



Year 4 Newsletter

Spring 2026

Welcome back. We hope you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

The purpose of this termly newsletter is to give a few reminders of what is happening in Year 4 this term.

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	The school day begins promptly at 8:30am when the gates open. • Registration closes at 8:35am. • Morning work begins straight away at 8:30am, so please ensure your child arrives on time and is ready to start the day without delay.
Expectations	As your child moves through Year 4, we have high hopes and ambitions for every pupil to achieve their very best. To support this, it is important that classrooms remain calm, focused and respectful learning environments. Even low-level disruptive behaviours, such as not following instructions or showing unkindness, can affect both learning and wellbeing for everyone. We are committed to providing high-quality teaching every day and ask for your continued support in reinforcing our behaviour expectations at home. In particular, please help your child understand the importance of: • Treating others with kindness and respect • Following classroom rules and routines • Accepting consequences when behaviour does not meet expectations • Listening to and respecting all adults in school Low-level behaviour issues are dealt with promptly and proportionately in school, and staff will not contact parents about every incident. However, if concerns become repeated or more serious, we will contact you so that we can work together to support your child's behaviour and wellbeing.
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 (including coats) are labelled with their name. We expect children to be responsible for looking after their belongings. It's amazing how many coats jumpers and cardigans are misplaced.
PE & Swimming	During the spring term, the children will continue to have PE & Games on a Monday afternoon. Please ensure your child brings: • A full PE kit (school shorts and white t-shirt, pumps, trainers) • Warmer clothes should be brought in for days when weather conditions are poor. Also during the spring term, the children of year 4 will go swimming. These lessons take place on Thursday afternoons. Children must bring a full swimming kit, including a cap. Boys must wear appropriate swimming trunks. Earrings must be removed for swimming sessions.
Brass band	Children will continue their brass lessons with Sefton Schools Music Service on Monday afternoons. Instruments may be taken home for practice but must be returned for lessons. An after-school brass band club runs on Mondays from 3:00–4:00 pm.

Times Tables	Children will continue daily times tables practice, focusing on one table every two weeks. They are expected to learn both multiplication and related division facts. The national Year 4 multiplication tables check will take place in June .
Reading	Children are also expected to read at home every evening . We would really appreciate your support by listening to your child read, making brief comments in their homework diary or reading journal where appropriate, and signing the diary each night to confirm that reading has taken place. Feedback from home is extremely valuable and helps us work in partnership to support your child's progress in reading.
First Holy Communion	Following First Reconciliation in December, the children will now prepare for their First Holy Communion through the Archdiocesan programme 'With You Always'. The celebration will take place on Friday 5th June at 11:00 am, with further details shared closer to the date.

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 book 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

Back to School
Play In a Day: Macbeth
Design Technology workshop - Textiles
Non-Uniform day (unwanted gifts)
Inside Out Mental Health Day
The Trashion Show
Internet Safety Day

Monday 5th January
Wednesday 14th January
Wednesday 21st January
Friday 23rd January
Friday 30th January
Friday 6th February
Tuesday 10th February

Friday 13th February - Break up for half-term 3pm

Back to school
World Book Day
Non-uniform Day (chocolates)
Pupil Progress Meetings
Comic Relief – mad hair day

Monday 23rd February
Thursday 5th March
Friday 6th March
Monday 9th March (12.30p.m.)
Friday 20th March

- **Please note** some dates may be subject to change



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