



St Charles RC
Primary School



Year 4 Newsletter
Summer 2024

Welcome

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you all had a lovely and holy Easter. Listed below are a few notices and key dates and days that are important to make the rest of the year successful. In addition to this, is our creative curriculum topic of the half term, so that you and your child are familiar with the topic. I have also listed a few websites, which can be used to research the subject and enhance your child's learning.

Forest School: We DO NOT WEAR Forest School clothes to school; they come in a bag and we get changed in school. Forest school/outdoor learning clothing and a pair of wellies should be kept in school and will be sent home after use for cleaning/drying, if needed. Please ensure that it is sent back into school each week. Please label all items with your child's name.

PE: lessons take place on **Tuesday** afternoon. Your child needs to WEAR their PE outfit to school: a white T-shirt, navy blue shorts and pumps. Please note no other colours are acceptable. In cold weather, a plain navy-blue tracksuit or leggings may be worn but no stripes or logos, please label all items. The change in the uniform code has had a massive impact on our presentation, thank you for adhering to the changes.

Snacks- Children can bring in a healthy snack to have at breaktime. Also, they can bring into school their own water bottle (clearly labelled) which they can drink water throughout the day.

Homework- As last term, homework folders will be sent home on a Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday. Please only complete the pages listed in the back of the homework book. Sometimes we may only ask for certain questions to be completed. The pages and questions that we choose reflect what has been learnt in class so the children should be able to complete the work.

Spellings- Spellings will be taught in school within the English curriculum. The children will learn to use and apply the specific spelling pattern to their writing consistently. Therefore, there will be no weekly spelling test. The evidence behind retaining spellings learnt in weekly tests is poor and so we have decided to use the spelling test time to teach spellings.

MTC (Multiplication Timetables Check)- The multiplication tables check (MTC) is statutory for all year 4 pupils registered at state-funded maintained schools, special schools or academies, including free schools, in England.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided.

In 2024, schools will administer the MTC to all eligible year 4 pupils between Monday 3 June and Friday 14 June.

There is also a parent booklet available online outlining what is involved in the MTC. Please find it on-

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6543c1ef9e05fd0014be7c64/2024_Information_for_parents_Multiplication_tables_check_PDFA_v1.1.pdf

All the children in Year 4 have their individual Time stable Rockstar log in details; as part of preparing for this check, we do encourage the children to practise their times tables. Another useful website is 'Hit the Button'-

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

I have put some other useful websites on google classroom, so your child can access them.

Reading Folders- Children have a reading folder and reading record to be signed by an adult who has read with them. We encourage the children to read daily. Reading is good for your child because it improves their focus, memory, empathy, and communication skills.

Creative Homework Project- Over this half-term the children will be studying The United Kingdom and The Mayans. Don't feel that you must do all these activities, and feel free to come up with your own ideas and research any areas about the United Kingdom and The Mayans.

Art project on the United Kingdom- see website- <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/map-of-the-uk-collaborative-art-activity-pack-t-g-391>

Mayans Project- Maya Masks the Maya made many different masks. Some were delicate mosaics made from jade, some were created to represent gods, some showed faces of snakes and other animals. Children could use a balloon and papier-mache to make a 3D mask with a mosaic or animal design.

Maya Codex- Children could make their own codices using paper folder like a concertina and drawing pictures that show scenes of everyday life as well as hieroglyphics. Pottery The Maya made bowls out of clay to use for cooking as well as making ceremonial pots that had pictures or patterns on them. Children could make their own clay pots using rolled out sausages of clay and building the base and sides from coils, smoothing the sides. An upturned plastic pot can be used to support and provide an even shape to coil around. Paint a design on it when dry.

Dates for Diary-

18th April 2024-Year 4 assembly

2nd May- Polling Day (School Closed)

8th May- Our Lady Prayer Service (Led by Year 4) All children to bring in a plant for the school garden.

9th May-Ascension Day Mass (Led by Year 3)

20th May-Pentecost Party (£1.00 donation for Cornerstone) wear bright clothes.

22nd May-Manchester Memorial Mass

Curriculum

RE Focus- To the End of the World & Dialogue and Encounter



	Summer 1	Summer 2
English	Poetry, Persuasive Writing, Drama, GPS	Non-Chronological Reports, Persuasive arguments, GPS, Drama
Maths	Decimals (B) (2) Money (2) Time (2) Shape (2) MTC Assessment	Statistics (1) Position and Direction (2)
Topic	United Kingdom	The Mayans
Science		Sound
Computing	Photo editing - Manipulating digital images and reflecting on the impact of changes and whether the required purpose is fulfilled.	Repetition in games - Using a block-based programming language to explore count-controlled and infinite loops when creating a game.
Geography	What makes Britain Great?	
Music		Creating simple melodies Together - How does music teach us about our community?
PE	Dance	Dance
Art		
Design & Technology (DT)		Story books (Mechanisms)

Useful Websites

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/united-kingdom>

Mathletics <https://login.mathletics.com/>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

<https://explorify.uk/>

<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/english-key-stage-2-comprehension-2.html>

Many thanks for all your support and cooperation. Please feel free to come and see me or Miss Jervis if you would like to discuss anything.

Summer diary dates

April	May	June	July
<p>APRIL IS THE MONTH OF EASTER</p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Mon 8th Children return to school Weds 10th Y5 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 11th Y6 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Tues 16th 9.05am Marie Basting – Author visit whole school assembly Weds 17th Reception Heights and Weights check Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 18th Y4 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Y5 Bikeability Weds 24th Whole School Laudato Si Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 25th Y3 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p>	<p>MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> Weds 1st Y1 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 2nd CLOSED FOR VOTING</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> Mon 6th Bank Holiday – school closed Weds 8th Whole School Our Lady Prayer service (9.05am in school - All welcome) Thurs 9th Whole School Ascension Mass (9.30am in church - All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> SATs Week Fri 17th Cornerstone charity cake sale and raffle after assembly Y6 Lledr Hall</p> <p><u>Week 7</u> EARTH WEEK Weds 22nd Whole School Manchester Memorial Mass (9.15am in school - All welcome) Thurs 23rd EYFS Crowning of Our Lady (9.05am in school - All welcome)</p> <p>WHIT HOLIDAYS 24th MAY – 10th JUN</p>	<p>JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART</p> <p><u>Week 1</u> Y1 PHONICS SCREENING Y4 TIMES TABLES TEST Weds 12th Y2 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 13th Y1 Father’s Day Assembly (All welcome) Fri 14th Dads and Donuts Assembly</p> <p><u>Week 2</u> Weds 19th Y4 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 20th Y5 Class Assembly (All welcome)</p> <p><u>Week 3</u> Weds 26th Y3 Prayer service (9.05am in class - All welcome) Thurs 27th Y2 Class Assembly (All welcome) Fri 28th Reports out</p>	<p>JULY IS THE MONTH OF CELEBRATING SUCCESS!</p> <p><u>Week 4</u> SPORTS WEEK Mon 1st Parent Drop in – after school in classrooms Thurs 4th Sports day (All welcome) EYFS & KS1 9.15am KS2 1.30pm Fri 5th Mary’s Meals charity cake sale and raffle after assembly</p> <p><u>Week 5</u> Mon 8th Transition morning Tues 9th Y6 Show 2pm (children only) Weds 10th Y6 Show 6pm Thurs 11th Y6 Show 6pm Fri 12th Y6 Takeover Day</p> <p><u>Week 6</u> Mon 15th Presentation Assembly (9.05am – All welcome) Weds 17th Y6 Leavers Mass (9.15am in church – All welcome) Thurs 18th Leavers Assembly (9.05am – All welcome) Fri 19th Non-uniform day/Toy Day FINISH at 1.30pm SUMMER HOLIDAYS 19th JUL – 3rd SEPT</p>

Websites

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>