



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Spring 2 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



Welcome back!

Welcome back to all our families! We hope you have all had a lovely restful break. We are looking forward to another exciting half term! It has been fabulous to have all children back in school!



PE days

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

Phoenix - Wednesday and Friday
Delphinus - Tuesday and Wednesday
Columba - Tuesday 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.

Important dates for your diary

Safer Internet—Thursday 26th Feb

World book day—Thursday 5th March

Parents evening: Tuesday 10th March and Thursday 12th March

Red Nose Day - Friday 20th March

Reconciliation - Monday 23rd March 1.30pm

Maundy Thursday Mass (lead by Mars) - Weds 25th March 10am - hall

Lenten liturgies:

Phoenix: Thursday 26th March 1.30pm

Delphinus: Thursday 26th March 2pm

Garden of Gethsemane (lead by Columba)—Thursday 26th March 2.30pm—hall

Easter holidays –Monday 30th March

Y4 Swimming - commences Thursday 16th April

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?

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

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 be exploring place value and the number system, consolidating 2 digit numbers and moving onto 3 digit numbers. Year 3 will also be consolidating time - o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Year 4 will be looking at division when there are remainders, beginning to use the short division method and then we will be moving onto geometry where the children will explore triangles, quadrilaterals—identifying parallel sides.

Quick-Fire Maths

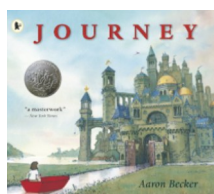
Children are tested fortnightly. If your child would like a pack to support them at home, please let us know so that we can send one home.

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 another Maths Workshop in summer 1 to remind parents of 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 two texts. Our first text will be *Journey* by Aaron Becker. This text will allow the children to write a descriptive story about a portal which will allow the children to explore creative writing.



Our second text will be *Escape From Pompeii* by Christina Balit which is a diary text and links to our Extreme Earth topic. As part of this unit, the children will be exploring emotive vocabulary, speech and manipulating subordinating conjunctions to create a diary entry.

Religious Education

This term, we will be exploring the theme “Desert to Garden” as part of our Lenten journey, in line with the RED focus on Encounter and discipleship. Through scripture, we will reflect on Jesus’ time in the desert and what this teaches us about trust, courage and faith during challenging times.

The children will consider how Lent invites us to conversion – turning our hearts back to God through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We will explore how acts of love, forgiveness and service can transform “desert” moments in our lives into places where new life can grow.

Through prayerful reflection and discussion, pupils will deepened their understanding of how they are called to live as disciples of Christ, bringing hope and kindness to others as we journey towards Easter.



Reading Comprehension Homework

To help further develop the children’s reading skills, we will be sending home a weekly comprehension task. We have identified that some children would benefit from additional practice in this area, and regular comprehension work will help to strengthen these important skills. These will be sent out on a Thursday.

If your child feels they are unable to complete the task at home, they are very welcome to attend our Monday lunchtime club, where support will be available to help them complete it.

Each Tuesday, we will review the comprehension together in class and discuss the answers. It is therefore important that the comprehension is completed beforehand so that the children can fully participate in these discussions.

The comprehensions sent home will be tailored to each year group (Year 3 and Year 4), and in some cases, personalised comprehensions will be provided to best support individual children.

Thank you for your continued support.