

Year 4 Newsletter



Autumn 2026

A warm welcome to Year 4 to all of our pupils and families! We are really looking forward to getting to know you all and sharing another great school year together. We hope this newsletter provides a helpful guide as we prepare for the start of the new term.

P.E.

The Y4 children will do P.E. every Thursday. Please ensure children come to school wearing their P.E. kit on that day. P.E kit consists of black jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts; a white t-shirt or polo shirt; and a red hoodie. Children must also have suitable shoes for outdoor and indoor P.E. Indoor pumps can be worn for indoor P.E. or children may also wear a clean pair of indoor trainers.

Swimming

As part of our P.E. curriculum, children in Year 4 go swimming every week. Our lessons are held at Bramley Baths on Wednesday mornings. Please make sure children have their swimming kit with them on that day. They will need a towel and swimsuit/swimming trunks. They may bring goggles if required but please ensure they are named. Children with long hair should have it tied back. Children may wear P.E kit on Wednesdays if they would like to.

Homework

In Year 4, spelling and times tables homework will be set weekly. Homework is set on a Friday and is due back to school the following Wednesday.

Times Tables

Each week, your child will be given a specific times table to practise. Once your child has learnt that times table and can answer 20 questions correctly in 1 minute 30 seconds, they will move on to the next times table to learn. All children will start with the 2 x table and will progress at their own pace. We encourage the use of TT Rockstars (5 minutes daily), as well as songs, step-counting and games.

Spelling

A spelling activity will be given to children in their homework book each week. We will be focusing on the statutory Year 3 and 4 spelling list, as well as spelling patterns that we have been learning in class.

Multiplication Tables Check

In the summer term, children in Year 4 will complete an online Multiplication Tables Check. This is a statutory check consisting of 25 times table questions. Children have 6 seconds to answer each question. The expectation is that most children will have rapid recall of all of their times table facts by the end of Year 4. As well as setting weekly times tables homework, we will do plenty of practice of our times tables facts during the school day and will support all children to feel confident and ready for this check. Results will be shared with parents in the end of year report.

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Extreme Reading

Children in the juniors are expected to complete 10 - 15 minutes of reading five times a week. Reading records then need to be signed by an adult and brought into school every day. Please encourage your child to read and sign their diary. We celebrate our reading each Friday during our Special Mention assembly and try to win the Extreme Reading trophy!

Blog

Keep an eye out for our weekly blogs! We will be posting work, pictures, activities and information to help you share and celebrate your child's learning with them at home. The blog can be accessed from the main school website www.farsleyfarfield.org.uk/category/year-4-news/. If you have registered an email address with us, we will send a link when something new is posted.

School Trips

This year, we hope to enhance our curriculum with a variety of exciting themed days and educational visits.

As part of our science and DT learning, we will be visited by Sam the Sound Man, who will teach us all about sound and musical instruments. We expect this to cost approximately £3.00 per child. Date TBC.

In the spring term, we will be going to Murton Park, which we expect to cost approximately £20.00 per child. This fantastic day out will help us understand what life was like for the Vikings.

In the summer term, we will be visiting Burnsall as part of our geography learning. We expect this to cost approximately £2.50 per child. We will contrast our visit to Burnsall with a trip to Leeds city centre, where we will follow the Leeds Owl Trail and visit Leeds City Museum. This trip will be free of charge.

Further details of trips and costs will be sent nearer to the time. We are lucky at Farfield that our visits cost so little as we are often able to use our own transport or get free or cheap train tickets. These requests to cover costs are voluntary contributions. We hope that advance notice will help with budgeting.

Chromebooks

Please support your child to charge their Chromebooks and bring them to school each day. Chromebooks must be transported in a case. Children are also asked to bring a pair of headphones to use with their Chromebooks.

Contact Details

We are looking forward to a busy and fun-filled year. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on the email addresses below.

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Many thanks,
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