



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2026

Welcome to Year 4, we hope you have all had an enjoyable summer and are glad to be back in school.

We are so excited to be back in school ready for a great year!

To help ensure the smooth running of the school day and to support your child's learning and safety, please take note of the following reminders.

Start of the School Day

It is very important that the children arrive punctually for school. The school day begins at 8.30am. The school gate will be locked at 8.35 am. Any child who arrives after this time will have to enter via the school office and will be given a late mark. We will keep parents informed each half term of how many lates your child has.

Expectations

As we begin a new school year, we are full of hope and ambition for each child to reach their full potential. To achieve this, it is essential that our classrooms remain calm, focused, and respectful learning spaces. Even seemingly minor disruptive behaviours — whether unkindness towards others, not following instructions, or ignoring school rules — can have a significant impact on both the learning and wellbeing of the whole class.

We are committed to delivering high-quality education every day. To do this effectively, we must work together to create an environment where every child feels safe, supported, and ready to learn. We thank you for your continued partnership in reinforcing these expectations at home, helping us ensure that this year of primary school is both successful and memorable for your child.

We are asking for your support in emphasising the importance of:

- Treating everyone with kindness and respect
- Following classroom rules and routines
- Accepting consequences when behaviour does not meet expectations
- Understanding that teachers are here to help every child succeed

Please take a moment to speak with your child about the vital role they play in contributing to a positive and respectful classroom environment. As a school, we are fully committed to acting in your child's best interests and to providing a safe, calm space where all children can thrive. We also value your support in reinforcing the message that all adults in school must be listened to and supported, both in and out of the classroom. By working together, we can ensure every child can succeed and feel proud of their behaviour and achievements.

Please be aware that staff will not contact parents about every low-level behaviour incident, as these are addressed promptly and proportionately in school. Such minor incidents are a natural part of children learning boundaries and are managed in line with our behaviour expectations. However, if there are repeated incidents or if a child is involved in a more serious situation, parents and carers will be contacted. We are committed to working closely with you to support your child's behaviour and wellbeing, ensuring that all children can flourish in a positive learning environment.

Uniform

The children should wear a uniform as stated in the school policy. Part of this uniform is school shoes. Training shoes are not suitable for school and jewellery should not be worn (other than watches) to school. Please make sure all of your child's clothes are labelled with their name. It's amazing how many jumpers and cardigans are misplaced.

PE

During the autumn term, the children will have PE & Games on a Monday afternoon. They will need their school P.E. kit (including pumps) in school for each of these sessions. Please make sure that all kit is labelled with your child's name to avoid any confusion.

Music

The Sefton Schools Music Service will be working with the class for the whole academic year to deliver the Year 4 music curriculum. This will be done through teaching all of the children to play a brass instrument. They will learn to play either a trumpet, a baritone or a trombone. Lessons will take place on a Monday afternoon and started this week. Later in the year the children will have the opportunity to bring their instrument home to practise.

Book Bags & Reading	The children are expected to have a book bag in school every day. If they no longer have one, they can be purchased at the office for £5.00. No other bag is suitable for keeping reading books, homework diaries and homework folders in, as throughout the day they are kept in class and other bags cause storage problems. The children are expected to read at home every night. We would greatly appreciate it if you would support their reading by listening to them, commenting as appropriate in their homework diary or graduate journal and signing the diary each night to say they have read with you. It is always extremely useful to receive feedback on your child's reading at home allowing us all to work in partnership.
Times Tables	The Mathematics National Curriculum for Year 4 expects children to be able to fluently recall multiplication and division facts for all times tables up to 12×12. In the summer term, the children will complete the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), a short online assessment designed to check that they can recall their times tables quickly, accurately and confidently. Throughout the year, we will work systematically through each of the times tables, spending approximately two weeks focusing on each one. During this time, the children will practise both the multiplication and corresponding division facts, helping them to develop a secure understanding of the relationship between the two. At the end of each week, the children will complete a short, timed check so that we can monitor their progress and identify any facts that require further practice. To support this work at home, the children will be given a short daily times tables homework sheet linked to the table we are currently learning. We would be very grateful if you could encourage and support your child in completing this each day. Regular, short periods of practice are one of the most effective ways of developing the speed, accuracy and confidence they will need for the MTC.

Homework

Reading – a minimum of 10 minutes per night. Please note that homework diaries are checked on a **regular basis** – even if the reading book has not been completed. **Please remind your child to keep their homework diary in their bag each day.** We are restarting the **Reading Graduate** scheme in school this September. This is an additional book for your child to read for pleasure. We are hopeful that all Year 4 children will be reading graduates by the end of this school year!

The focus of home learning in Y4 is on reading and times tables.

Tables - these are sent home every night and tested on Friday.

Dates for Your Diary

School Council Elections - Polling Day
School Photographer
Feast Of St Robert Bellarmine Mass
Anglo Saxon trip to Martin Mere
Macmillan Coffee Morning
Hello Yellow (Mental health)
Pupil Progress Meetings
Give Racism the Red/Blue Card
Finish for half term

Back to School
Y4 Friendship Assembly
First Reconciliation
Christmas fayre
Advent Service
Finish for Christmas

Wednesday 9th September
Monday 14th September
Friday 18th September
Tuesday 29th September
Friday 9th October
Friday 9th October
Monday 19th October (12:30 pm)
Friday 23rd October
Friday 23rd October

Monday 2nd November
Friday 13th November
Tuesday 1st December (1:15pm)
Friday 11th December (1:15pm)
Tuesday 15th December (6:00pm)
Friday 18th December (1:30 pm)

Please be aware that dates may be subject to change, but we will always aim to keep you informed.
Thank you for your continued support.



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