



ADVENT 2026

Year 4 Class Newsletter

Welcome to Year 4! We are so pleased with how well the children are settling in to the new school year. We look forward to getting to know you all throughout the year.

Our team

Your year 4 team is: Miss Tomycz, Mrs Ryan, Miss Dales, Mr McLaughlin, Mrs Sarno, Mr Connolly and Mr Fox. Miss Benson joins us after October half term.

Mathematics

In Maths this term we will be doing: Place Value – Counting in 1000s and Roman Numerals, Addition and Subtraction, Measurement – Area and Multiplication and Division.

By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all of their times tables. The times tables for Year 4 are the 6x, 7x and 9x tables, providing they know 3x, 4x and 8x tables from Year 3.

At the end of Year 4 children will be taking the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (more details to follow).



English

We will begin the year with a focus on punctuation and grammar. Our main text for the Advent Term will be The Great Egyptian Sleepover. We will be writing a non-chronological report, a diary entry and a Haiku poem.

In Year 4, children will take part in whole class reading lessons, this will also include reading comprehension. Additionally, there will be regular handwriting sessions, where children will practise their cursive joined handwriting. Children will have time each day to read for pleasure and should have their reading book and organiser in school every day.

PE

PE will take place on Thursdays (Mr Connolly) and Fridays (Class Teacher). Your child should arrive at school, on the above days, in full PE kit. This term we will be learning:

- Fundamentals: balance, speed, agility, skipping and challenges.
- Ball Skills: tracking, collecting, dribbling, throwing and catching.
- Dance and dodgeball.



Follow us on social media: we post updates and photos on our social media accounts so consider following us to stay in the loop. You can find us on Facebook and on Instagram.

Our Curriculum

Our topics for the Advent Term will be:

- History: Ancient Egyptians
- Geography: Earthquakes and Volcanoes
- Design and Technology: Structures – Electrical Systems
- Art: Water Colours – Joseph Turner
- Science: Sound and Electricity
- Computing: Computing systems and networks and Programming 1
- PSHE: Physical Health and Relationships



Music lessons will take place on a Thursday morning with Mr Fox, who is part of the Our Lady of Lourdes Music Team. Lessons will include some practical and theory-based work:

- Advent 1: Explore syncopated rhythm, composition, listening to Latin music and performing.
- Advent 2: Listen to and perform techno music and learn to read some musical notes.

Reminders

It is essential that every item of uniform and PE kit is clearly labelled as it wastes a lot of valuable learning time identifying lost items.

As our cloakrooms are very crowded, especially in the winter months, we struggle to fit everybody's bags in. Please send your child in with an appropriately sized bag, just big enough to fit their reading folder and a named water bottle.



Homework

During September we will focus solely on reading, spellings and times tables to encourage positive habits at school and at home. From October, usual homework, and this will commence this will include:

- Reading – Children need to read for 15 minutes each night (preferably to an adult). This can be their colour banded book or any other suitable reading material. Children need to record the name of the book and the pages they have read.
- Timestables – A times table sheet will be sent home each week and TTRS every day.
- Weekly spellings
- Maths task – This will be sent home every Friday, to be returned the following Friday.
- Another task, based on another curriculum task.

RE

Our RE topics this term will be:

- Creation and Covenant – The life of Abraham and his Covenant with God, virtues of faith, hope, and love.
- Prophecy and Promise – The prophet Elijah and Isaiah, John the Baptist, The Feast of Christ the King, The Jesse Tree and Advent.



Diary dates

- Friday 18 September – PTA foam party – tickets on Arbor.
- Tuesday 6 October – Mental Health Workshop
- Thursday 15 October – Egyptian Day – email invite to follow.

