

What is *new* and *different* in Year 5?

September 2023

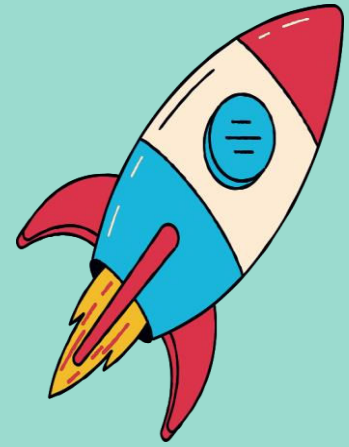
Meet the Year 5 team

Mrs Hope - Sycamore Class

Miss Williams - Sycamore Class (Every Tuesday)

Mrs Simmons - Beech Class

OUR VISION



**Dashwood Banbury
Academy**
an Aspirations Academy

OUR VISION

- 🔗 **Inspire, motivate and encourage** everyone to dream big, be creative and become **lifelong learners**
- 🔗 Create a **safe** place where people **take risks**, make the **right choices** and **challenge** themselves to improve
- 🔗 Ensure we have **high expectations and aspirations** for all
- 🔗 Offer **opportunities** to experience the world, **communicate**, build friendships and create a **brighter future**
- 🔗 Develop a culture of **respect, integrity and compassion**
- 🔗 Equip pupils to be **resilient, confident, self-assured** young people who are ready for what their future holds in an ever-evolving world
- 🔗 **Believe in inclusion** ensuring the **community** works together in **unity**

OUR VALUES

Self-worth

🔗 **Belonging** / consideration 🔗 **Heroes** / respect 🔗 **Sense of Accomplishment** / pride

Engagement

🔗 **Fun and Excitement** / motivation 🔗 **Curiosity and Creativity** / imagination 🔗 **Spirit of Adventure** / bravery

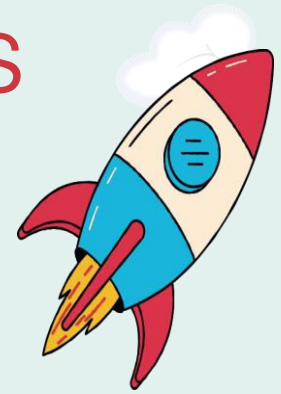
Purpose

🔗 **Leadership and Responsibility** / trust 🔗 **Confidence to Take Action** / resilience

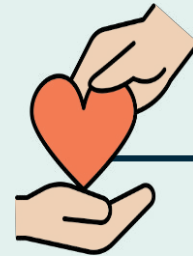
OUR MISSION

GROWING TOGETHER; SUCCEEDING TOGETHER

CLEAR VISION UNDERPINNED BY A SET OF STRONG GUIDING PRINCIPLES



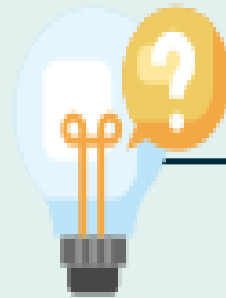
SELF-WORTH



BELONGING
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SENSE OF
ACCOMPLISHMENT



ENGAGEMENT



FUN & EXCITEMENT
CURIOSITY & CREATIVITY
SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE



PURPOSE



LEADERSHIP &
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CONFIDENCE TO TAKE
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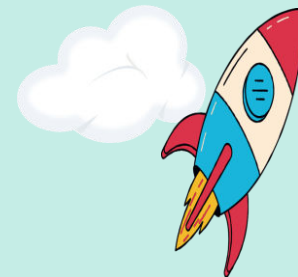
Self-Worth



Self-Worth flourishes when students and staff know they are valued members of the school community, have people in their lives they can trust and learn from, believe they have the ability to achieve, and know their efforts and hard work are recognized and celebrated in a variety of ways—academically, personally, and socially.



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Self-Worth

- Mentoring Programme
- Range of rewards to recognise effort and hard work
- Achievements celebrated on social media
- Staff wellbeing
- Inter-School events
- Pastoral support
- Anti-bullying Ambassadors
- Links with the local community
- Student Voice
- Drawing and Talking
- Effective transition procedures



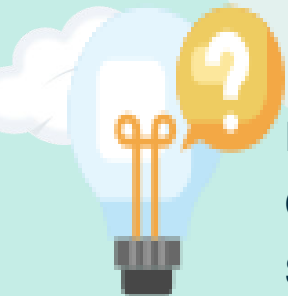
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Engagement



Engagement takes root when schools ensure that students and staff are deeply involved in the learning process, showing enthusiasm and a desire to learn new things, as well as a willingness to take positive, healthy steps toward the future.



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Engagement

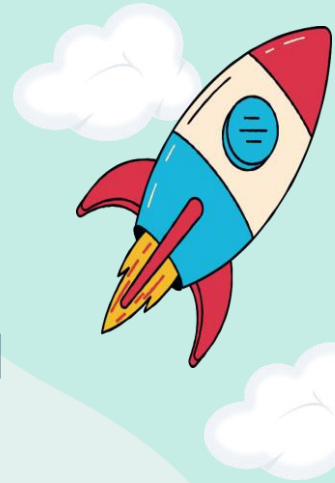


- Exceptional enrichment programme
- Trips throughout the academic year
- ATL curriculum
- STEM
- Staff are encouraged to promote questioning, problem solving, innovation, and creative exploration within their lessons.
- Broad and balanced curriculum
- Regular sporting fixtures
- Student achievements celebrated on social media
- Arts award
- Community Events



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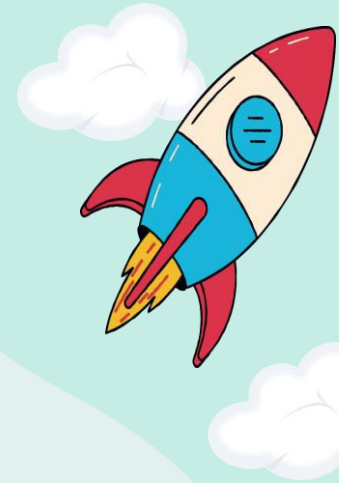


Purpose in school is fostered when students and staff take responsibility for who and what they want to become, both in terms of professional careers and by being confident, responsible members of their community.



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- High standards and expectations
- * Student Leadership Team
- Aspirations Academy Council
- Sports Leadership Team
- Eco Warrior team
- Anti-Bullying Ambassadors
- Race Equality Group
- Employability skills thread through the curriculum



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Routines

- For drop off and pick ups, **8.45 - 3.15**
- Most morning sessions consists of a grammar/spelling/reading sessions, literacy and maths lessons.
- **Lunch is 12.45 – 1.30.**
- If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure this is healthy. Only 1 piece of chocolate or crisps in lunch boxes please and no 'grab bag'/large packets. **No fizzy or energy drinks in school at all.**
- Break time snack is **healthy** snacks only: no cakes, biscuits, crisps or chocolate. Great options are: piece of fruit/pots of grapes etc, rice cakes etc.
- Only water is to be drunk in class. No squashes, fruit juices or fizzy in class please. Pupils may keep their water bottle on their desk; it is important to stay hydrated.
- We are a **nut free school**. This includes no peanut butter, Nutella/chocolate spread or snacks consisting of nuts.
- The afternoon sessions include creative curriculum (topic) work, Spanish, computing or Physical Education.
- At the end of the day: Please wait outside your child's classroom for their names to be called. **Please do not enter the cloakroom areas.** This helps us to keep all the children safe.
- Newsletters come out termly and will be on the website under our class pages unless you have requested a paper copy from the office.

PE



- PE: Outdoor PE is on a **Thursday**, Indoor PE on a **Tuesday** and swimming is on **Wednesday** for both classes. We will let you know in advance when this will start.
- Your child must wear black shorts/joggers and a white T-shirt/black sweater. Please ensure your child has supportive sports trainers and not converse style fashion shoes.
- We suggest they keep their PE kits in all week and are washed regularly.
- Pupils need to ensure they are not wearing any jewellery on PE days: this includes earrings.
- For swimming boys will need sports style trunks and girls a one piece swimming costume. Everyone needs to have a swimming hat and towel.
- We will have the opportunity to do **Forest School** at points in the year - children will need a set of clothes which can get muddy including wellington boots.

Homework

- Homework will be issued via Seesaw every Friday and is due in on a Thursday. There will be maths, literacy and spelling activities each week that support the learning we complete in class.
- We will also be continuing the use of the *Times Table Rock Stars* that your child was used to in Year 4.
- Lexia has proved a fantastic resource for improving reading across the school. Your child will still be able to access their Lexia account using the same password as last year.
- Homework projects will be given out three times a year corresponding to the longer school holidays.
- The first project is due in on the Friday 15th September 2022.

Academic Expectations

- Pupils are expected to write neatly **at all times** including in their homework books.
- In maths, pupils will be continuing to use White Rose Maths to develop a sound knowledge and application of place value and fractions.
- In literacy, pupils will be expected to write their own stories at length by the end of the year using core vocabulary and exciting ideas.
- Class novels, as well as key books, will be used on a termly basis to develop reading skills.
- Accelerated Reader will help your child progress in their reading, whatever stage they are at. We will continue with the use of Lexia and pupils will have a log-in that you can use at home.

Internet Safety

Please make sure that you are checking what your child is accessing on the internet.

Concerns we have had:

- Children having their own YouTube accounts- they need to be 13+ to have one!
- Watching video games and DVDs that are inappropriate
- Playing inappropriate games – Fortnite (inappropriate and addictive)
- Accessing social media sites e.g Snapchat and Tiktok
- Sending photos of themselves in school uniform to people they do not know
- Sending nasty messages to each other –cyber bullying
- Length of time that is spent in front of screens.

There are many sources of helpful information to help support you at home to ensure that your child stays safe:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Educational Visits and Experiences

Greatworth Hall Farm Visits

Greatworth Hall Farm is our partner farm, and each class will have one visit to the farm. A separate letter will follow.

Space Studio

Children will visit space studio and engage in a KS3 science lessons, which we hope to start up later this year. This is a free-of-charge opportunity and we travel to and from Wykham Park in our school minibus.

Black Country Living Museum

To support our Victorian Topic this year we will be taking Year 5 to the Black Country Living Museum. A separate letter will follow about this trip.

A healthy balanced diet - it matters because...

We care about all of our pupils' health and want to work with parents, carers and families to educate our pupils to form healthy habits now that they can take into their future. The **NHS** advises following:

- **The effects of too much sugar**
- Too much sugar is bad for children's health as it can lead to the build-up of harmful fat on the inside that we cannot see.
- This fat can cause weight gain and serious diseases like type 2 diabetes, heart disease and some cancers.
- Having too much sugar can also lead to painful tooth decay - every 10 minutes, a child in England has a tooth removed in hospital.

Let's all work together
to give children the
best possible start to
their lives.

Using NHS advice, we
ask that you support us
with the following:

The NHS recommends that a healthier lunchbox should include:

Starchy carbohydrates that keep your child feeling fuller for longer (wholemeal bread, pasta, potatoes, rice). **Top Tip:** If your child does not like wholemeal bread, try making a sandwich from one slice of white and one slice of wholegrain to get them used to it. Please ensure sandwich filling are also low sugar - no chocolate spread please.

Make healthy swaps to cut down on crisps, chocolate and fruit bars that are high in refined sugar. Find out more about healthier snack swaps at <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>

Only **ONE** small treat should be included in lunchboxes if absolutely necessary. No 'grab bag' crisps or extra-large sized chocolate should be included. A portion of fruit or a low-sugar yoghurt are much healthier choices. Calories should be under 100 calories.

Include at least one portion of vegetables or salad: cherry tomatoes, cucumber, celery sticks and sliced peppers all count towards your child's '5 a day'. You could add a small pot of cream cheese for your child to dip their vegetables in.



At Dashwood Banbury Academy, we believe that school meals are a great choice for your child, but if you choose to make a packed lunch for them instead, here are some tips for providing a healthier lunchbox. Please help your child to live a healthy life.



Include fresh fruit that is in season: chopped apple, raspberries, strawberries, blackberries, blueberries and melon, all make great snacks too. **Top Tip:** add a squeeze of lemon juice to chopped fruit to stop it from going brown.

Include a source of protein such as beans and pulses; eggs; meat; cheese; and fish.



REMEMBER: We are a NUT-FREE school.

Please **NO** peanut butter, chocolate spread or nuts as snacks as some of our children and staff members have severe allergies.





Find healthy lunchbox choices and ideas from the NHS at Change4Life and <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/the-eatwell-guide/>

Healthy Break-time Snacks

At Dashwood Banbury Academy, we are committed to supporting our pupils to make healthier choices to ensure they form the best habits now, for a healthier future. We know that it can be difficult to know what to do when it comes to snacks, so we have sought NHS advice to help you make and buy healthier options. Fruit and veg snacks are always the best choice, but if children are having packaged snacks, remember to only aim for one small one once a day that is under 100 calories.

Find out more at: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>

 Please support your child's health by only giving them one of these snacks to eat at break time	 If your child brings these in as snack, they will be asked to pack it away and bring it home with them.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lower sugar fromage frais or yoghurt• Plain rice cakes or crackers with lower-fat cheese• Sugar-free jelly• Fruit: an apple, pot of berries, satsuma segments• Vegetable sticks; carrots, cucumber, celery, tomatoes• Low-sugar cereal bars (check the sugar content as these can often be high)• Under 100 calories - healthier choice snacks - rice cake snacks, malt loaf or small portion of dried fruit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Croissant - plain or chocolate/syrup filled - the sugar content in these are very high• Cereal bars or chocolate-covered cereal bars the sugar content in these are very high• Crisps• Chocolate bar of any kind• Cookies, biscuits or cake of any kind



Keep an eye out for the 'Good Choice' badge on products in stores and when shopping online to help you quickly find healthier options.

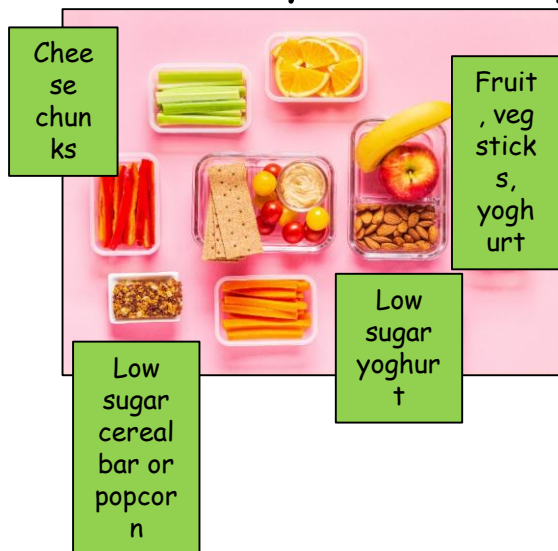
Drinks: To support oral health, in class, drinks must be **WATER ONLY**. Squash is only permitted to be drunk with lunch and should be a low-sugar or no-added sugar options. Fruit juices are also very high in sugar.

NO fizzy or energy drinks are permitted at any time.



Break Time

One healthy snack only



No crisps, cakes, chocolate bars or any high-sugar foods

Please support your child in living a healthy lifestyle with a balanced diet to set them up for a healthier future

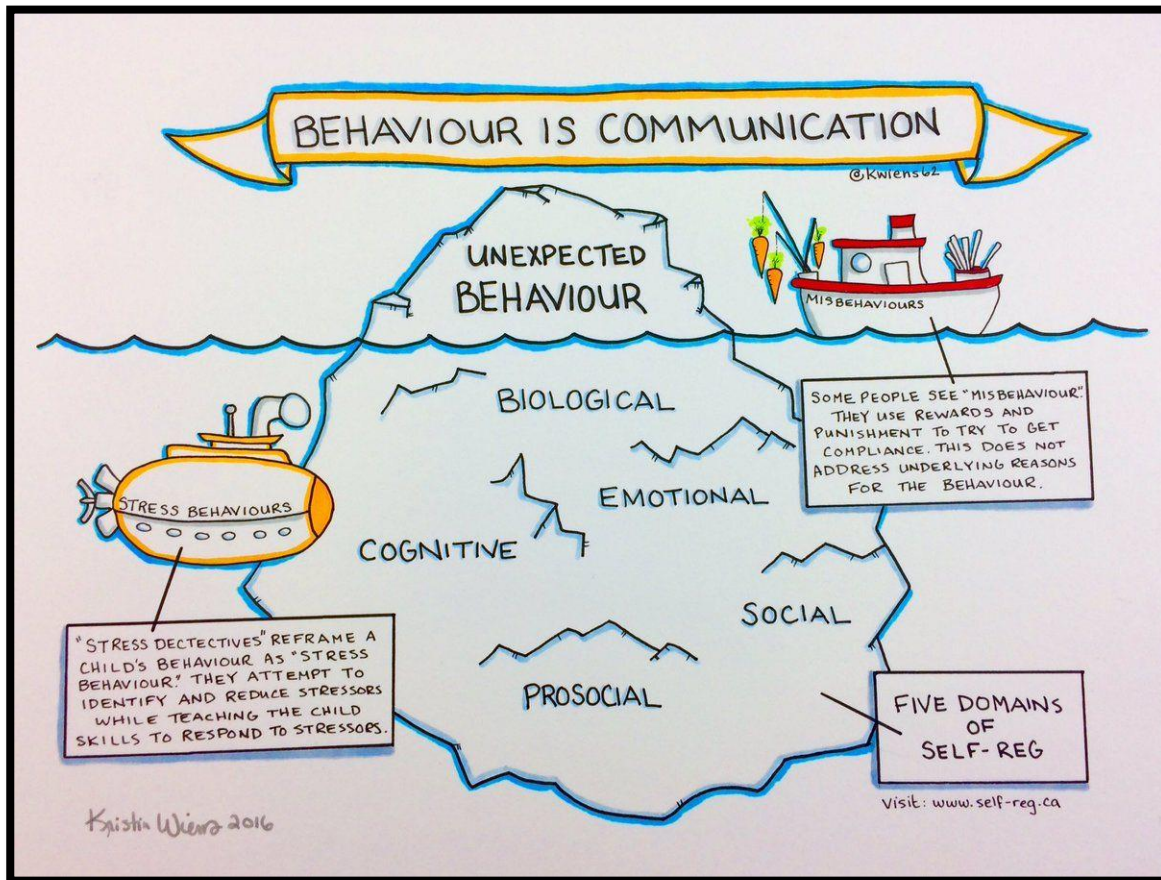
Lunch Time



Drinks

Water only in water bottles used in the classroom

Squash can be given as a lunch time drink but NO fizzy or energy drinks (low-sugar squashes are better for teeth)



At Dashwood, we understand that all behaviour is communication.

Challenging behaviour requires an understanding of its underlying communication in order to create successful support and intervention for all.

The Dashwood Way

At Dashwood Banbury Academy we believe that all behaviour is a form of **communication** and treat it as so. We **acknowledge** how others are feeling and aim to build a **positive mind-set** in order to tackle problems head on. At the core of what we believe stands our vision and values.

Emotions are a part of everyday life and **self-regulation** is the key to being able to realise and live by our vision and values. Self-regulation is tricky for adults at the best of times and even more so for children. When emotions are strong (there are no negative emotions) it becomes even harder to control. We use a system created to develop language around emotions and support **mental and emotional well-being** which is based on 'Zones of Regulation' (more information can be found at:

<https://www.zonesofregulation.com/index.html> and in appendix 1.

All actions have consequences and so it is our responsibility to teach pupils about this (this includes criminal responsibility lessons).

1. Give me some attention

- Way to communicate a need for attention, whatever that attention may look like.
- For some it does not matter if the attention they receive is positive or negative, as long as they are gaining attention of some description.

2. Get me out of here!

- Fight or flight...the fear of threat. A need to escape from a situation that a person does not want to be in.

3. It feels good

- Challenging behaviour may also have a sensory function.
- Some young people behave in a challenging way because for them, it just feels good to do so.
- Their behaviour might communicate a need to have some power because exercising power makes them feel empowered; it establishes a sense of control.
- Attachment, behaviours of traumatised children

4. Give me a reward

- Challenging behaviour might communicate a desire for a tangible reward.
- Some children learn very quickly that challenging behaviour can be rewarded (eg: the child gets what they want) and in-turn the function of the behaviour is reinforced. Adults may find a short-term solution but they are setting up a longer-term problem.

Behaviour Policy

Regulated state of alertness, shows control: ready to learn and/or be social.

Heightened state of alertness but with some control including stress, anxiety, excitement, silliness, nervousness and confusion.
Hyperactive - 'naughty'

Low states of alertness including sluggish. The brain is moving slowly.
'Zoned out'

Which zone are you in?

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
sad tired sick bored	calm ready to learn happy okay	silly/ wiggly frustrated hyper worried	mad out of control angry yelling/ hitting

Heightened state of alertness but with very intense emotions including rage, explosive, terror, panic. There is no control over emotions here. No ability to think, be rational, negotiate or reflect.

Attachment/trauma

- Hyperactive - often seen as naughty but a sign often of neglect (yellow)
- Anger - an expression of fear, threat response (red zone)
- Being 'zoned out' - psychological shutdown (blue zone)
- Attention-seeking, risk-taking, act angry and tough to hide their vulnerability (yellow/red zones)

What you can do to support your child at home:

- Consistency of high-expectations
- Positive reminders of the three school rules - **Ready, Respectful, Safe** - and why we have them
- Consistent reiteration of the same message
- Label the feeling - not the behaviour
- Talk about the different colour zones at home with your child - use this to help begin to identify feelings and emotions

‘Children soak up what is around them’,

S.T.O.P.

a powerful, yet surprisingly basic strategy that helps you to be focused, alert, relaxed, and at your emotional best when a big moment presents itself in your life.

A four-step mental checklist to use anytime you want to add a burst of fresh energy, creativity, or insight to whatever is going on.

The whole idea behind it is that by taking a very brief break—even less than one minute—you can determine the very best action to take in the moment.

S = Stop

Stop what you are doing: Press the pause button on your thoughts and actions. Be still.

T = Take

Take a few deep breaths to center yourself and bring yourself fully into the present moment.

O = Observe

Observe what is going on with your:

Body

What physical sensations are you aware of (touch, sight, hearing, taste, smell)?

Emotions

What are you feeling right now?

Mind

What assumptions are you making about your feelings? What is the story you're telling yourself about why you are having them?

P = Proceed

Proceed with whatever you were doing, making a conscious, intentional choice to incorporate what you just learned.

Options for a negative
outcome?

Options for a positive
outcome?



STOP

Stop.
Be Still.

Take a
breath.

Observe.
Options?

Proceed.

Key points

- **Tone** of voice - calm and kindly educating *'Children soak up what is around them'*
- **Acknowledgement and understanding** of feelings - self and others *'Someone cares'*
- Use of the 30 second **script** *'Consistency'*
- **Flow chart** - not as rigid in terms of order and meant to be more preventative than always reactive (if you see someone bubbling - get in there first) - *'Support and nurture'*
- **Choices** to help self regulation - Thinking Zone - *'Choose to Change'*
- **Consequences** of behaviour, not sanctions. Developmentally appropriate level understanding the needs of the child - the same consequence is not always appropriate for every child and will be well-thought-through on an individual basis.
- **Reconciliation** to repair relationships - *'Support to build trusting relationships'*

Linked to our new school rules: **Ready Respectful, Safe** *'Clear, consistent'*

It's **ok** to have **emotions** - we all do. Emotions are in the **red zone** are **strong** not wrong

Extra Information

- Please ensure they always have a coat in school (unless it is very warm) as the children are outside all lunchtime as well as other times in the day. Please name the coat too!
- Don't forget to check your newsletter for special dates and events.
- Pencil Cases – a small pencil case with a pen, pencil, rubber and ruler is all that is needed.

Any questions? Please ask us at the door or contact the office.

We are really looking
forward to this year!

Welcome to Year 5!