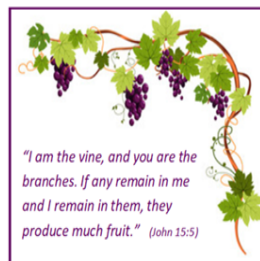




Jesus (the gardener) nourishes and tends us as we learn and grow, so that we can all flourish. As a vine, we are one, but all unique and special to Him. We care for each other, as God cares for us.



Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Year 4 Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely summer and your child has enjoyed returning to school this week. It has been a pleasure to see the children again, having taught them for small amounts previously, and I am excited for a year filled with fun and learning.

I will be teaching the class full-time, with the exception of some time on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoon which is my PPA/ECT time. These lessons will be PSHE, RE, Computing and Music, and will be taught by Miss Flynn. Our class will also benefit from the support of Miss Barnes, who will assist in various ways within the classroom.

By the end of Year 4, children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12x and the corresponding division facts. In the Summer Term, each child will partake in an online National Times Table Test, which involves answering 25 randomly selected questions within a time limit of six seconds per question. We will send the results home to parents at the end of the year. To support their learning, your child will need to practice their times tables and related division facts regularly, both at home and in school.

Each child will receive a reading book to take home, which we encourage them to read daily. When you listen to them read, please record a comment in their reading record. The children can bring their records into school for checks, and in recognition of their efforts, we will award Karate Reading Challenge bands as they progress. Spellings will also be tested weekly. They will be stuck into your child's book to be brought home, and I will also email them out as a digital copy.

PE lessons will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please ensure that your child comes to school each day wearing appropriate active uniform as without it, they unfortunately will not be able to participate in P.E. classes. Additionally, in line with the Lancashire policy, no earrings are permitted in school. If your child has recently had their ears pierced and the six-week period for removal is not yet complete, please ensure they are covered with tape, however they will not be able to join in with PE until they are taken out.

This term is our Year 4 Swimming Term and we will begin visiting Lancaster University for our lessons starting on Thursday 10th September. Please ensure your child comes to school with a swimming bag including a towel and suitable costume every Thursday.

I have loved teaching Year 4 so far this week and I am excited to see what the year will bring. I hope to support your child throughout the year to grow academically, socially and emotionally. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

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