

Welcome to Year 4



Leopard Class: Mrs Eden and Miss Healy

TA: Mrs Kirby

Puma Class: Miss Tucker

TA: Mrs Hyde

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

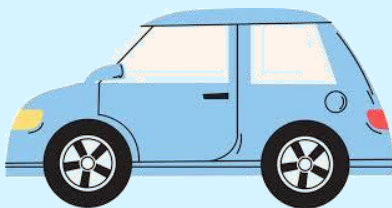
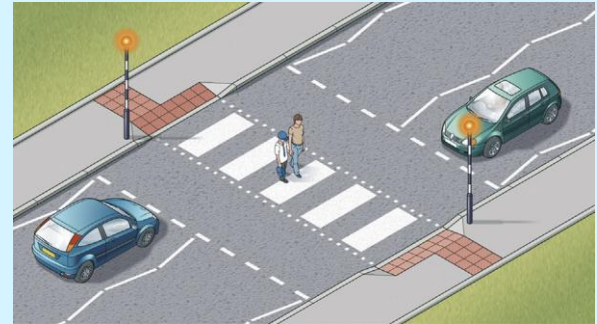
Your child should arrive
at school between

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



Children persistently wearing incorrect uniform will receive a behaviour consequence.

What does my child need for school?

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

No pencil cases

- Hair should be tied back and out of their face
- Shoes should be black and appropriate for school
- Jumpers or sweatshirts instead of hoodies

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: **Soccer Excellence**.
- This term, PE is on a **Tuesday**.



PE Kit

- White t-shirt
- Blue/black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Sensible trainers or daps
- Earrings removed before school or taped up if they cannot be removed
- Long hair tied back
- NO football kits (if children are in Football Club, they can change into them after school)



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 2026—2027: Autumn Term

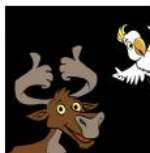
English

- Non-Chronological Reports
Non-chronological reports about Stone Age, Queen Victoria and The Victorians
- Class Literature
How to train your dragon
- 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



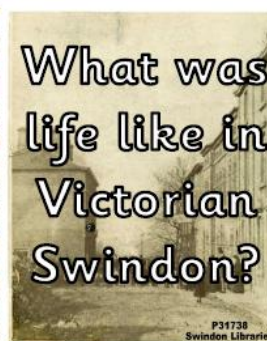
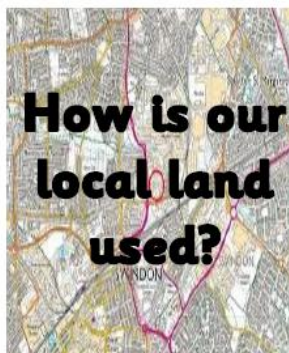
Computing

- 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
- Created and Loved by God.
(‘Religious understanding’, ‘Me, my body, My health’, ‘Emotional well-being’ and ‘Life cycles’.



Art

Drawing and designing own dragon using cross hatching.

Design Technology

Using wood work to create a Victorian style marble run.

PE

- Football
- Dodgeball
- Swimming



Geography

- What was life like in Victorian Swindon?
- How is our local land used?

History

Music

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



French

- Lets 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

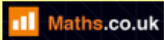
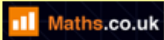
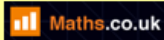
Year 4 Homework

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 07.09.26	Week 3 14.09.26	Week 4 21.09.26	Week 5 28.09.26	Week 6 05.10.26	Week 7 12.10.26
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

- Parents' evening – **Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October**
- CAFOD Family fast day: dress-down day for donation – **2nd October**
- Swindon food collective – **28th September - 8th October**
- Harvest Mass (in church) – **8th October 9:30**
- LKS2 Stage Mass (in school) – **17th November 9am**
- Advent Mass (in church) – **10th December 9:30**

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

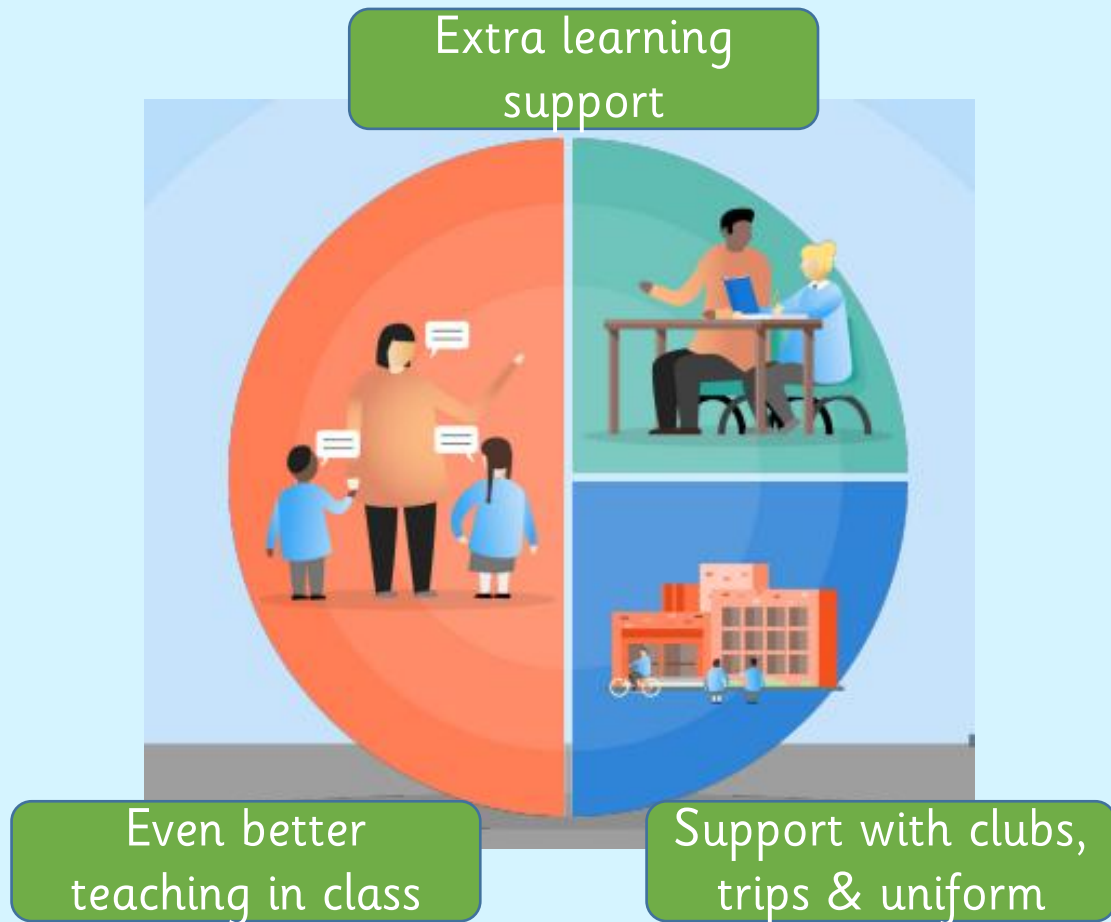
- The **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** is a statutory assessment created by the government for all children in Year 4 from **Monday 7th June** (administered over two weeks).
- The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can **recall their times tables up to 12x12 fluently**, which is essential 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



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

In the past, we have held these events with the support of parents. If you are interested in joining the committee, please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the end of the meeting.

LKS2 Disco

**KS2 Film
Night**

**Holy Rood
Christmas Event**



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.