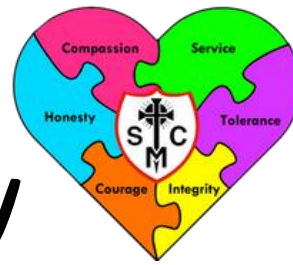


Year 4

Newsletter



Welcome to year 4!

I hope you and your family have had a wonderful break and that the children are feeling excited and ready for a fantastic year ahead!

We have lots of exciting learning experiences planned this term, with plenty of opportunities for the children to explore, discover and challenge themselves across the curriculum.

To find out more about what the children will be learning this term, please look at the **Year 4 Curriculum Overview**.

We look forward to working together and supporting your child throughout the year.

Miss Butt

Weekly Timetable

Thursday – PE

Children to come to school in full PE kits.

Friday – Fitness

Children to come to school in full PE kits.

Friday – Reading books changed weekly

Please ensure your child's diary has been signed, and they bring their books to school everyday.

Friday – Homework

Homework is set and returned the following Friday.

Reading at Home

In Year 4, developing confident and fluent readers remains a key priority. Each week, children will be sent home with **two colour-banded reading books** and a **reading diary**.

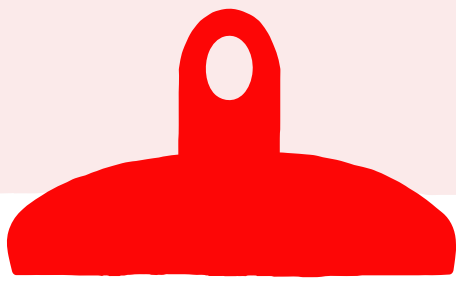
Over the last few weeks, your child's reading level has been assessed, and they have been provided with books we feel are appropriate for their current reading ability. We will continue to regularly listen and assess therefore book levels will change throughout the year as your child progresses.

We encourage children to read at home **every day**, or at **least three times each week**, to help develop fluency, accuracy and comprehension. While reading with your child, please discuss any unfamiliar vocabulary and ask questions about the text to check their understanding. It is important to remember that reading fluently does not always mean a child fully understands what they have read.

Please record all home reading in your child's **reading diary**, including pages read, any support given or comments about your child's progress and understanding.

Reading books will be changed every Friday. To monitor reading progress and home-school communication, we ask that reading diaries and books are brought into school each day and signed regularly by a parent or carer.

Thank you for your continued support.



Homework

Reading

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Spelling – Play Morphs

Using Play Morphs to help them learn and practice their weekly spellings. Spelling activities will be set each week through the platform.

TTRS

We will use Times Table Rock Stars to develop multiplication and division fluency. Regular activities and challenges will be set for children to complete both in school and at home.

CGP Books

Children will use CGP Maths Targeted Question Books and Reading Comprehension Books to help reinforce and extend their learning.



Morning Snacks

Please ensure your child brings a clearly labelled water bottle to school each day. We kindly ask that only water is provided, as this helps children stay hydrated and focused throughout the school day.

Children may also bring a healthy snack for morning break. Suitable snacks include: fruit or vegetables, healthy snack bars or a maximum of two biscuits.

Please note that break time snacks will be monitored to ensure they meet these expectations.

We would also appreciate it if you could remind your child **not to share food or snacks with others**. This is extremely important due to the severity of allergies and dietary requirements of some children.



Upcoming Events

Wednesday 23rd September 2026

Meet the Teacher – Information to follow

Thursday 24th September 2026

Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 30th September 2026

School Photos

Throughout October

Black History Month

Thursday 8th October 2026

Harvest Mass

Friday 9th October 2026

World Mental Health Day – Wear yellow

Friday 16th October 2026

Last day of term

Important Reminders

Please label all items of clothing and check these often. It is very difficult to return missing items to children without a clear name in them. At SMC, we expect children to be in full uniform/PE kit on the correct days. Please ask a member of staff if you are unsure of the school expectations.

If your child has any medical needs, not already known to the school, please do come in to discuss these.

Our school day **begins at 8:40am** when the gates open and **ends at 3:20pm**. The children enter and leave school by the gate closest to Year 2.

We value the support of our parents and carers and believe that working together helps children to thrive. We warmly welcome parent volunteers who would like to help in school or with class activities. If you are interested in becoming a parent helper, please speak to a member of staff. We greatly appreciate your time and support.

