

William Murdoch Primary School

Year 5 Staff

Y5.1 - Mr R Dempsey
Y5.2 - Mr M Slinn (Team Leader)
Y5.3 - Mrs T Suthi

Year 5 Support Staff

Mrs S Gaddu
Mrs S V Gaddu

Holidays

Half-Term

Thursday 22 October 2026

Return to School

Monday 2 November 2026

End of Term

Friday 18 December 2026

Return to School

Tuesday 5 January 2027

Key Events

Staff Training Days

Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2
September 2026

Friday 23 October 2026

Monday 4 January 2027

School Photographs

Wednesday 9 September 2026

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 7 October 2026

Festival Assemblies

Year 4 - Diwali

Friday 6 November 2026

Year 2 - Guru Nanak's Birthday

Friday 27 November 2026

Year 3 - Christmas

Friday 18 December 2026

Nursery - Nativity

Tuesday 8 December 2026

Nursery AM at 9.00am

Nursery PM at 2.15pm

Year 5 Good Work Assemblies

Friday 18 September 2026- 2.50pm

Friday 13 November 2026- 2.50pm

Year 5 Class Assemblies

Y5.2 - National Poetry Day

Friday 16 October 2026- 2.50pm

Y5.3 - Anti Bullying

Friday 20 November 2026- 2.50pm

Y5.1 - Road Safety

Friday 11 December 2026- 2.50pm

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter 2026

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

Sentence level- Different types of phrases, relative clauses, and dialogue

Expository Write—Non-fiction write about Ancient Baghdad

Modelled Write—Third person recount documenting key events within Kensuke's Kingdom, narrative including

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 - Friday

Y5.2 - Thursday

Y5.3 - Friday

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 and Guided Reading 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

Bellboating—Monday 5 October 2026



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