



St Richard's CE Primary School

Spring term 2026 – First Half



Year 5 Pine Class – January 2026

Dear Class Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year!! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break. As we move into lighter days and (hopefully) warmer weather, we have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead, filled with learning and creativity

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr Tom Chapman

Dates for your diary:

Spring 1:

w/c 12th January – Clubs start

4th February – Languages Day

6th February – Number Day

w/c 9th February - Assessment week

10th February – Safer Internet Day

11th February – Y5 visit the National Archives

(please let me know if you would be available to help with this trip)

13th February – Last day of half term

Spring 2:

27th February – Cricket session in school

5th March – Trip to London Eye and Thames River Cruise

6th March – World Book Day

10th and 12th March – Learning Conversations

WB 16th March – Last week of swimming and clubs

Homework:

Starting Friday 16th January

- SPAG.com set on Friday due for following Friday
- EDshed – Set on Friday for a test the following Friday.
- Maths.co.uk – Set on a Friday due for following Friday
- Creative homework – 1 per week expected to be handed in – see Creative homework bulletin

What we are learning about this half term:

English: We will be reading -

Robot Girl *and* Sleeper and the Spindle

Maths:

Fractions

Decimals and Percentages

RE:

Buddhism

TOPIC:

Science: Living things and their habitats

History: Crime and Punishment

Computing: Digital Safety and programming

Music: Looping and Remixing

PE: Dance

Uniform Reminder

Please ensure children wear full school uniform each day.

No jewellery is permitted for health and safety reasons.

Long hair should be tied back and shoes must be appropriate for school activities.

Thank you for your support!

How you can help your child at home:

Please practice:

- Times tables
- And spelling with your children when they are set.

Reading:

Children should be reading for at least 10 minutes every day and you should aim to hear to listen to them read to you at least once per week.



Footwear:

We try to allow the children to use all the school grounds throughout the year. However, to go onto the field the children do need a change of shoes which they can keep in their box in the link.

Children still have the option to wear slippers inside as long as they have a rubber base. Alternatively, they just wear their black school shoes. Outside on the field either football boots or trainers can be worn.

Please remember we are a nut free school, so please ensure your child has a nut-free snack for breaktimes

Parent/adult helpers

If you would be interested in helping out on any trips this year, please email me at tchapman@srsa.richmond.sch.uk

Summary: Swimming / PE day etc

Wednesday: Swimming

Thursday: PE – children to wear PE kits to school

Staff in class:

- Mr. Chapman
- Ms. K
- Mrs. Hollingdale – Mon-Thur AM
- Mr. D – Friday AM

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This half term, we're continuing to focus on helping the children to develop greater independence in their learning. Encouraging them to take responsibility for their own belongings, make choices, and stay organised will help them build confidence and important life skills both in and out of the classroom.

We would also like to support the children in establishing a regular homework routine at home. Setting aside a consistent time and a quiet space for homework can make a real difference to their focus and progress. Your encouragement and praise go a long way in helping them take pride in their efforts and become more self-motivated learners.

