



Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 2026



This summer term promises to be a busy and exciting time for everyone in Year 4. With new topics to explore, a wide range of stimulating activities, and plenty of enriching opportunities ahead, it is set to be a rewarding term for all. This newsletter aims to keep you informed about the key activities, learning focus, and expectations for the coming weeks.

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.

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. As the weather becomes warmer, children often remove their sweatshirts and cardigans during the school day. These items can easily become mixed up or misplaced. To help prevent this, we kindly ask that all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

First Holy Communion

On Friday 5th June at 11:00 a.m., the children of Year 4 will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. There will be a short meeting for parents on Monday 27th April at 2:30 p.m., where final arrangements will be shared. Also, as part of their preparation for this special day, the children will attend Mass every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.

PE

The children will have P.E. and Games on a Monday afternoon. They will need their full school P.E. kit, including pumps, in school for each session. Please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with your child's name to avoid any confusion.

Swimming lessons will continue on Thursday afternoons up until half term at Bootle Leisure Centre. Boys will need fitted swimming trunks (no loose shorts), a swimming cap, and a towel. Girls will need a one-piece swimming costume (no bikinis or tankinis), a swimming cap, and a towel. Please note that, due to pool policy, earrings (including studs) must not be worn in the water, so these should be removed and left at home on swimming days.

Music

Brass band lessons will take continue on Monday afternoons. If instruments are taken home for practice, please ensure they are returned to school in time for lessons.

Homework

Children are expected to read at home each night. We greatly value your support in listening to your child read and recording comments in their homework diary, along with a signature or initials to confirm that they have read either their reading scheme book or their graduate book. Please also comment when a book has been completed and needs to be changed. We would expect books to be changed at least once every two weeks. Your feedback is extremely helpful and helps us to work in strong partnership between home and school.

Any additional homework will be recorded in your child's diary and is expected to be completed by the following school day. We would appreciate it if diaries could be initialled upon completion, with any relevant comments added. In addition, children should continue to practise their times tables regularly. Short, daily practice sessions are recommended, and your involvement is greatly encouraged.

Times Tables

The Mathematics National Curriculum for Year 4 expects children to fluently recall times tables up to 12 x 12 and use this knowledge for multiplication and division facts. As you may know, the children will be taking the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in the coming weeks. This is a short, online assessment designed to ensure that all children can recall their times tables up to 12 x 12 quickly and confidently. To help them feel fully prepared, it is important that they continue to practise regularly at home. The progress they have already made is fantastic, and a little consistent practice over the next few weeks will help to keep their skills sharp and prevent any forgetting. It will also help them approach the check feeling calm and confident.

To support this, we strongly encourage all children to practise their times tables regularly on TT Rock Stars in the lead-up to the check. Just 5–10 minutes a day (around three soundchecks) can make a significant difference, helping to reinforce their knowledge and improve the speed and accuracy of recall.

Homework

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

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 continuing the **Reading Graduate** scheme started in 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!

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

Dates for Your Diary

Summer 1

Y4 Play in a Day: Ancient Greece
Y4 First Holy Communion meeting
Bank Holiday
Y4 DT workshop
Non-uniform Day (bottles)
School Finishes for half term
INSET days

Wednesday 15th April
Monday 20th April (2:30pm)
Monday 4th May
Wednesday 13th May
Friday 15th May
Tuesday 19th May (3 pm)
Wednesday 20th May – Friday 22nd May

Summer 2

Return to School
Y4 First Holy Communion
Y4 First Holy Communion party
Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Fun Run
Junior Sports Day
Y4 trip to Crosby Lakeside
Non-uniform Day (toys)
Arts Festival
Summer Fayre
Term finishes for summer holidays

Monday 1st June
Friday 5th June (11am)
Monday 8th June (1:30pm)
Monday 8th June – Friday 12th June
Friday 19th June
Friday 26th June (10am)
Wednesday 1st July
Friday 3rd July
Wednesday 8th July (8:30am)
Friday 10th July (1:15pm)
Friday 17th July (1:30pm)

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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