



Meet the Teacher - Class 5M



1 - Welcome to Class 5M

A welcome message from Miss McElhinney

Wow. Just like that we are about to embark another exciting school year! I am looking forward to being your child's teacher in Year 5. This year, 5M will be supported by Mrs Turley who boasts a wealth of experience working with this age group. Her caring and supportive nature will help to develop the children's confidence as they approach the final years of their primary school journey. I have worked at St John Vianney as a teacher for approximately 10 years, having previously worked as a HLTA. I have mainly worked in Year 2 and Year 3, so I am excited to broaden my experience by working in Upper Key Stage 2. Year 5 will be a new adventure both for the children and for myself, too! I hope to develop good relationships with the children in my care during the new academic year.

In addition to being a Year 5 classroom teacher, I am the school's Music lead and I am passionate about developing the creative side of the children in our care. I am committed to supporting children who wish to learn a musical instrument, as well as developing children's creative abilities within the classroom. I believe that music unlocks creativity and incorporates every subject in the curriculum.

Our Year 5 classroom will be a place where we always raise the question 'why?' and we will be able to develop our talents and skills as we prepare ourselves for the final year of primary school. Our classroom will be a place where mistakes will be made, but confidence will be developed. I will be your child's support within the classroom this year, strengthening the skills that they have started to use in previous years. I hope to work with you this year to allow children to reach their own full potential.

Year 5, this year will be very exciting, and it will be a journey of growth for us all! 'Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today' - Malcolm X.

At St John Vianney, we believe everything we do is for the greater glory of God and through Jesus we seek to grow as a caring and Catholic community in faith and love; knowledge and understanding; aspiration and independence.



2 - The Year 5 Team and Learning Environment

Our Senior Leaders: Mrs C. Evans (Headteacher) Mr P. Duffy (Deputy Headteacher) Mrs K. Arrowsmith (Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO)

Ms Osborne (Year 5/6 Team Leader)

The Year 5 Team:

Miss A. McElhinney (*Class 5M Class Teacher*)

Mrs L. Turley (*Class 5M's Teaching Assistant*)

Miss M. O'Keeffe (*Class 5O'K Class Teacher*)

Mrs C. Ingham (*Class 5O'K's Teaching Assistant*)

Mr C. Hitchon (*HLTA Cover in both Year 5 classes*)

If at any time during the school year you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange a convenient time to meet with your child's class teacher. We want to work together to create a strong home and school partnership to ensure that we meet all the needs of your child.







3 - The Year 5 Curriculum

The Year 5 curriculum in primary school plays a vital role in nurturing children's growth as resilient and inquisitive learners. This year is a crucial stage in their educational journey, where they are encouraged to build upon their foundational knowledge and develop a deeper understanding of the subjects they encounter. The curriculum is thoughtfully designed to foster critical thinking, problem-solving abilities, and a sense of curiosity, laying the groundwork for their future academic success. By nurturing these skills, Year 5 students are empowered to approach challenges with confidence, seek solutions proactively, and remain eager in their pursuit of knowledge, traits that are indispensable as they move through their education.

In Mathematics, Year 5 places emphasis on consolidating arithmetic skills and further enhancing children's grasp of times tables. These fundamental mathematical concepts serve as the bedrock for more advanced mathematical concepts they will encounter in subsequent years. By refining their proficiency in these areas, children not only strengthen their mathematical abilities but also gain a sense of accomplishment in their learning journey. Equally significant is the emphasis on reading, as Year 5 students are encouraged to explore a diverse range of genres. This exposure not only enriches their language and comprehension skills but also encourages them to delve into literature with a discerning eye. Understanding the author's intent and making connections between different texts nurtures critical analysis and enables them to engage more deeply with written content. Additionally, oracy skills are given prominence, helping students effectively articulate their thoughts and ideas, a crucial skill that empowers them to communicate confidently and persuasively in various contexts.

We are excited to share that, in Year 5, your children will have the opportunity to participate in a residential trip to Hothersall Lodge. This unique experience places outdoor learning at the forefront, providing them with an environment that nurtures teamwork, resilience, and a deeper connection with the natural world. This adventure promises to be an enriching and unforgettable journey, aligning perfectly with our commitment to providing well-rounded and dynamic educational experiences for your children.



4 - Year 5 Curriculum RE and St John Vianney Catholic Life

Our curriculum continues to place significant importance on Religious Education (RE), ensuring its central role in shaping children's learning experiences. In Year 5, children will focus on enhancing their abilities to describe, provide reasoning, and establish connections with greater precision, particularly when exploring and drawing insights from the teachings of the Bible and our faith. At St John Vianney, we believe in the transformative power of a Catholic education. Our mission is to nurture the complete potential of every young individual, guiding them to lead lives that are forever influenced by the Spirit and the presence of Christ by *'Seeking Growth Together through Jesus'*. Rooted in Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church, our educational approach centres on the holistic development of each child. As a result, we prioritise the development of each child, valuing their personal journey of faith, compassion, and service to others as much as the academic excellence we provide. Through this comprehensive approach, we aim to nurture children who not only excel academically but also carry the light of Christ into their lifelong endeavours, making a positive impact in the world around them. Bringing our children together as year groups to attend Mass creates a powerful sense of unity and community within our school. These shared spiritual experiences allow our children to witness the beauty of worship and faith in a collective setting. Additionally, celebrating feast days as a school further deepens our connection to our Catholic heritage, providing meaningful opportunities for reflection, gratitude, and devotion to the teachings of the Church. On special feast days and occasions, we extend an open invitation to all our families, warmly welcoming you to join us in these celebrations. Throughout the term, Children's Liturgy takes place during the 11.15am Mass at St John Vianney, led by our school teachers. This allows children and their families to participate in Mass while the children engage with the Gospel on a level suitable for them in the Chapel. Fr Loughran welcomes families to Mass and then invites the children to join the liturgy and they are supervised and then return to Mass before the celebration for the Eucharist. Your presence with us would be greatly appreciated and welcomed.





5 - Additional Information

- **PE Days**

Children in Year 5 are required to wear their full SJV PE kits each Tuesday and Friday for Autumn half term 1. This may change after the first half term, as we are fortunate enough to have a sports coach in school. This will be communicated to you in advance through the ParentApp.

- **X (formally known as Twitter)**

We use X as an online platform to share the children's learning experiences with parents and families, this allows us to share insights into learning inside the classroom on a daily basis! It's simple to join X and follow **#SJVYear5** and our school account **@sjvblackpool** We welcome positive comments and feedback on this platform. Furthermore, our school website's curriculum pages also display these tweets, providing an additional avenue for engagement. Our school website: [St John Vianney Catholic Primary School | English Hubs \(stjohnvianneys.co.uk\)](https://www.stjohnvianneys.co.uk)

- **Newsletters**

Expect to receive regular newsletters containing updates on school-wide news, awards, and important dates such as class assemblies and whole school, year group or class events. Additionally, our school app will remain a reliable channel for efficiently communicating essential information to you.

