

# SS John & Monica Catholic Primary School

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## Year 4 Curriculum Information Letter Spring 2026

Dear Parents,

We would like to welcome you back to school and hope that you and your family are well and have had an enjoyable Christmas break!

In this letter you will find an overview of the work that your child will be completing during this term. Please find opportunities to support your child's learning by doing additional research on any new topics.

<b>RE</b>	This term in Religious Education, we are beginning a new unit called <i>Dialogue and Encounter</i> . In this unit, pupils will explore different faiths and belief systems, learning about their key beliefs and practices, and developing skills of respectful dialogue, understanding, and empathy. We will be learning about the Christmas story, finding out how Catholics prepare for Easter during the Season of Lent and understanding and recalling the key events in Holy Week.
<b>English</b>	<b>Reading:</b> This term, Year 4 are reading 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B White. <b>Writing:</b> The children will be taught a range of writing genres (fiction and non-fiction) based on our key texts. Genres include Information Report, Twisted Narrative and Persuasive letter. <b>Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling</b> will be based on the Programme of Study for Year 4.
<b>Maths</b>	This term, our areas of focus will be: <b>Multiplication and Division, Length and Perimeter, Fractions and Decimals.</b> Please support your child with learning/practicing their <b>times tables</b> regularly as this will be tested weekly and will aid much of their mathematical learning.
<b>Science</b>	Sound
<b>Computing</b>	<b>Computing Systems and Networks</b> - Journey Inside a Computer
<b>PE</b>	P.E will take place every <b>Thursday</b> with Yoga on <b>Friday</b> so please ensure your child has the correct kit. A letter should be provided if your child is unable to participate in P.E for a medical reason. Topics to be taught this term are <b>Tag Rugby</b> and <b>Badminton</b> .
<b>Music</b>	<b>Recorders</b> – Year 4 content
<b>PSHE</b>	<b>Module 1: Created and Loved by God:</b> Unit 2: Me, My Body, My Health Unit 3: Emotional Well-Being.
<b>French</b>	Children will develop their understanding of spoken and written French and work towards using spoken language with confidence and accuracy.

<b>History &amp; Geography</b>	History- What was important to the Ancient Egyptians? Geography- Where does our food come from? Children are invited to research these topics out of school and bring in any information they have collected using their research books.
<b>Art &amp; Design Technology</b>	In Art we will be developing skills in <b>Painting and mixed media: Light and dark.</b> For DT, the children will be will be developing skills on <b>Mechanical systems: Mechanical car.</b>
<b>Homework</b>	<b>Reading:</b> Each child will read daily in either whole class sessions, small groups or individually. Reading records will be checked daily to ensure home reading is taking place. <b>Please read with your child every day and make a comment on Boomreader. Reading books must be brought to school every day.</b> <b>Spelling:</b> Weekly spelling lists will be given out on <b>Fridays</b> . Spellings are handed out and posted on Dojo each week. <b>Times Tables:</b> All times tables up to 12 should be learnt by the end of Year 4. Further to this, children should know the inverse operations for each multiplication calculation. This will be tested weekly. <b>Other: Maths and English</b> homework will be given out on a Friday and should be completed and returned the following Thursday, unless requested for a specific date. Spelling lists and homework are posted on Dojo each week
<b>Attendance and Punctuality</b>	This year we have a school target of <b>97%</b> for pupils in Rec- 6. It is very important that your child attends school every day. Pupils with an attendance level of less than 90% are regarded by the Government as having Persistent Absence and parents will be invited into school to discuss reasons for persistent absence. School starts <b>at 8.40am</b> and finishes at <b>3.20pm</b> . Please be aware of these new timings and make necessary adjustments to ensure that your child is here on time. If there is a cause for concern about your child's punctuality you will be contacted to discuss this matter.
<b>What to remember each day:</b>	<b>Reading books must be brought to school every day please</b> <b>Thursday:</b> Homework due in <b>Thursday:</b> PE <b>Friday:</b> Yoga
<b>Other dates:</b>	<b>Vocations Week-</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Reading Afternoon sessions-</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March <b>World Book Day-</b> Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Easter Fair Fundraiser-</b> Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Parent Consultations:</b> Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Church Visit-</b> Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March <b>Class Masses:</b> Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to email me at [enquiry@stjohnmon.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@stjohnmon.bham.sch.uk).

Yours sincerely,  
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