

## Year 4



**Dear Parents/Carers,**



We have had a lovely and productive week in Year 4. In English, we finished writing our own non-chronological reports and have begun exploring the key features of newspaper reports, while in Maths we have continued to work hard on decimals. In Geography, we have been learning about rivers, including how they are used and developing our ability to name and locate some of the world's major rivers. In Art, we are learning about sculpture and created our own bird's nest.

### Dates

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - District Farnham Schools Cross Country - Please see information below.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – We invite each child to bring a single flower to school on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 as a loving offering to Our Lady during our Marian celebration.

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** – St Joan's Feast Day (children in St. Joan's may come dressed in yellow mufti, if they wish).

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May** – Half Term

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Summer Fayre

### Homework

**Times Table Rockstars** –

Please follow the guidance below so that your child is feeling confident and 'check ready' in no time at all.

**The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) will take place between 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June.**

Please support your child at home by helping them practise the times tables they are less secure with. We strongly encourage regular use of **Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)** - daily practice will make a huge difference to their confidence and recall.

# ➤ MTC PREP SCHEDULE ✕

SEPTEMBER

GARAGE  
(mins per week)  
**21**

21 minutes a week is the magic number for achieving top MTC scores.

OCTOBER

GARAGE  
(mins per week)  
**21**

AUTUMN  
OUMTC\*



NOVEMBER &  
DECEMBER

GARAGE  
(mins per week)  
**21**

JANUARY &  
FEBRUARY

SOUNDCHECK  
(games per week)  
**3**

GARAGE  
(mins per week)  
**18**

SPRING  
OUMTC\*



MARCH

SOUNDCHECK  
(games per week)  
**5**

GARAGE  
(mins per week)  
**16**

APRIL

SOUNDCHECK  
(games per week)  
**3**

STUDIO  
(games per week)  
**3**

GARAGE  
(mins per week)  
**15**

MAY

SOUNDCHECK  
(games per week)  
**6**

STUDIO  
(games per week)  
**15**

SUMMER  
OUMTC\*



JUNE

SOUNDCHECK  
(games per week)  
**21**

\*The OUMTC is our own mini MTC and it is in semi test conditions. It will give you a good idea of how your students will perform on the real thing. Take part in three OUMTCs throughout the year to give you a baseline, benchmark and time to respond to the results



**Spelling** - Your child has been given the following spellings to learn for next Friday. You can also practise these on Spelling Shed.

circle  
century  
centaur  
circus  
princess  
voice  
medicine  
celebrate  
celery  
pencil

**Accelerated Reading** – Complete quizzes as and when your child has completed books. This should be roughly once per week. A common issue logging into accelerated reader, is the link, the following link will take you to the St Polycarp’s portal which will ensure log in details are correct:

<https://login.renaissance.com/12d2c82e-5d71-4f43-b9a3-32d66f06dfcf?state=1558619e-124e-4167-9a6b-9e1fdd099032>

**Maths** – Maths homework has been set on maths.co.uk.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/maths-with-michael>

This link will help explain how we have taught mathematical concepts in school. This week we are teaching decimals.

### **Handwriting**

Handwriting videos are now available to access at home, should you wish. Please follow the following link: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2xyKsbDJ/rrlDh5Ta>

### **Year 4 Weekly Challenge**

**Write a short piece called “A Day in the Life of a Beaver” – inspired from our Master Reader text (Song of the River).**

**You should write in the first person (using *I, me, my*).**

**What to include:**

**Paragraph 1 – Morning**

**Where do you wake up?**

**What does your habitat look like?**

**How do you feel as the day begins?**

**Paragraph 2 – Daytime**

**What jobs do you do? (e.g. building dams, collecting wood, swimming)**

**What dangers do you face?**

**Paragraph 3 – Evening**

**How do you spend the end of the day?**

**How do you feel as you return home?**

### **Challenge**

**Use adjectives to describe the river and forest**

**Include one simile (e.g. *as busy as...*)**

**Use adverbials of time (first, later, finally)**

Many thanks for continuing to support your child's learning. If you have any questions or messages for your child's class teacher, please come and speak to us at the end of the day or email [info@stpolicarps.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stpolicarps.surrey.sch.uk).

The Year 4 Team

Mr Jacobs & Miss Vardy

### **St Polycarp's Polyphonics Choir**

If your child is in the choir for Summer Term, they can rehearse using the following link: <https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/N70Fqk9XP1AkzT6K> Clicking on the link will take you to a page showing icons for our three songs. Click on the icon of your choice and then use the interactive content – lyrics to rehearse with words on screen function. To sing without lyrics and voices, use the audio – accompaniment function.

**Our first performance of the term is on Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup> June at the Summer Fayre, at 11.30am.**

### **KS2 DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RACE**

KS2 children are all invited to represent the school at the District Schools' Cross-Country meet in Farnham Park on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

To sign your child up please use the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/xfF18b005t>

They will be racing for approximately **2000 metres**. The race will be in a **clockwise direction** unless conditions cause a change to the direction. Note the course is hilly and can be muddy.

There will be a KS2 boys race at 10:00am followed by a KS2 girls' race at 10:20am.

If your child requires medication such as an inhaler, it is the parent or responsible adults' duty to carry it, not the schools'. Please note that First Aiders will be there to provide first aid if there should be an emergency and will be situated near the event 'operations' table. **Every child must come with a responsible adult who stays at the event until the child is finished.**

We do not time the children but give them a position number as they pass the finish line.

The idea at each race is to do as well as they can and try to beat their personal best position. Parents are welcome to watch the races. Once you child has raced, **please do not collect your child directly from inside the running funnel.**

There will be medals awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in each race. There are also cups for the best boy's school team performance and the best girls' school team performance.

In addition, the Bell cup is awarded for the school scoring the most overall points. The point system is based on our top six finishing positions in each race.

**Registration and Gathering Area:**

The schools will register the children at the bottom of the park just up from the **Bear Lane/Park Row entrance to the park. (Bear Lane/Park Row entrance GU9 7LF) Go into the park, from the bottom entrance, over the stile and meet St. Polycarp's staff on the left hand side where they will register your children. (Just left of the path and adventure playground)**

#### **PARKING**

Parents must park in the town car parks and walk to the registration point. Please find a map attached. **Please do not park on the roads adjacent to the park such as Park Row and Bear Lane as we must be considerate of residents to retain our licence.**

**PLEASE NOTE PARENTS HAVE BEEN ASKED BY WAVERLEY COUNCIL NOT TO PARK IN THE : park/golf car park, cricket ground or smaller rangers' car parks on Folly Hill. Parents and carers are asked not to block residents' roads or drives.** Please note this is a **condition of our licence from Waverley Council** to run the event. Marshalls will be present to ensure parents don't flout this requirement.

Surrey Police have been informed and will be contacted if people cause a problem with parking. Please don't let St. Polycarp's down by ignoring this request.

#### **CROSS COUNTRY EVENT INFORMATION**

**DATE:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**PLACE:** Farnham Park, Bear Lane/Park Row entrance at the bottom left-hand corner of Farnham Park. Please see map attached.

**MEETING POINT:** Bear Lane/Park Row entrance, just over the stile to the left-hand side of the path below the adventure playground. (See attached map)

**TIME OF EVENT: 9.15am** Registration at meeting point – Mrs Ramsden aided by other St. Polycarp's staff. After registration the boys and girl's teams will be warmed up by St Polycarp's staff. At the end of the race St. Polycarp's staff will keep the children in the finishing pen for the parent/carer to collect at the end of each race.

**9.15am** register **9.30am** warm up **10.00am** Boys race **10.20am** Girl's race **10.45ish!** presentation

<b>REQUIREMENTS</b>		
School P.E. kit	Trainers or Astros – No Spikes	Water bottle

Please see below for guidance on reading in Key Stage Two

## Reading in Key Stage 2

### Handy Hints



- Make reading part of your daily routine.
- Short sessions – **15 minutes per day.**
- Continue to read out loud to an adult as well as independently.
- Try to read a range of books including fiction and non-fiction.
- Complete the Accelerated Reader quiz at home, ideally within 24-48 hours of finishing the book.

### How can parents help?

#### **Reading improves with practice.**

Encourage your child to read at home, share your own books, discuss books, ask questions about the book they have read and visit the local library.

Check that your child is completing the reading quiz – this is part of their weekly homework.