



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025

Year 3/4 – Phoenix Class
Mrs Bennett and Mrs Lindley
Year 3/4 – Delphinus Class
Mrs Stather and Mrs Barr
Year 3/4 – Columba Class
Mrs Takacs

Ensuring



Providing



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Welcome back!

Welcome to our first newsletter. We hope you have all had a great summer break and have taken the time to enjoy yourselves. It has been fabulous to have all children back in school.

Classrooms have been filled with smiling faces and it has been lovely to start integrating everybody back together as a school community. The children are also looking very smart in their uniforms, thank you.

This newsletter will hopefully provide you with some key information about Year 3 and 4, but please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff should you have further questions. We will be holding a short 'Meet the Team' evening for parents soon, which will include key information. You can also keep up with the 'goings on' in our classrooms on the Facebook page or on Class Dojo.



PE days

Phoenix's PE days will be Tuesday and Wednesday for the first half term.

Delphinus' PE days will be Wednesday and Friday for the first half term.

Columba's PE days will be Tuesday and Friday for the first half term.

Children are to wear their PE kits on these days with trainers.

Earrings

Staff cannot remove children's earrings for PE lessons. If your child cannot remove their own earrings, please ensure they are not worn on PE days (Mondays and Thursdays). In the case of newly pierced ears, the earrings will need to be covered by tape for 6 weeks please.

Topics for the Autumn term 2025

Healthy Humans: We will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and exercise to stay healthy.



Black History Month: We will explore black history and achievements of some inspirational people.



Stone Age to Iron Age: The children will learn the chronology of this time and about life in Britain including food, religion, homes, technology and art and how each of these areas developed and changed over time.



Important dates for your diary

Meet the teacher- Wednesday 10th September 3.50pm

Half term 27th– 31st October

Butser Ancient Farm Trip-20th November 2025,

Carol Concert-
Wednesday 17th December 6.30pm
St Josephs

First Holy Communion

Children in Year 3 and Year 4 are invited to prepare for their First Holy Communion by attending mass weekly. Parents are invited to attend the Alpha programme previously emailed out.

Please contact Fathers James, Joe and Fr Mark at Catholic Parishes of St Michael and All Angels, Leigh Park, St Joseph & St Thomas, Havant & Emsworth and St Patrick, Hayling Island for more information.



In our first Newsletter we thought parents may appreciate some information about homework tasks and expectations in Year 3 and 4.

Homework

We really appreciate all that you do to support your children at home with their learning. We will send home the following pieces of work for the children to complete at home to consolidate their in school learning.

- A home reading book and a library book

Please continue to support your child with their reading at home. Their reading log contains a slip of information with all the details you need to know. Reading logs will be checked **every Friday**. It is important that the reading log is signed by an adult every time your child reads. Reading and library books can be changed at any time during the week. There is no set day to change them.



- A spelling activity

Your child will receive a set of words, embedded in sentences, to practise at home every 2 weeks to learn. These words will be tested on a Monday and new spelling given out.

- A Fact Fluency or Quickfire pack

This pack will be sent home to support the mental maths work that we will be completing in class. There will be a test weekly.

- Timetables practise

It is important to learn both the multiplication and division facts for the times tables. Packs will be sent home to support this. There will be a weekly test on this. Please remember to use 'Times table Rockstar's' to support the learning of their timetables and division facts. The log in details for this will also be sent out by the end of the week.



- Learning and Enquiry Topic Homework

We will send out a flyer explaining our Learning and Enquiry homework tasks for each topic. Many of the tasks will allow your child (and you!) to be as creative as possible. All homework will be proudly displayed in our classrooms or shared area. Look out later this week for your first topic flyer and learning and enquiry homework task.

Religious Education

The children will first explore our school mission and how it links to our faith life.

This half term, our topic is 'Creation and Covenant'. In this unit we will learn about Abraham and how his faith helps us to grow and trust in God's love, while also exploring how to be good stewards of the earth showing love, peace and faith.



In the morning

Each morning, teachers or LSAs will be out on the playground to meet the children. Please come and speak to us if you have anything you think we need to know or have any worries. If you need to speak to us for longer than just a quick word, please make an appointment with the appropriate teacher or send a message on Class Dojo.

Parent helper plea

Now that we are beginning to be able to have helpers back in school, we would be so grateful to any parents and grandparents who would be happy to help out in school with activities such as hearing children read, practising maths skills etc. If you are interested in becoming a parent helper please speak to a teacher.

