Year 4 Summer 1 2026

St Catherine's CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Summer Term

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic Easter holiday and are feeling recharged for the summer term. There's lots to look forward to, with plenty of exciting activities and plans in store!





Our book this term is 'The Paperbag Prince' by Colin Thompson following with 'The last Rainbow Bird' by Nora Brech









English

We will be beginning the term with our book 'The PaperBag Prince' continuing from Spring 2, however, we will be using this text to inspire non-fiction writing on looking after our local area.
We will then be using the text 'The Last Rainbow Bird' to write an adventure piece using dialogue.



Maths

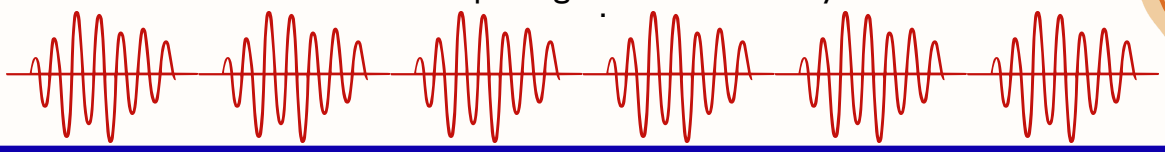
To begin the Summer term, pupils will be developing their understanding of decimals. They will learn how decimals relate to making a whole and represent them using a place value grid.
Pupils will compare and order decimals, as well as round them to the nearest whole number.
They will also explore decimal equivalents of fractions such as one half and one quarter, and apply this knowledge to units of measure.





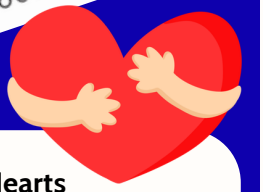
Science

This term we will be exploring sound and the way vibrations travel.





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Heads and Hearts

In Heads and Hearts this half term we will be developing our understanding of how to build positive, healthy relationships. We will be looking at how to solve friendship issues and how to help everyone feel part of a group. We will also be looking at strategies to cope if we feel angryor upset.

A note on homework:



Homework takes the form of:

- 10 minutes daily reading
- 10 minutes daily times tables practice
- Weekly Maths homework on Mymaths/in homework books
- Weekly English homework, which will have a spelling focus.

The Maths and English will be provided on Friday and will need to be completed by the following Wednesday.

We greatly appreciate your help in supporting your child at home in these activities, it really does make a difference.

History

In this Year 4 history unit, pupils will explore whether the Vikings were ruthless invaders or peaceful settlers. They will place the Viking era on a timeline and sequence key events such as the invasion of Britain. Pupils will learn where the Vikings came from and understand why and how they invaded. They will study key aspects of Viking life, including warriors, invasions and beliefs in different gods.

RE

In this RE unit, pupils will explore how festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims. They will learn about key beliefs about God in Islam and make links between these beliefs and acts of ibadah such as prayer, fasting and celebration. Pupils will develop their understanding of how Muslims worship both individually and as a community, at home and in the mosque.

Computing

This term we will be looking at what Artificial Intelligence is and some of the tasks that can be carried out on it.



Music



We will be continuing to learn the recorder throughout summer 1 as well as reflecting on music and composing our own pieces.





PE

PE lessons will be changing to Friday afternoons and taught by Mrs Wharton and Mr Mottershead. During the summer term we will be focusing on batting and fielding, along with athletics.

Please ensure your child comes dressed in their PE kits on a Friday.

PE Kit:

- A plain t-shirt (house coloured, with or without school logo) a pair of black shorts and a pair of trainers/pumps. Black joggers and a black hoodie (with or without school logo) may be worn for outside PE during cold spells,
- Earrings and jewellery are not to be worn during PE lessons and long hair should be tied back.
- Please ensure all uniform and PE kit is labelled with your child's name.



Dates for your diary

- **Wednesday 20th May – Thursday 21st May – Whole School Arts days**
- **Thursday 21st May – Charity Colourful Run (PTA)**
- **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check – Monday 1st June – Friday 12th June 2026**
- **Friday 12th June – Chocolate Non Uniform Day**
- **Wednesday 17th June – Parent event 9.00am – 9.40am**
- **Friday 19th June – Bottle Non Uniform Day**
- **Friday 19th June – Bingo Night/Fish and chips (PTA)**
- **Friday 26th June - Sports Day - (Year 4,5 & 6) 9.00am – 12.30pm**
- **Friday 3rd July – Summer Fair**
- **Wednesday 8th July – Whole school transition afternoon**

Year 4 Residential - Blackwell Adventure
Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th May

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