



## YEAR FOUR NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 1 2026



Dear Parents,  
Happy New Year!

I am hoping you enjoyed the Christmas break and managed to spend some valuable time with your friends and family. I have enjoyed hearing all your child's news over the last week.

Remember your water bottle daily!



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Our **swimming** lessons take place on Tuesday afternoons from this week. Please make sure your child has their kit in school on Tuesday. You will have selected your option for collection after swimming - I will send out a reminder of these. Another PE lesson will take place most **Wednesday** afternoons when your child should come to school ready for PE, wearing their **active uniform**.



On Thursday afternoons, the children will be taught by Miss McCallion. Mr McCance will teach a PE lesson every other Wednesday.

This term we **will** complete our Vikings topic!

Our Science focus will be States of Matter, learning about solids, liquids and gases.

In Art, we will be looking at animals in nature, practising sketching skills and taking inspiration from patterns in fur and feather.

The children have responded brilliantly to the introduction of DEAR time in our classroom on a Friday afternoon.

Please keep your ears and eyes open for further initiatives to promote a love of learning across the school.

### Class Dojo

I intend to post photos and news on here regularly! Sometimes the days are so busy that it might not happen! I hope you can check this regularly for updates of our days.

Our string lessons are progressing brilliantly! Thank you for helping your child to have their instrument in school each week. There will be an opportunity for you to hear the whole class perform in a small concert in the school hall in February. As soon as this date is finalised, I will let you know.

Year 4 children across the country take part in a Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) in June. The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. Please see the additional information attached to last week's home learning.

If you have any questions please feel free to send a dojo or email  
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Many thanks, Cara Williams.