

Year 4



Dear Parents/Carers,



We have had a wonderful week celebrating Christmas in Year 4. The children enjoyed watching the Year 2 Christmas Liturgy on Monday, sharing Christmas lunch together on Wednesday and were incredibly proud to deliver a thoughtful and reverent Christmas Mass to the rest of the school on Friday. Alongside these celebrations, Year 4 took part in an exciting DT Day on Tuesday, where they created light-up Christmas cards, applying their Science learning about circuits in a creative and practical way.

The children have had a fantastic first term in Year 4 and have impressed us greatly with their enthusiasm, maturity and hard work. We would like to thank you for your thoughtful and generous end of term gifts and cards. We also thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, restful break.

Dates:

Monday 5th January – Spring Term begins

Homework

There is maths or spelling homework over the Christmas holidays. Please continue to read and practise times tables.

Times Table Rockstars – Children are expected to work in the ‘garage’ section for at least 21 minutes per week. Please encourage your child to complete this.

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.

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@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk.

The Year 4 Team

Mr Jacobs & Miss Vardy



Design a carpet bed for Gostrey Meadow

Theme for 2026

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Winnie the Pooh, the theme is:

“Literary Characters inspired by the Natural World”

Think of beloved favourites such as The Hungry Caterpillar, Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddle-Duck, Superworm and Alice in Wonderland.

How to Enter

- Create a square design for the carpet bed at Gostrey Meadow.
- Keep it simple—bold designs work better than very detailed ones.
- Email your entry to bloom@farnham.gov.uk or post it to the Farnham Town Council offices.
- Include your name, school, and year group.
- Deadline: Friday 23rd January 2026.

What Happens Next?

- The winning design will be chosen by a panel of judges.
- It will be brought to life by a specialist planting team and Farnham Town Council's Outside Workforce in early summer 2026.
- The winner will be invited for a photo with the Mayor of Farnham by the display, and a press release will be shared with local media such as the Farnham Herald and Vantage Point magazine.



The 2025 winning carpet bed design featuring a ladybird and flowers

➤ 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

SOUNDHECK
(games per week)
3

GARAGE
(mins per week)
18

SPRING
OUMTC*



MARCH

SOUNDHECK
(games per week)
5

GARAGE
(mins per week)
16

APRIL

SOUNDHECK
(games per week)
3

STUDIO
(games per week)
3

GARAGE
(mins per week)
15

MAY

SOUNDHECK
(games per week)
6

STUDIO
(games per week)
15

SUMMER
OUMTC*



JUNE

SOUNDHECK
(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



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.