

Year 4



Dear Parents/Carers,



We've had a fantastic week in Year 4. This week, we enjoyed completing our DT day, where the children designed and built bridges to hold the greatest amount of weight. In English, we have been writing our own non-chronological reports and in Maths we have been continuing to work hard on decimals. In Geography, we have been learning to name and locate some of the world's rivers.

Dates

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 15th May 3:15pm - International Food Bake Sale

- The EDI (Equality, Diversity & Inclusion) Committee would love to celebrate all of the diverse cultures we have within our St Polycarp's family by hosting a bake sale of lots of yummy international food... but they need your help! If you would like to make/bake and donate food (sweet or savoury) for their international bake sale please bring it to the office on Friday 15th May (there will be tables set up. If it needs to be refrigerated, then please bring it direct to the bake sale from 3:10pm). The bake sale will take place on **Friday 15th May** from **3:15pm** on the **KS1 playground**. Please bring **cash** only. All proceeds will be donated to 'Challenges' (<https://disability-challengers.org/>), a charity that gives disabled children and young people the opportunity to play, have fun, and make friends in a safe and supportive environment. Thank you so much for your support!



Saturday 16th May - District Farnham Schools Cross Country - Please see information below.

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – Half Term

Praying the Rosary in the Month of May

Year 5 Spiritual Council will be leading the Rosary each breaktime in the Spiritual Area. If your child has their own Rosary beads and would like to join Spiritual Council, they are welcome to bring them in. Spiritual council will also have spare Rosary beads.

Homework

Homework Club takes place each week. Please support your child to complete **all** homework tasks set for them each week. Check to see if your child has any outstanding Maths tasks on Maths.co.uk and please allow them to complete these as soon as possible. In doing this, you will be reinforcing classroom learning and it will give you essential information about how your child is progressing in that area of learning. Thank you for your continued support.

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 in **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.



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

Scene
Seen
Whose
Who's
Affect
Effect
Here

Hear
Heel
Heal

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

Toy Bridge Weight (kg) Challenge

1. The bridge has a weight limit of 2000 kg.

- A) A car weighs 500 kg: How many cars can be on the bridge safely?
- B) A van weighs 750 kg : Can 3 vans cross at the same time?
- C) A lorry weighs 1200 kg : How much weight is left if one lorry is already on the bridge?

2. A group of vehicles weighs:

- 450 kg
- 350 kg
- 600 kg

A) What is the total weight?

B) Are they allowed on the bridge together? Explain why.

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.

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 20th 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 16th 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd 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 16th 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

REQUIREMENTS		
School P.E. kit	Trainers or Astros – No Spikes	Water bottle

EAT THEM TO DEFEAT THEM!

This year, St Polycarp's will be taking part in Veg Power's "Eat them to Defeat Them" campaign.

In 2018, Veg Power created the annual campaign to encourage children to eat more vegetables.

Please see <https://vegpower.org.uk/eat-them-to-defeat-them/> for more information.

This week, all children will be taking home a sticker chart, to celebrate trying and eating a range of vegetables.

If you are happy for a picture of your child taking part, to go on the school instagram, please email this to the front office., for the attention of Mrs Murphy.





PARENT AND CARER BELONGING WORKING GROUP



This is the Xavier Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Belonging Pledge.

BELONGING PLEDGE

1. The school embraces all children into school life, all staff champion inclusion

2. Trust core Catholic values are integrated to ensure our school cultures are inclusive

3. We work together to ensure children can be the best version of themselves

4. Relationships and trust are central to championing diversity and inclusion

5. Intelligent and dignified support is provided to those who need it

6. A shared language and definition for inclusion and diversity exists within the Trust to ensure a consistent approach

7. Through their school experiences, pupils are passionate about their role as global citizens.

8. We actively listen to the voice of our community and act to empower individuals to be seen and heard. Everyone is seen as an individual

9. Leaders and governors demonstrate commitment in championing equality, diversity and inclusion

10. Staff and governors show empathy and humility; They are consciously aware of their own bias.

PARENT AND CARER BELONGING WORKING GROUP

Mrs Woolley is looking for a small group of parents to attend a working group, meeting termly.

The intent of the group is to discuss your experiences of the school and to ensure the school community is as open as it could be and that everybody feels valued.

If you'd like to be help us deliver our belonging pledge, and would like to be a part of this, please let us know by emailing:

sendinfo@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk



St. Polycarp's Primary School Outdoor Athletics Club (Years 3-6)

Fun filled outdoor athletics sessions. If your child enjoys running, jumping or throwing and wants to develop their agility, balance and coordination or simply wants to improve their fitness for other sports come and join us...

Dates: Tuesday 14th April to 14th July 2026 (excluding half term)

Time: 3.15 - 4.15pm

Where: St. Polycarp's playing field (outdoor)

What to bring: Running kit (including warm and waterproof clothing or sun hat and sun cream), trainers and a drink

Cost: £117 for the whole summer term

How to book: Contact Brian Stopher at Destination RUN for more information at brian.destrun@gmail.com

Clubs ~~organised~~ and run by Brian Stopher (GB athlete, England Athletics qualified running coach, qualified & experienced PE teacher, ex-head of secondary school PE, & former National Champion)



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.