

# Welcome to Year 4



Leopard Class: Mrs Eden and Mrs Vallis  
Puma Class: Mrs Bartoszezwska

God of wisdom and might,  
we praise you for the wonders of our being,  
for mind, body and spirit.  
Be with our children as they begin a new school year.  
Bless them, their families, their teachers  
and all involved in the school community.

Give them strength and grace  
as their bodies grow;  
wisdom and knowledge to their minds  
as they search for understanding;  
and peace and zeal to their spirits as they continue on  
their learning journeys.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

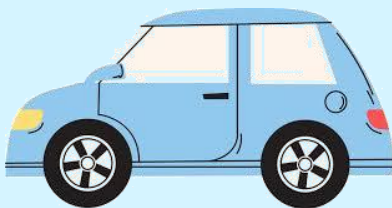
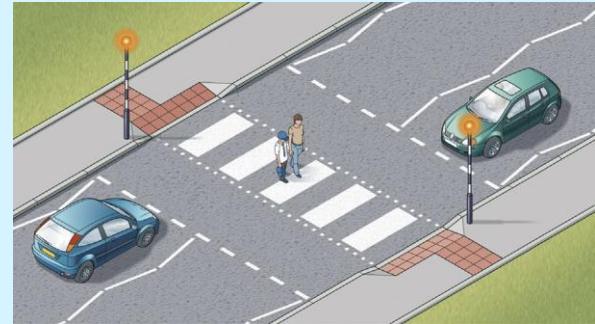


# Timings of School Day

Your child should arrive at school between **8:40am** and **8:50am**.

Children must not be left at school gate before this time.

The school day ends at **3:10pm**. (**3.10-3.20 pick up**)



**Please be considerate of our neighbours and follow the rules of the road when parking.**

# Attendance

- There is a direct link between good school attendance and high achievement in school.
  - Holidays in term time will be unauthorised.
  - Teachers will **not** provide packs of work for children on holiday during term time.
- Contact the school office if your child is unwell.
  - 48 hours exclusion for vomiting or diarrhoea



# Uniform



What does my child need  
for school?

- Bag for books
- Water bottle (not hot)
- Lunchbox if needed
- Coat
- Sunhat during summer months
- Suncream during summer months

**Children persistently wearing incorrect uniform will receive a behaviour consequence.**

**No pencil cases**

# PE

- PE is part of the National Curriculum and is taught every week.
- Children should come to school wearing PE uniform.
- PE days are liable to change during the school year.
- Some lessons are coached by our specialist providers, Fortius PE.
- This term, Year 4 PE will be on Fridays.



# Lunches & Snacks

Packed lunches must be healthy & balanced.  
School lunches can be booked through Parent Pay.



Tuck shop is available at  
break times – 50p per item.



**ALLERGY ALERT!**



**No Nuts!**



# Health & Medication

School staff can administer only medicines prescribed by your GP – no Calpol, Nurofen etc.



Trained first aiders are on duty at all times.



We will inform you by phone if your child has a bumped head.

Let us know if your child has an asthma inhaler & provide a spare inhaler for school use.



Cases of head lice must be treated immediately.

# What does our curriculum include?

## Core subjects:

English (includes phonics, spelling, grammar, reading & writing)

Maths

RE

Science

## Foundation subjects:

History

Geography

Art

Design & Technology

Computing

PE

PSHE

Music

French

All pupils are also taught RSE as this is compulsory in English schools.



# Topic Web

Year 4 2025—2026: Autumn Term

## English

- Non-Chronological Reports  
Non-chronological report about Ancient Greek Gods and Goddesses
- Traditional Tales/ Class Literature  
Aesop's Fables
- SPaG linked to Y4 objectives



## Maths

- Number and Place Value
- Geometry: Properties of Shape
- Multiplication and Division
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication Tables



## Science

- States of Matter
- Sound



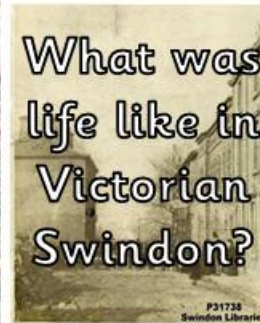
## Computing

- Coding
- Writing for Different Audience
- National Online Safety:  
Self Image & Identity and Online Relationship



## RE

- Creation and Covenant
- Prophecy and Promise



## PSHE

- Class rules and expectations
- Being Me in My World (Term 1)
- Celebrating Difference (Term 2)



## Art

Drawing: Designing Greek vases



## Design Technology

## PE

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Swimming



## History

- How is our local land used?

## Geography

- What was life like in Victorian Swindon?

## Music

- Musical vocabulary
- Gospel Music linking to Black History Month
- Glockenspiel



## French

- Let's explore France!
- Quelle saison?



# Holy Rood 42

The Holy Rood 42 is a programme of trips, visits and experiences. This is to build children's experience and knowledge of the world around them.



**Life skills**



**Community**



**Creative**



**Cultural**



**Physical**



**Outdoor**

# Curriculum Passports

**Attainment in Enquiry Subjects**

	Autumn	Spring	Summer
History			
Geography			
Art			
DT			

**Bronze:** I am working towards the standard in this subject.  
**Silver:** I am achieving the standard in this subject.  
**Gold:** I am working at greater depth in this subject.



## Holy Rood



Holy Rood 42 is a selection of 42 opportunities that we believe all children should experience before they leave primary school. There are 6 opportunities during each of the 7 years you spend at Holy Rood Primary School.

How many of these will you complete during Year 4?

Be money-wise - calculate and use loose change.	Use new technologies to create a computer animation.	Watch a live local sporting event.
Take part in a survival skills team building day.	Investigate the past by visiting a museum.	Help the planet by carrying out an eco-project.


















# Homework

## Year 4 Homework

Leopard and Puma Class homework.

Your homework will go live each Monday, please ensure all tasks are complete by the following Monday ☺

Please see the links and help sheets for login instructions.

Term 1							
	Week 2 08.09.25	Week 3 15.09.25	Week 4 22.09.25	Week 5 29.09.25	Week 6 06.10.25	Week 7 13.10.25	Week 8 20.10.25
Maths							
English							
Reading	Please make sure you are reading at home every day. Don't forget to complete your Reading Record!						

We do not send home weekly spellings.

# Reading: Strive for Five!

Children should read at home at least **5 times each week**.



Reading records to be signed and dated by an adult at home (with a comment when/if needed). This will be checked as part of homework on Fridays.

Housepoints are awarded each week to children with 5 or more reads.



**Levelled books must be in school every day.**

# Diary Dates for this term

- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Whole school Mass in church
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – CAFOD Family Fast Day
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Parents evening
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – LKS2 Mass in school
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Whole school Mass in church

## Events in the year ahead

In Term 5 the children will be taking part in a Bushcraft day linked to our Holy Rood 42 and during Term 6 we will be visiting Chedworth Roman Villa linked to our history topic. More information to follow nearer the time.

# MTC

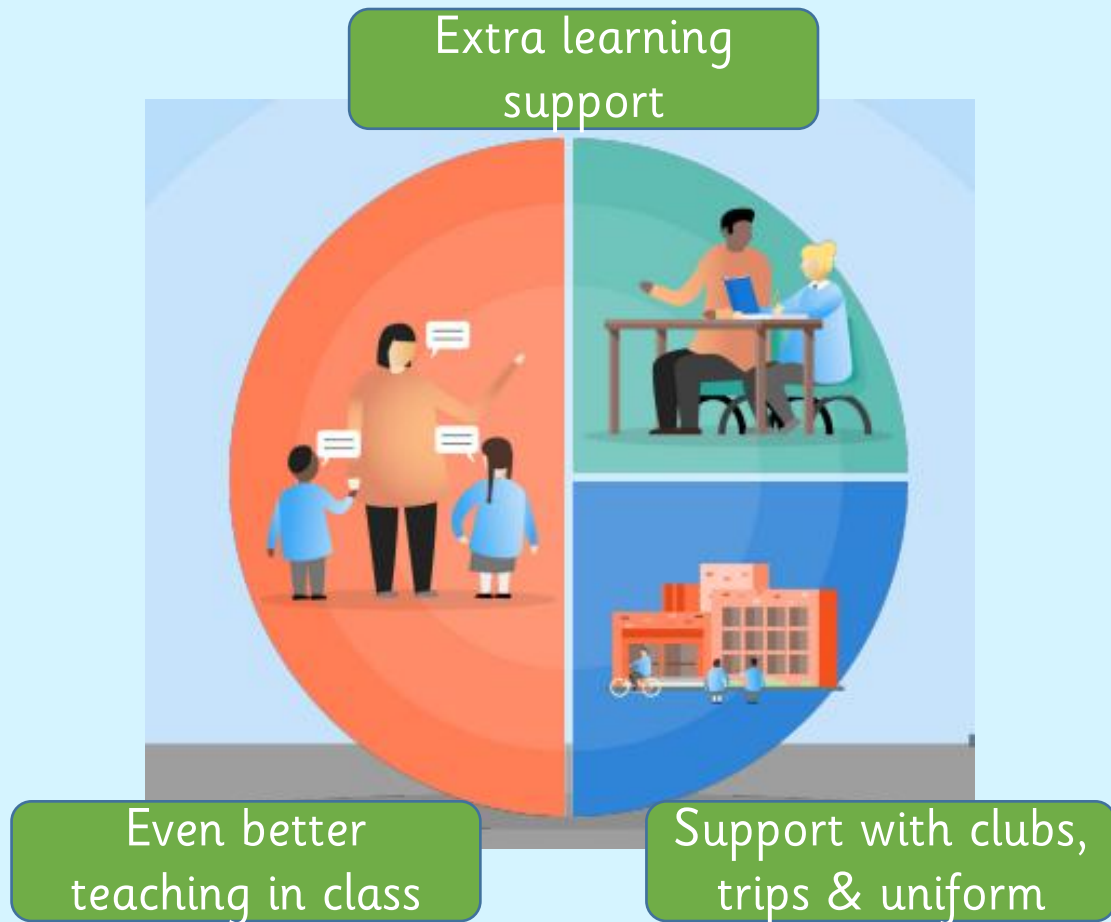
- The **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** is a statutory assessment created by the government for all children in Year 4 from **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** (administered over two weeks).
- The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can **recall their times tables up to 12x12 fluently**, which is essential for future success in mathematics.
- It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.



# Pupil Premium

One central aim: **to improve outcomes for all pupils from low-income families.**

The school receives **£1,455** per eligible pupil – and this is spent on **your child's education.**



**Answer two very simple questions and we can check every week to see if your child could be entitled to additional funding in school.**

# Online Safety

Set up **parental controls** on all your home devices.

Set clear expectations about **behaviour online**... and stick to them!

Talk to your child. Be **ready to listen** so they know they can come to you with any worries.



Go online together. **Find out for yourself** how their favourite games and apps work.

Supervise your child's internet use. **Who are they talking to?**

# Special Educational Needs and Disabilities



- Our SENDCO is Mrs Beard.
- She can advise if you are concerned that your child may have additional needs.
- If your child has additional needs, he/she will have an Individual Education Plan with personalised targets. You will receive updates 3x year about his/her progress.





# Pastoral Support

- Our Pastoral lead is Mrs Galvin.
- She can advise if you have concerns about managing your child's behaviour or emotions.
- She can also advise about support available to families facing difficult circumstances.

To contact Mrs Galvin, please call the school office on **523802** or email—  
[pastoral@holyroodprimary.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@holyroodprimary.co.uk)



# Holy Rood Parent and Friends Association

## How do we raise money?

Ice cream sales  
School discos  
Film nights  
Tea & coffee at  
Sports Day

## How is the money used?

Improving  
computer facilities  
for children  
Jonathan's Jungle  
Roadshow visit for  
EYFS & KS1  
Year 6 Leavers'  
gifts  
Improving the  
prayer garden

## How can you help?

Please get in touch  
with the PFA via  
the school office if  
you can volunteer  
to help us.

# LKS2 Events

If you are able to help at any of the events or are interested in joining the committee, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the end of the meeting.

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**LKS2 Disco**  
**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**October**  
**3.15 –**  
**4.00pm**

**KS2 Film**  
**Night**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**December**  
**3.15 – 4pm**

**Holy Rood**  
**Christmas Event**  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**December**  
**3.15pm onwards**



# Contact us



Look at our website:

<http://www.holyroodcatholicprimary.co.uk/>



Let your child's teacher know first about any problems – contact via the school office.

Ask the school office for help with queries about dates, clubs, payments, lunches, medication, absence etc.