

Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy
Class 4 Newsletter

Spring Term 2026

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Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year - I hope you all had a lovely break. I am so excited for the residential trip to Burwell House on the 5th and 6th of February, and I know the children are too!

This term, our topic is 'Water, Water everywhere'. Through this topic we will be covering a range of subjects, including rivers, the water cycle and the Vikings. If parents can help by providing resources to compliment any of the topics, please let me know,

P.E/Games

We will be continuing with swimming on Wednesday mornings. Our in-school P.E. lessons will now be on Thursdays, with the lessons being dance before half term, and tennis after. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on these days. Swimming costumes need to be worn under P.E. kits on swimming days, and full details are provided on the separate swimming letter. Earrings must be removed at home on P.E. days, as this is not something we are able to do in school. If it is not possible to remove earrings, we must have your written consent that school are not liable for any incidents relating to wearing this item of jewellery. Any watches/Fitbits must also be removed for P.E. and swimming lessons. If your child is unable to participate in a P.E. or swimming lessons, please inform the office in writing.

Art

Please could the children have a named art apron/old shirt available in school for art lessons. We will be painting and printing this term, so this will be especially important!

Homework

Reading is an important part of homework and research has shown the benefit of all primary school-aged children reading to an adult. Children in Class 4 should read to an adult daily for at least 15 minutes. The adult should record the reading progress and any discussions had about the text in their child's school diary. To promote reading in school, the children will be able to participate the reading challenge, earning points for finishing books and completing tasks related to the books they have read.

In addition to daily reading, children in Class 4 will have one maths task and a list of spellings to practise at home each week, and they are expected to spend up to 20 minutes on each activity. Please encourage your child to take pride in their work at home and to aim high with their presentation.

Fluency in times-table and related division facts is essential for maths development. Regular practice on apps such as TTRockStars will support with this. This is especially important in light of the Multiplication Tables Check in June. Please encourage and support children to practise their times tables as often as possible – the more frequently the better!

Children will be sent home with a list of spellings to practice on a Friday, and a test on these spellings will take place in school on the following Friday.

Please provide a plastic wallet for your child to transport their homework to and from school.

Dates for your diary

The Year 4 residential trip to Burwell house is on the **5th and 6th of February**.

Our class assembly will be on **Friday 27th February at 9:10am**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parent drop ins will be on **Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March**.

The Year 3 and 4 production will be on **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th of March**.

A copy of the topic overview is provided alongside this letter. It's going to be a busy and exciting term with lots to look forward to!

Yours sincerely,
Miss Hoare