



# PANTHERS CLASS NEWSLETTER

Summer 2026



Welcome back Year 5! We trust that everyone had a restful Easter break and is ready for our final term in Year 5. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to school this week. Now, as the days get longer and (hopefully) sunnier, we can look forward to some fantastic learning opportunities both in the classroom and on our class trip in May.



**Off with her head!** What sort of man would order the beheading of his wife? In fact, not just one wife but two wives! Travel back in time to the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries and meet the terrifying Tudors, a domineering dynasty that brought about astonishing changes to our country. Discover an opulent court where dancing and singing went hand in hand with swift falls from favour and an even swifter falling of heads. Develop your painting skills, solve riddles and remember to protect your precious neck with a large white ruff if you want to survive at the Tudor court! Flex your detective muscles and become a criminal investigator. How will you find the accused, innocent or guilty? It's your turn to take part in one of the most famous trials that the world has ever known - the trial of Queen Anne Boleyn!

**English:** The children will be learning the features of legends as well as writing their own great legends based on the classic 14<sup>th</sup> century tale of "Gawain and the Green Knight." They will also be focusing on persuasive writing: this will be a great opportunity for the children to use their skills of persuasion to put across their points of view in a constructive manner. Each week they will complete a "Big Write" to show off their constantly improving writing skills.

**Maths:** We will begin the term by learning about position and movement, including coordinates as well as translating and reflecting shapes. This will be followed by a focus on measurement involving length, mass, time and temperature as well as area and perimeter. Number work will continue during our Fast Maths lessons.

**Science:** We have a new topic this term - properties and changes of materials. We will be describing different materials, working out how to separate solutions and considering reversible and irreversible changes.

**Computing:** This half term we will be exploring a new area of learning entitled 'Communication.' This will entail web searching, selecting search results, how searches are influenced and how we communicate responsibly.

