



Year 4
Welcome Letter
2026 - 27

Welcome!

We are delighted to welcome you and your children to Year 4. The children have made a fantastic start to the year and have already shown great enthusiasm, positivity and motivation as they begin to take on the exciting challenges ahead.

It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life and our Year 4 routines. They have approached their learning with energy and enthusiasm, while also enjoying the chance to catch up with friends and spend time together during playtimes.

We are also in the process of deciding on our Year 4 reading goal and the special reward we will work towards together. Please make sure you keep an eye on this section of the newsletter throughout the year, as we will use it to share updates on our reading progress, celebrate important milestones and let you know how close we are to reaching our target.

If you have any questions, concerns or anything you would like to discuss, please do get in touch. You can contact me directly by email, through the school office or speak to me on the playground at the end of the day.

We are really looking forward to a happy, successful and exciting year of learning together!

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Year 4 Topics

Autumn 1 (02.09.26 – 22.10.26)	Spring 1 (05.01.27 – 12.02.27)	Summer 1 (12.04.27 – 28.05.27)
Nessie: Fact or Fiction?	Invaders and Settlers	Splash!
Autumn 2 (02.11.26 – 18.12.26)	Spring 2 (22.02.27 – 25.03.27)	Summer 2 (08.06.27 – 20.07.27)
Germs, Masks and Mystery	Italia!	Unveiling Ancient Egypt

Weekly Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bring in your reading book and record in in class every day				
			Homework Due In	Spelling Test / New Spellings
			Reading Records checked	Homework Set
			Forest School	PE

Forest School Dates are on the Forest School page



Year 4 Routines



Entering / Exiting (KS2 Yard)	Cloakroom	Snacks
- Gates open at 8:35am (there is no school led supervision) - Doors open at 8:45am - Home Time is at 3:30pm (Children must tell their teacher who they are leaving with) NO parents are to use the staff car park unless permission has been given, by Governors, for exceptional circumstances.	Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their coat, bag, PE kit & Forest School Kit (on set day).	- Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack (i.e. fruit or sugar free snack) for morning and/or afternoon playtime. This should remain in their tray (not lunchbox) until eaten. - No chocolate or crisps permitted. - We cannot store yogurt in a fridge. - Please note that we are a nut-free school due to the severe allergies that we have.
	Playground Gates Open – 8:35 a.m. The school yard is not supervised by staff before school. For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that children do not use the playground equipment during this time. If a child does use the equipment, the school cannot accept responsibility for any accidents that may occur before or after school hours.	
Packed Lunch	Reading	Homework
- If your child brings in a healthy packed lunch, this will be placed in the Year 4 area outside the dining hall. Drinks: Children should bring water in a clearly identifiable water bottle each day which will be kept in class. They will be able to refill if necessary, during the day.	- Each child is expected to bring their reading book and reading record into school everyday and have these on their desk. - We ask parents to sign the reading record books, when children have read at home. - Our Year 4 target is for each child to read 10 pages per day.	- Homework and spellings will be set every Friday and due in the following Thursday. - Homework books must be in school by each Friday so that new homework and spellings can be stuck in. 



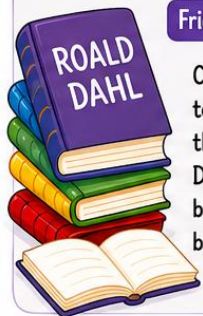
Dates for Your Diary!



Important events coming up...

Road Dahl Day

Friday 11th September



Children can come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character and bring in their favourite book.

Cauliflower Cards - Out

Friday 18th September



It's that time again! We will create our designs for Christmas cards and send these out to you.

Cauliflower Cards - Returned



Cards need to be returned back to school on or before **Monday 28th September**.

Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 24th September



Children can come to school in their own clothes. All we ask is for a donation of cakes / biscuits for our Macmillan Coffee Morning.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25th September



Please join our coffee morning for delicious treats! All proceeds are donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

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CANCER SUPPORT**

Grandparent Sharing Event

Friday 2nd October



Details to follow

Parents Evening

Wednesday 14th October

Thursday 15th October



Details to follow

School Individual Photos

Tuesday 20th October



Halloween Disco

Thursday 22nd October

Details to follow





Our Learning this half term



Our topic for the first half term is '**Nessie: Fact or Fiction?**'. Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on:

English: Our focus is going to be on The Loch Ness Monster, first we will begin by creating an information text with lots of information on the infamous, 'Nessie' before moving on to the adventure story 'The Treasure of the Loch Ness Monster' by Lari Don and using this text to inspire us to create our own narrative.

Maths: Place Value & Addition and Subtraction

Science: Electricity – How do circuits work? What are conductors and insulators?

Geography: North America – What countries are in North America? What is its climate like? What are the physical features?

Computing: The Internet – How can we stay safe online? What is the internet? How are devices connected?

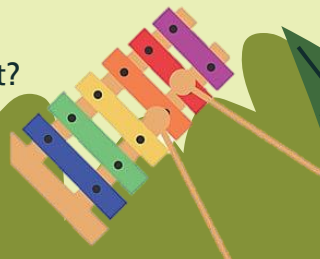
PE: Invasion Games – How can we effectively pass?

RE: Christianity (God) - What do Christians believe God is like? How do Christians show their beliefs about God through worship, prayer and the way they live?

Art: Storytelling through drawing - How can different lines, shapes and marks help us tell a story? How can colour and different drawing materials help bring a story to life?

PSHE: Feelings & Emotions – What is jealousy? What should I do if I feel jealous?

Forest School: Willow Weaving – How can you transform a piece of willow into a work of art?



National Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check

The official National Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check takes place towards the end of the year during the month of **June**. This is completed on computer and will include 25 questions that involve any times table questions up to 12×12 . The children will have about 6 seconds to read the questions, think of the answer and type it onto the keyboard. The government specify certain times tables are to be learnt by children in particular year groups:

- Year 2: 2x, 5, 10x tables
- Year 3: 3x, 4x, 8x tables
- Year 4: 6x, 7x, 9x, 11x, 12x (all times tables)



As your child is currently in Year 4 they will be sitting the multiplication test in **June 2027**. If you know that your child is unable to rapidly recall the times tables from previous year groups, please help them with these at home. **TTRockstars** is a great way to practise and their maths homework will also help. Please help your child to recall the times table facts rapidly so that they are no longer reliant on using their fingers to count. The test does not ask children any division questions and focusses solely on multiplication questions. However, we feel children should also practise division questions to aid their rapid recall of facts. Whilst **TTRockstars** is a fantastic game, there are also other games online to help. We will be continuing to focus on our Times Tables during throughout the year and the children will also be working to gain rapid recall of all of their times table facts. In school, we will be playing games and trying to beat challenges with others.

PE

All children **MUST** have their PE Kit in a draw string bag that is kept in school on their peg. It will be sent home to be washed and size checked each half term.

P.E. Kit

white round neck t-shirt

black shorts

black pumps (indoor)

plain black or **white** trainers (outdoor) - these may be brought in each week

plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings (outdoor)

* **plain black** tracksuit top (outdoor)

drawstring pump bag

* = optional

Note - watches and earrings must be **removed** for PE and long hair must be tied back.

We could be **indoors** or **outdoors**, depending on the weather.



This half term, our PE day is **Friday**.

We will start our swimming lessons on **Thursday 7th January**.
(more details to follow closer to the time)



Forest School



When it is our Forest School day, children will come to school in their “**Essential Forest School Kit**”.

On colder days children can also wear their own school jumper or cardigan if they wish (weather dependant).

On our Forest School days, children should bring their outdoor footwear – wellies/boots and waterproofs in a bag to change into.

Forest School Dates: Thursday 10th September, Thursday 17th September, Thursday 24th September, Thursday 1st October, Thursday 8th October, Thursday 15th October, Thursday 22nd October.

Essential Forest School Kit – all children **MUST** bring the correct kit on their allocated day.

- plain black full legged tracksuit bottoms or leggings (no logos or stripes),
- **plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top **new** (* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- School shoes / **black** trainers (to wear inside school)
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap (weather dependant)

School Uniform



Forest School: Y1 – Y6

Girls

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan
- white polo shirt
- green checked skirt / pinafore or plain black skirt / pinafore
- * black trousers
- white or black socks / black tights
- black school shoes
- * bottle green and white checked dress for summer

Boys

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt
- white polo shirt
- black school trousers
- white or black socks
- black school shoes
- * black school shorts for summer

P.E. Kit

- white round neck t-shirt
- black shorts
- black pumps (indoor)
- * plain black trainers (outdoor)
- drawstring pump bag

- plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top **new
(* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap
(weather dependant)

Extras

- * bottle green school book bag
- * bottle green school logo coat
- * bottle green school logo fleece
- * named water bottle
- * green small logo ruck sack

NO jeans

NO trainers or boots

NO jewellery, make-up or nail varnish

NO extreme hair cuts - long hair must be tied back
(watch and plain stud earrings only)

* = optional