

YEAR TRANSITIONS · GRADES 1–5

Last Week of Term

Five calm activities — minimum prep

How this pack works

Five activities, one per day. Each takes 30–45 minutes. They're designed for the end of term when children are excited and concentration is short. The goal isn't curriculum coverage — it's calm engagement and lasting memories.

Five activities at a glance

<p>Day 1 — Time capsule letters</p> <p>Children write a letter to themselves in one year. Teacher seals them in an envelope. Children take them home, or you keep them and post them next summer.</p>	<p>Day 2 — Class quiz of the year</p> <p>20 questions about things that happened in your class this year — funniest moment, best trip, what was on the board, who said what. Children write their own questions for round 2.</p>
<p>Day 3 — Compliment circle</p> <p>Children sit in a circle. Each in turn gives a one-sentence compliment to the person on their left. Then reverse direction. Goes for 30 minutes — surprisingly emotional.</p>	<p>Day 4 — Awards ceremony</p> <p>Every child gets an award — but they're for personality, not academic. 'Most likely to make us laugh', 'Best storyteller', 'Kindest under pressure'. Print certificates.</p>
<p>Day 5 — Movie + treat afternoon</p> <p>An age-appropriate film, a small treat, and the time to write thank-you cards or sign each other's memory books. The send-off.</p>	

Time capsule letter prompts

Give children these prompts for Day 1: What's your favourite thing right now? What are you worried about? What do you hope for next year? What do you predict will be different in a year?



What do you want one-year-older you to remember?

Awards ceremony — making sure every child wins

Brainstorm awards in advance with a colleague. Make sure every category is positive. Print certificates with the child's name and the award. Read them out warmly. The aim is for every child to feel seen and valued in their final week.

