonstrate this to you at home.

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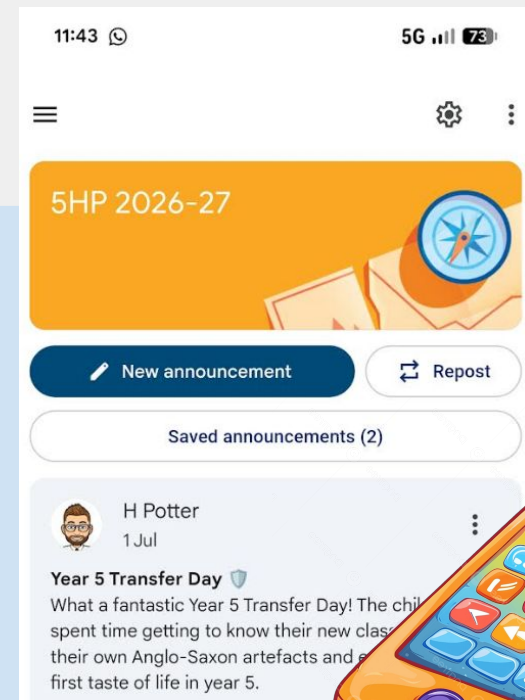
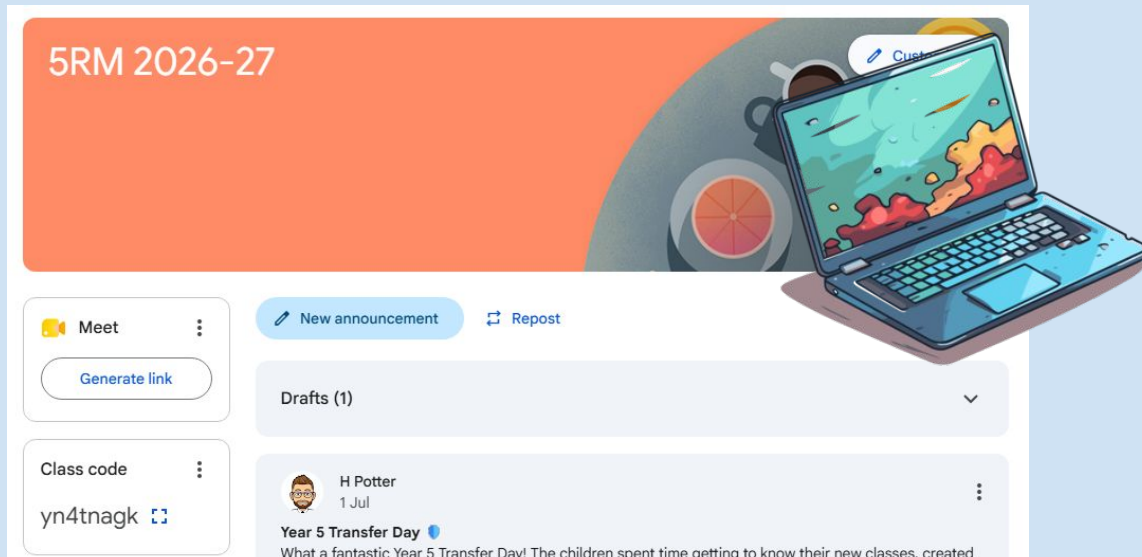
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Home Learning

- The children will need to make sure homework is handed in on time.
- There will be a piece of maths a week including Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS).
- The children are expected to read for 10 minutes a night.
- Reading homework will be set fortnightly (see GC stream).
- There will be fortnightly spellings issued to learn in class and at home. Children are tested on them at the end of each fortnightly cycle.



Please do as much as you can to support your child in completing their homework. For example, having a space to do it, support them as needed and help to organise them into a routine.

If this is difficult, please contact your child's class teacher and they will be more than happy to support.



Reading Homework

In year 5, it is incredibly important for children to be reading at least 5 times a week, but we will not be expecting for this to be recorded for us to check.



Instead, each child will have a reading journal where they can reflect on their reading creatively. There will be opportunities for the children to add to their reading journals at school and we will be setting them fortnightly activities to complete in the journals, but the activities are not exhaustive and they are free to use their journals in any additional way they choose.

Each week, we will have a Beyond the Book session in class when the children will share their reading homework with their teacher and other members of the class. The homework will be set on Google Classroom, but is to be completed in their reading journals.



Equipment

Children should ensure equipment is in school every day and replaced when necessary
Our stationery shop sells the equipment they need for **cost** prices.

They need to have:

A clear pencil case (this was provided to them in Y3).

A 30cm ruler

Two blue handwriting pens

A green pen

Two HB pencils

Two whiteboard pens

We would recommend they also have a small set of coloured pencils, a rubber and a glue stick.

- The children can have bottles in class containing only plain water but these must have non spill lids/spouts.
- Healthy snacks only for break times.
- They will need to wear their PE kit into school each PE day (twice a week). If they do any sporting clubs after school on a non PE day, the children must bring their PE kit to change into.



Uniform



Skirt: Grey or black knee-length, plain material reasonable length.

Summer dress: Royal blue/white candy stripe or checked dress.

Trousers: Grey or Black formal trousers or shorts in plain material.

Shirt: Plain white collared t-shirt (preferably with school logo). All shirts should be tucked properly into trousers/skirts.

Sweatshirt/cardigan: Royal blue 'Thomas A Becket Junior School' sweatshirt

Tights: Black, navy, dark grey or neutral shades.

Socks: Plain black, navy, dark grey only.

Footwear: Sensible black flat footwear. Backless shoes, open-toes or high heels are not safe or appropriate.

PE: Community T-shirt; Royal blue or black shorts; white socks; trainers/plimsolls

Hair: tied back (if touching the shoulders or covering the face)

Jewellery: studs only (covered or removed in PE)

No makeup or nail varnish.



Attendance



EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS! Why Attendance Matters for Your Child's Future

PRIMARY SCHOOL IMPACT

THE ATTENDANCE BOOST IN YEAR 6



Children who attend school **nearly every day in Year 6** (95%–100% attendance) have **30% higher odds** of reaching **expected standards** in reading, writing, and maths compared to pupils who miss just a bit more (90%–95% attendance).

EVERY DAY REALLY MATTERS



The latest data shows that even a few days of missed school can have a significant, compounding impact on a child's early education and future prospects.

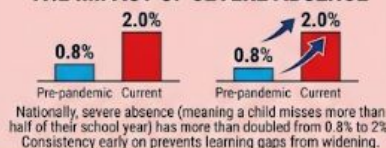
UNDERSTANDING RISKS

WHAT IS "PERSISTENT ABSENCE"?



Missing more than 10% of school days labels a child as "persistently absent." Across the country, the number of pupils falling into this category has nearly doubled since the pandemic. Keeping regular routines helps avoid this trap!

THE IMPACT OF SEVERE ABSENCE



LONG-TERM LIFE OUTCOMES

Attendance habits built in primary school carry into secondary school. Department for Education data shows that missing school heavily can eventually impact career success, reducing future earnings significantly.



PARENT ACTIONS & SUPPORT

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP



Action point: Only keep your child home when they are genuinely too ill to attend. Please book all medical appointments and holidays outside of school hours whenever possible.

WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU



Action point: If your child is facing barriers to attending—whether due to health, special educational needs (SEND), or anxiety—talk to us. We want to have compassionate, supportive discussions to tailor help directly to your family's needs.

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Absence and Attendance

At Thomas A Becket Junior School we believe good attendance and punctuality are crucial to children's learning and are vitally important in ensuring the best possible progress and achievement. Good punctuality ensures that children are ready and willing to learn. Regular attendance also improves children's social skills and raises their self-esteem.

Is my child too ill for school?

We know that as a parent it can be difficult to know whether or not your child is well enough for school. The DfE has shared a useful link from the NHS that can be helpful in knowing if your child should attend school or not with so many different childhood illnesses <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

What to do if your child is absent from school

Parents are responsible for informing the school of any absence. This must be on the first day of absence, ideally before 9:00am (and each subsequent day of absence) and advise school when they are expected to return.

Please telephone the school (01903 202268 or 206127) and speak to a member of staff, or leave a message on the school's answering service (extension 1) stating the nature of the illness and when the

Key Info

- Ofsted
- School Performance
- Admissions
- Absence and Attendance
- Policies
- Pupil Premium
- Special Educational Needs & Disabilities
- PE and School Sport Premium
- Equality Objectives
- RSHE at TAB Junior & TAB Infant
- Safeguarding
- Young Carers



Communities



Amberley - red
Lewes - yellow



Bramber (green)
Hastings (blue)



Recognition - The TAB Way!

- Verbal praise
- Positive feedback
- Community stars
- Learning certificates
- Vision and values certificate
- Recognition boards
- 'Over and Above' award



Daily Routines

Children should arrive at school from 8:25am (gates open at 8:20) and walk sensibly around to the back of the school and straight to their classrooms.

The register is taken at **8:45am promptly.**

Breaktime - 10-10:15am

Lunchtime - 12-12:45pm

Children leave via the entrance by the side of the hall at 3pm



Email Protocols

- *Teacher Contact Hours: Available between 08:00 and 17:30 on school days (outside of teaching hours).*
- *Response Time: We aim to reply within 24–48 working hours. If a matter requires further investigation, we will acknowledge receipt first.*
- *Staff Well-being: To support our team, teachers do not respond to emails after 17:30 or over weekends.*
- *Teaching & Pastoral Queries: Please email your child's teacher directly.*
- *Absences, Medical & Admin (including lost property): Please email the school office instead at office@thomasabecketjunior.org.uk.*



Thank you!

Any questions?



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