



# Teacher Newsletter

## Year Four



### Spring Term 2026

We hope you all managed to enjoy the Christmas break as a family and wish you a very Happy new year!

The Spring Term brings a change of topics in Year 4 and we were excited to start the term looking at our books Cinnamon and The Firework Maker's Daughter. Very different tales thoroughly enjoyed in previous classes, so we hope they become popular this year too. We are excited about our visit to Verulamium Museum on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January to finish off our Roman learning before exploring the Saxon period of England's history.

We look forward to sharing lots of our learning with you in our sharing assemblies.

#### Sharing Assembly

A date for your diary- our class sharing assembly will be on:

Year 4 Pine – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 2:30pm

Year 4 Acer – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm

This is an opportunity for you to come and hear all about what our class have been learning. We can't wait to share it with you. Our sharing assembly will be about 30 minutes long.

#### Acer

Mrs Stagg

#### Pine

Mrs Mamtora (Mon-Thurs)

Mrs Hollinshead (Fri)

LSA: Mrs Hunt

Mrs Borland is the TA across Year 4.

Support staff are subject to change throughout the year.

**Mr Kelly teaches us PE on Monday and Miss Toms teach us on Wednesday afternoons.**

#### PE

PE kits need to come into school every Monday. They will be sent home for washing each Friday.

Pine are swimming on Tuesday afternoons and will need to bring their kit into school.

Acer class will be swimming on Tuesday afternoons after February half term.

#### PE Days Spring 1

Acer Class: Monday and Tuesday

Pine Class: Monday only (Swimming Tuesday)

(These are subject to change)

Earrings should be removed on PE days, or covered with tape.

Please could all children wear socks and **not** tights on PE days.

#### Reminders

All children should have a water bottle and coat, plus hat scarf and gloves in school every day.

**Library Day**- Library will be on a Monday or Tuesday (when not swimming). Please only send library books in on this day.

**Packed Lunches**- If your child has a packed lunch, please remember we are a nut free school.

**Hair** - Longer hair must be tied back, away from your child's face

**Snack**- Please ensure your child has a fruit or vegetable snack every day.

#### Reading and Home Learning

2026 is the National Year of Reading. This is a UK-wide campaign led by the Department for Education and delivered with the National Literacy Trust. Its goal is simple but powerful: to help children, young people, and adults rediscover the joy of reading.

Some books to share at home: Beneath by Corri Doerfield, A Fairy Called Fred by Robert Tregonning, Michael Rosen's Book of Very Silly Poems, Onyeka and the Academy of the Sun, by Tolá Okogwu, How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell.

Please continue to share books and hear your child read daily. They will continue to bring home spellings and White Rose Maths Practice Journal most weeks. Weekly access to Reading Eggs and TimesTablesRockStars will also help to develop fluency skills in these areas

**No more than 75 minutes per week should be spent on these tasks altogether.**

#### THRIVE Values

##### **R - Responsible**

We are responsible. We work hard, we are determined and we challenge ourselves. We take responsibility for our actions, words and choices. We are reflective learners.

##### **I - Innovative**

We are innovative. We are creative, we love learning and we are curious. We are confident, we take risks, make mistakes and we are problem solvers. We are empowered to make changes.