



# Year 4 Newsletter to Parents: Autumn 2025



Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

## The Year 4 Team

<u>St. Philomena's Class</u>	<u>St. Paul's Class</u>
Mrs. Marshall (Class teacher Mon-Wed)	Miss Camilleri (Class teacher)
Mrs. Clark (Class teacher Thurs-Fri)	Miss Laxton (Teaching Assistant)
Mrs. Macias (Teaching Assistant)	Mrs. Islam (Teaching Assistant)

## The School Day

This term you will be able to bring in a school bag/rucksack that should have your reading book, reading record and a named water bottle in it. You may also bring your own small pencil case. We also encourage the children to bring in a healthy snack for break time (fruit, squeezey yoghurt, malt loaf etc.). Remember to bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners). School dinners are now free for all children in KS2.

## Homework Expectations

Homework is set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday.

Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables
Reading daily for 10-15 minutes using your library book.	<u>Spelling Shed (EdShed)</u> (complete at least 5 games per week to revise the weekly spelling list)	<u>CGP Grammar Book</u> 2 pages assigned by the class teacher each week.	<u>Maths Shed (EdShed)</u> Complete the allocated tasks (at least 1 per week)	<u>Times table Rock Stars</u> (at least 20 minutes per week)

## Where to access the homework:

- Maths homework - We use Maths Shed, which is found on EdShed. You can access the homework using your Ed Shed logins - <https://www.edshed.com/>
- Spelling homework can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).
- Times Table Rock Stars - <https://trockstars.com/> (There is also an app).
- Reading homework - We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue to develop their narrative writing. Reading records need to be signed (with an adult's signature) and brought into school daily.

\*All login details will be stuck in the back of your child's reading record.

## Subject Information

**RE:** Our first topic is 'Creation and Covenant' and explores the historical context of Abraham and Jesus' family tree.

## **English:**

Our English text for Autumn 1 is 'Catkin'.

*"There once was a cat named Catkin who was so small he could sit on the palm of a child's hand. He was given to a farmer and his wife to keep watch over their baby girl, by a wise woman who had seen danger in the child's future. And when the merry, heedless Little People who live deep under the green hills steal the child away, only Catkin can rescue her—if he solves three cunning riddles."*

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Our text for Autumn 2 is 'The Christmasaurus'.

*"The Christmasaurus is a story about a boy named William Trundle, and a dinosaur, the Christmasaurus. It's about how they meet one Christmas Eve and have a magical adventure. It's about friendship and families, sleigh bells and Santa, singing elves and flying reindeer, music and magic. It's about discovering your heart's true desire, and learning that the impossible might just be possible."*

**Science:** The children can look forward to learning all about 'The Human Body – Teeth and the Digestive System' in Autumn 1 and 'States of Matter (Solids, Liquids and Gases)' in Autumn 2.

**Creative Learning Curriculum (CLC):** We have some fantastic CLC topics in Year 4! In Autumn 1, we will be learning 'What makes British wildlife unique?'.

PE Timetable	
St Paul's Class	Every Tuesday and Friday
St Philomena's Class	Every Tuesday and Friday



Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing the correct PE kit – house colour t-shirt, black shorts (when it's warmer) or black tracksuit (when it's colder). They should also be wearing trainers. Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named.

Autumn Term 1			
Date	Year Group	Event	Can Year Group parents attend?
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Years 2-6	New School Year Mass at 9:30am	No
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	All	Parent Coffee morning 8:45am	Yes
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 & 2 Year 3 & 4	Road Safety Shows – Yr 3 & 4 at 9am and Yr 1 & 2 at 10am	No
16 <sup>th</sup> October	All	Year 6 International Day	Yes
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception to Year 6	Flu Immunisations	N/A
20 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 1 - 6	Parents Evenings - Days 1 & 2 3:30-5:30pm	Yes
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 2 to Year 6	St Ursula's Feast Day Mass (Yr 2-6) 9:30am	No
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 1 - 6	Parents Evenings - Day 3 3:30-5:30pm	Yes
24 <sup>th</sup> October	All	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Autumn Term 2			
5 <sup>th</sup> November	All	Individual and Sibling Photos	Yes
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4	Remembrance Mass 9:30am	Yes
7 <sup>th</sup> November	All	Parent Coffee morning 8:45am	Yes
10 <sup>th</sup> November	All	Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day	No
28 <sup>th</sup> November	Musicians	Rock Steady Concert	Yes
4 <sup>th</sup> December	All	Parent Coffee Morning (Christmas Crafting) 8:45am	Yes
5 <sup>th</sup> December	All	Pantomime in school	No
11 <sup>th</sup> December	All	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day	No
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 to Year 6	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert 1:45pm at St Dominic's	Yes
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 to Year 6	End of Term Reports sent out	N/A
19 <sup>th</sup> December	All	Early closure 1:00pm	N/A

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that **they can be!**