



Welcome back to school



We are so happy to welcome you to Year 4 in September. All the grown-ups are really looking forward to meeting you and being part of your learning.

Here is some information about your new year group so you are ready on your first day.

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Miss Howdle will teach you on a Monday

Here are the adults in the Year 4 team



Mrs Pinder- White



Miss Leech



Miss Howdle

When do I come back to school?

The first day of the new term is Tuesday 1st September 2026.

Where will I come into school?

You can come into school through the main school gates on Kings Road or by the Noah's Ark entrance. This year we are going to trial your grown-ups walking you down to your class building but if you want to walk in by yourself that's OK, too. There will be adults from school by the gates to welcome you every day. Remember to leave your cuddly toys and games at home for safe keeping. The gates will be open from 8.30am until 8.50am.



If you are late, you will need to go to the main school office with your adult.



What will I need to bring to school?

You will need a small bag that will fit inside your locker to carry your reading book and plastic water bottle (with a sports cap). No metal bottles please. If you are not having a school dinner, you will need a packed lunch. Remember to make sure that everything is named. Please keep a pair of plimsolls in your locker.



Your PE days will be a **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. **4K will also have PE on a Tuesday.** On these days, you will need to wear your PE kit and your school jumper or a plain black sports top to school. In Year 4, you will start swimming lessons. Your teacher will be in touch with your family to let them know when this will be.



Where will my classroom be?

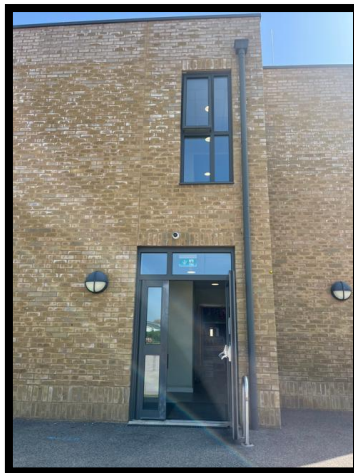
Your classroom will be based in the Rosetti Building. 4K will be upstairs and 4H will be downstairs.



If you are in 4H, you will come into school and go home through your classroom door.



If you are in 4K, you will come into school and go home through the side door on the Rossetti building nearest to the building work.



Where will I have play time?

You will have play time on the MUGA with the rest of your year group. There will be toys for you to play with and familiar grown-ups to look after you. You will also be able to go on the climbing frame when it isn't raining.



Where will I eat my lunch?

If you are a packed lunch, you will be eating in the Mr Mac Hall. If you are a school dinner, you will eat in the temporary hall. There is no change to this year.

What will I learn about in Year 4?

In Year 4 we will deepen our mathematical understanding by using formal written methods for the four operations, learning to recall multiplications rapidly and developing an understanding of fractions and decimals. In English, we will be writing for a variety of genres and deepening our grammatical skills. We will learn to use a wider range of conjunctions and we will develop our understanding of adverbials. In RE, we continue to learn Understanding Christianity as well as learning about what it means to be a Hindu within Britain today. As well as embedding and deepening our prior knowledge, we will also learn skills specific to the Year 4 curriculum such as learning the recorder and taking part in swimming lessons. We have lots of interesting topics to immerse ourselves in within the wider curriculum, such as Ancient Egypt in History, the Amazon Basin in Geography, Programming within Computing and Electricity in Science.

Will I have homework?

Yes! Just like in Year 3, you will need to read at home and your grown-ups will let us know when you have done this by writing in your reading record. There will be regular spelling practise using Spelling Shed or other spelling activities that your teachers set. This will link to what you are doing in class. You will also need to continue learning your times tables on TTRS.

Throughout the term, your teachers will give you a grid of activities to complete at home - these will be lots of fun! You can showcase what you have done in your Love to Learn Journal. The activities in the shaded boxes link to our learning in school.

Skim some stones	Create and complete your own obstacle course	Write and perform a poem
Help an adult to wash their car	Go hiking	Learn a nursery rhyme in another language
Walk by a river	Buy an item from the shops using notes or coins	Draw a Sun Safety poster

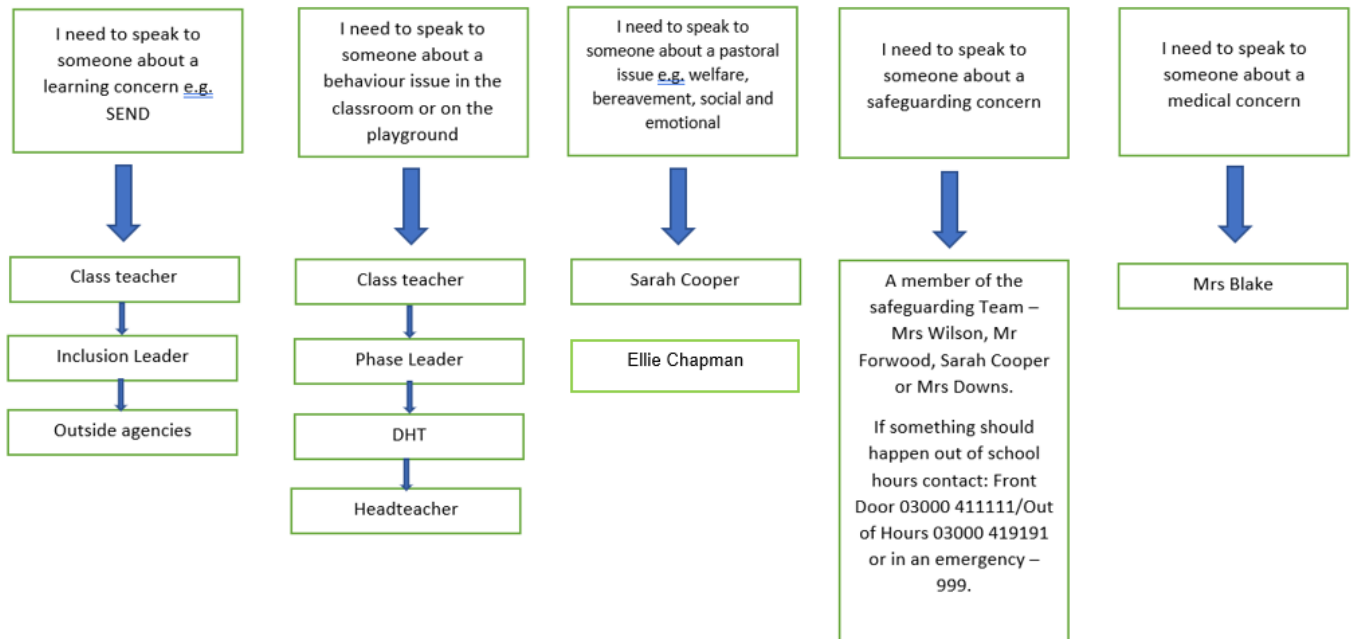
What will happen at the end of the day?

School finishes at 3.20pm every day. If you are in 4K, you can be collected from the right Rosetti side door (nearest the building work). If you are in 4H, your parents and carers can collect you from your classroom door at the back of Rosetti.

Parents page

Who do I see if I have a concern?

Who to contact if you have a worry, a question or a concern



Here are some things you can do to aid your child settling back into school.

- Ensure a good bedtime routine. Try keeping to the same routine each night. It is suggested that children aged 6 to 12 need 9 to 12 hours sleep.
- Minimise device use 2 hours before bedtime to ensure children are calm and ready for bed. This can be a nice time to read together.
- Say goodbye at the gates in a positive way.
- Read through this booklet with your child to help with their transition.