

Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy

Class 4 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2025

September 2025

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 4 - I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays! I am so excited to have joined the school, and am really looking forward to teaching Class 4. I will be teaching the class all week, except on a Thursday morning when Mrs Munday will be teaching. Mrs Campbell and Ms Hinds will be the teaching assistants in Class 4 this term.

This term, our topic is 'Our Changing World'. We will be learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and plate tectonics and how these have changed the planet. Alongside this geographical focus, we will be studying the Victorians in history and the effect this era had on our world, as well as looking at electricity in science. If you can help by providing information or artefacts on any area of the curriculum, I would be pleased to hear from you. A full topic web accompanies this letter with the details of what will be taught in each subject area.

P.E/Games

P.E. lessons will take place on Tuesday mornings, and we are very fortunate to have Mr Duers teaching P.E. this term. We will be swimming on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit on these days. P.E. kit is a school navy sports top, school navy shorts or a school skort, together with trainers. For indoor P.E. sessions, children will need plimsolls, clean trainers or to go barefoot. Children can wear white sports socks or the optional school sports socks for P.E. During the winter months, navy skins or a school tracksuit jacket may be worn (no hoods on tops). 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.

Music

All children will need their own descant recorder for our music lessons this term. The recorder can stay in school in their tray. Recorders will then be used for the rest of the year on an occasional basis.

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 one spelling task to complete 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.

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

'Meet the Teacher' information evening: **4pm on Wednesday 10th September.**

The Harvest Festival: **9:30am on Friday 24th September.**

Class assembly: **9:10am on Friday 7th November.**

In **mid October**, we hope to take a trip to Audley End house to learn more about life in Victorian times. More information about this will follow shortly.

The Year 4 residential trip to Burwell house has been booked for the **5th and 6th of February 2026**, and more information will be sent to you about this soon.

I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you all as the year goes on. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hoare