

Year 4



Dear Parents/Carers,



We've had a wonderful half term in Year 4 and the children should feel very proud of all they have achieved. It was lovely to meet so many of you for parent meetings this week and to celebrate your children's successes together. The author visit on Friday was great fun- the children were so inspired. They also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Lent Concert and we thought they performed brilliantly! As we come to the end of term, we wish you all a happy, peaceful and restful Easter holiday.

Dates

Tuesday 14th April – Parent Meeting for Residential Trip. 2.50-3.15pm in Owls Class.

Friday 24th April – Class Photo Day.

Tuesday 28th April – Jays to join Owls for PE instead of Wednesday 29th. This week only.

Wednesday 29th – Thursday 30th April - Year 4 Residential to Henley Fort.

Saturday 16th May 2026 - District Farnham Schools Cross Country - Please see information below.

After Easter, please can all children come into school in their PE/Games kit on both Games and PE days going forward.

Homework

Spelling -

There is no spelling homework set for the Easter Holidays.

Times Table Rockstars –

As you can see from the MTC prep schedule we have been sharing, your child should be completing 5 soundchecks a week and a further 16 minutes a week. This will get your child feeling confident and 'check ready' in no time at all.

➤ 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



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 – There is no maths homework set for the Easter holidays 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 fractions.

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>

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

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
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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

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.