

**Dates for your diary:**

Friends @ Bannockburn  
Coffee Mornings:  
09.01.26  
23.01.26

Parent / Carer Evenings:  
11.02.26 (until 7pm)  
12.02.26 (until 5pm)

Valentines Cake Sale:  
12.02.26

INSET DAY (school closed):  
13.02.26

**PE Days**

**Aspen:** Tuesday and Friday

**Hawthorn:** Monday and Tuesday

**Rowan:** Tuesday and Friday

**Maple:** Monday and Thursday

# Year 5 Newsletter Spring 1

## Friend or Foe

Our new topic for Autumn 2 is 'Friend or Foe' where children will be learning about World War II. They will be learning about what life was like during the war, the experience of evacuees and what life was like on the Home Front.

In Science, children will be refining their investigative skills, with a focus on variables. In Week 2 and 3, children will be designing, making and testing their own catapults; in Week 5, children will be conducting an investigation to find out what material is best for insulating hot food.

In PE, children will be continuing to learn how to play Tag Rugby and will be improving their netball skills.

## Looking Back...

Year 5 had a fantastic Autumn term, culminating in a wonderful performance of winter songs at the Woolwich Works. We were so impressed with their effort, enthusiasm and fantastic singing!

In Music, children loved attending the Barbican to watch the London Symphony Orchestra. They were also complimented on their fantastic behaviour too! Well done, Year 5!



**Trips:**

All children will need electronic permission for any future trips. Parents / carers will need to give online permission using Parent Pay. If online consent is not given before the day of the trip, the child will not be able to attend. Please make sure you can access Parent Pay and WEDUC Reach More Parents.

**Clothing Bank:**

At the Manton Road entrance (the Year 4 entrance), there is a clothing bank. Please donate clothing to help raise money for the school.

In Art, children refined their sewing skills, practicing a running stitch, a cross stitch and a back stitch. In Summer, children will be putting these skills to the test when they make their own toys.



In Science, children continued to learn about the life cycles of animals, including humans. They learnt about the gestation periods of a range of animals and ordered these on a timeline.



In PE, children learnt how to play tag rugby, focusing on defending and attacking. They will continue this in Spring 1, where they will be taking part



January's school value is:  
**APPRECIATION**  
February's school value is:  
**INSPIRATION**



We expect children to show the school values inside and outside of school. Please encourage your child to discuss these values at home too.

