



Year 3/4 Newsletter

Summer 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



Welcome back!

Welcome back to all our families. We hope you have all had a lovely and restful Easter break. We are looking forward to another exciting half term! Please read ahead for dates and topics for this upcoming half-term.



PE days

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

Phoenix - Tuesday and Thursday
Delphinus - Wednesday and Thursday
Columba - Wednesday and Thursday

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.

Summer 1 Topic: Ruthless Romans

Over this first part of the summer term, we will be learning all about the Roman Empire including gaining an understanding of how the Roman Empire spread through its invasions and the dates within which this took place.

The key question we will be exploring is:

What was the Roman Empire's most significant impact?

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

Friday 17th April - CST Mass

Year 4 Swimming - Thursday afternoons commencing Thursday 16th April and finishing on Thursday 21st May

Saturday 25th April - Community Colour Run Event

Monday 4th May - May Bank Holiday School Closed

Monday 18th May - Class photographs

Tuesday 19th May - Year 3/4 trip to Fishbourne Roman Palace

Thursday 21st May - Multiplication Tables Check Meeting for parents

May Half-term - Week Commencing Monday 25th May

Looking ahead:

Monday 15th June - INSET Day for School

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 continue their consolidation of time learning - o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. They will then be looking to secure the formal method of column addition and subtraction. Year 4 will be looking at decimals and fractions as well as re-visiting multiplication and use of the column method.

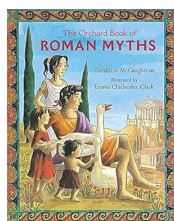
Quick-Fire Maths

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 across this half-term to remind parents of what the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check test involves, how to prepare your child effectively, and to provide practical ideas to support learning at home.

English



Our English journeys this term link nicely with our Ruthless Romans Topic. Our first text will be The Orchard Book of Roman Myths. This text will allow the children to write their own letter in role as a 'hero' having designed their very own God or Goddess.

We will also look at using the Rotten Romans as a hook for some non-fiction based writing to share their facts and understanding of this period of time.

Religious Education

This term in Religious Education, Year 4 will be exploring what it means to be called and chosen, focusing on how Jesus selected His disciples and what it means for us to be apostles today. Using the Religious Education Directory, the children will learn about the calling of the first disciples and reflect on how they responded with trust and faith. They will consider how we are all called to follow Jesus in our own lives by showing love, service, and commitment to others. Through discussion, scripture, and reflection, pupils will deepen their understanding of discipleship and think about how they can live out these values in their daily lives.



Reading Comprehension Homework

To help further develop the children's reading skills, we will continue to send 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 tasks 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.