



Year 3/4 Newsletter Spring 1 2026

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

Ensuring



Providing



Fostering



Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all of our families! We hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break and we wish you a very happy and prosperous year ahead. It has been fabulous to have all children back in school!



PE days

For the first half term, the class PE days will be as follows:

Phoenix - Tuesday and Wednesday

Delphinus - Tuesday and Friday

Columba - Wednesday and Friday

Children are to wear their PE kits into school on these days.

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, or they are covered with medical tape.

Spring 1 and 2 Topic: Extreme Earth

Over the course of the Spring term, we will be exploring volcanoes and earthquakes within our geography lessons.

The key question we will be exploring is:

What are more dangerous - earthquakes or volcanoes?

We will also be using our class text *The Abominables* to support our learning in our topic, as it follows the story of a family of yetis living in the mountains.

Please take a look at the topic flyer which contains suggestions for a homework project that you and child can enjoy completing together.

Important dates for your diary

Monday 26th January - Class Liturgies

Monday 2nd February - National Number Day (Dress up as a number!)

Wednesday 4th/ Thursday 5th February - INSET days

Thursday 12th February - Y4 Maths Workshop (Y3 parents welcome also).

Half term 16th - 20th February

Monday 23rd February - Spring 2 begins

Y4 Swimming - Details to follow.

First Holy Communion

We are excited for all our children that will be beginning or continuing their First Holy Communion preparation this term.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Father James, Father Tom or Father Joe at the Catholic Parishes of St Michael and All Angels, St Joseph & St Thomas, and St Patrick for more information.



Maths

Year 3 will begin exploring the column addition method and the year 4 will be looking at multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. The children will also be exploring fractions and what makes up a fraction, looking at what an equivalent fraction is and, in year 4, starting to link decimals and fractions together. The children will explore fractions of a shape and begin to add fractions together.

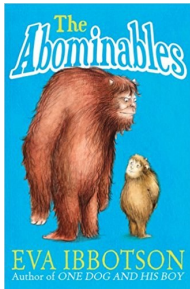
Quick-Fire Maths

Children are tested fortnightly and, when a level is passed, will be sent home with a new pack to practise with. If your child has misplaced their pack, please let us know so that we can send a new one home.

Times tables

We encourage all children to practise their times tables through using the interactive program of 'TT Rock Stars'. In class, we have been working on the rapid recall of both multiplication and division facts. We are holding a Maths Workshop on 12th February for parents to explain what the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check test involves, how to prepare your child effectively, and provide practical ideas to support learning at home.

English



Our English topic this term is based around text *The Abominables*. As you may already know, something extremely strange happened in our classrooms recently! We will be using this book to find out more about the characters before writing a letter to Mrs Stather to explain what we think might have happened. We will then have a focus on language and vocabulary for the children to write a character description. During this unit, the children will continue to be encouraged to edit their writing and then analyse and explain their choice of vocabulary.

Religious Education

This half term, our topic is *Galilee to Jerusalem*. In this unit we will be exploring the Big Question:
How did Jesus serve others and how can we follow his example?

The children will explore how Jesus served others and how we can follow his example in our own lives. They will learn about different miracles Jesus performed, including healing the blind and healing those with leprosy. Through these stories, the children will consider what these miracles show about Jesus and reflect on the kind of Messiah he was. The children will then look at how they can serve others in their own lives, just as Jesus did.



Celebrating a love for reading!

As our children are growing up it is important we 'spark' their interest in reading. Children have the opportunity to borrow books from our school library but please do encourage your children to visit the library outside of school too. The more books they read, the wider their vocabulary and imagination.

Helping at Home

Please continue to support your child with their reading at home. Reading journals will be collected **every Friday**. It is important that children read at least 3 times a week and that the reading log is signed by an adult. Please also ensure your child is not only reading with you but that you are asking them questions based on their understanding of what they have read. We appreciate your continued support.