



# Year Four News

A newsletter for Year 4 Parents

Spring Term 2026

## Geography

This term we will be learning about Australia and the Great Barrier Reef.

If you have any relevant objects, books or pictures, please bring them into school to share.



Year 4 have a link with Azezo Tekelhaimanot Elementary School in Ethiopia! We will soon be receiving handwritten letters from the children which we will reply to. In the summer term, the children will plan a fundraising event for the school.

Please make sure your **PE kit** is in school, including warm weather items. This term we will be **swimming** every Tuesday morning and our outdoor PE session on a Thursday will be Hockey followed by OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activities)

This is a list of useful vocabulary that we will be using in class this term. It would be great if parents/carers could support with the learning of these spellings at home (this is not for a formal test!).

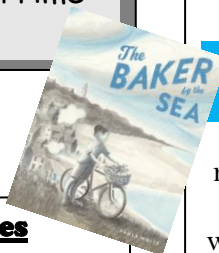
Teachers may catch some parents separately with an alternative list so please do not worry if these words look too challenging for your child.

1. Australia
2. barrier
3. reef
4. ocean
5. threat
6. tourism
7. coral
8. environment
9. marine
10. acidification

## Year 4 Fashion Show!

Year 4 will be proudly donning their eco self-made t-shirts and filming a fashion show in the Hall this term! More details to follow.

In English, we will be reading some high quality texts such as *Song of the Dolphin Boy* by Elizabeth Laird and *The Baker by the Sea* by Paula White. We will also be writing persuasive letters to the Australian Prime Minister!



For information on what we will be learning this term, please see the curriculum pages of our website;

[St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School - Curriculum](#)

## Home reading.

**Please encourage your child to read every night.**

Children in Y4 are often able to read independently but they still benefit from some time reading with an adult. This can be a great opportunity for children to read, enjoy and discuss more challenging texts. Please do encourage your child to record what they are reading in their 'Reading Records'. These should be brought into school every day.

## Times Tables

Please help your child to learn their times tables up to 12 x 12. Remember that they also need to understand how we relate the multiplication facts to the division facts:-

$$3 \times 6 = 18$$
$$\text{so } 18 \div 6 = 3 \text{ and } 18 \div 3 = 6$$

## D&T


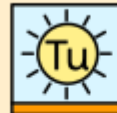

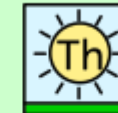
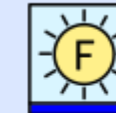




















After half-term, we will be utilising recycled clothing and material in our D&T lessons. Please save anything at home that we could use!

## Making Appointments

We are always happy to talk to parents about any questions or concerns they have. Please feel free to catch us after school or email us via the office make an appointment for another time.

With the newsletter this term, we are also including a simplified, general year group timetable to support families at home. You will find listed the main lessons that happen on each day in a normal week. Please note that the order of lessons may vary by class. We hope that you find this useful.

Year 4 Timetable: Spring 2026

 Monday	 Tuesday	 Wednesday	 Thursday	 Friday
 English	 Computing	 English	 English	 English
 Maths	 Swimming	 Maths	 Maths	 Maths
 Geography	 Maths	 Science	 PE	 Music
 Art	 English	 French	 RE	 PSHE