



Parbold Douglas

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

CLASS INFORMATION LETTER: YEAR 4 2025/26

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is our absolute pleasure to welcome your child to Year 4. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together and are excited to work in partnership with you to support your child. Below, you will find some helpful information to guide you as we begin this important year.

The Year 4 team

The teaching team in Year 4 consists of Mrs. Heather Wainwright and Miss Debbie Salter. Mrs. Julie Jones and Mrs. Rebecca Beaumont will also be teaching a lesson each throughout the week.

Our school day

As a reminder, school begins at **8:55am** for all pupils – **please ensure children are consistently punctual so that learning is not missed**. Our classroom door will open from 8:45am and we begin each day with a 'Morning Task' as soon as they arrive. Children who arrived at this time last year were most successful due to their daily retrieval of information. Punctuality is also important so that they can start their day in a calm and positive way. The school day ends at **3:25pm**.

Attendance

Excellent attendance at school is vital to securing the greatest possible personal development and academic progress for each child. **As we begin the new school year, we expect all families to be committed to excellent attendance.**

What to bring?

Each day, your child should bring a water bottle, snack box and, if needed, a packed lunch. Other items, such as reading books, will also be brought to school regularly. In winter, children will need additional items such as hats and gloves.

School 'book bags' are available from our uniform suppliers. Children can bring their belongings to school in a small backpack, if necessary.

PE days (Autumn Term)

Our PE days will be **Wednesday and Thursday** for the whole of the Autumn term. On these days, pupils should attend school in PE uniform (in line with our policy) – other sports clothing is not uniform and should not be worn to school.

For more information about uniform, please see the school website (or the 'September 2025' information letter circulated at the beginning of the summer holidays).

We encourage children to avoid wearing earrings to school. **Children who wear earrings must deal with these themselves when preparing for P.E.** They must either: leave them at home on P.E. days; provide own plasters and cover the earrings independently or remove them unaided.

Twitter

You can follow our learning journey as a class family via our X page **@PDA_Y4**: https://x.com/PDA_Y4. If you are an X user, be sure to 'follow' us.

Curriculum

The Year 4 curriculum map is available on the school website: <https://www.pda.lancs.sch.uk/year-4/>.

We encourage you to refer to the curriculum map so you can talk to your child about their learning.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in the following Thursday. It will consist of:

- **Maths:** Children will be encouraged to use Times Table Rockstars to retain learnt times table facts, a minimum of 15 minutes per week.
- **Spelling:** As we did last year, spelling will take high priority. Spelling Shed is a brilliant way for children to learn spelling- it has a phonic foundation and also means children who find spelling hard can still access more 'tricky' words! Weekly spellings will be sent out via Spelling Shed on a Friday, and a low-stakes quiz will take place the following Thursday.
- **Reading:** In addition to any homework set, I cannot emphasise enough the importance of daily reading and discussing the text. Even if your child is already a fantastic, fluent reader it is the comprehension and understanding of the text that is important, and this can never be practiced enough. A levelled book will be sent home on a Friday, to be changed in school the following Thursday, if read. **Progress to be updated weekly, under Reading Record on Showbie.** See the video on our YouTube Channel for more information.

Communication

We greatly value the relationship we have with you and are usually available at the beginning or end of each day if you wish to speak with us. You can also contact us through the communication box as part of your child's Home Learning Showbie account. Please also feel free to email Mrs. Wainwright directly: h.wainwright@pda.lancs.sch.uk. We will respond, during the school week, by email or phone (or will speak to you at collection / drop-off if appropriate). **For more urgent messages during the school day, please email or phone the school office** (e.g. if arrangements have changed in relation to who is collecting your child at home time).

Diary dates

Please refer to the calendar on the school website (and the monthly newsletters) for up-to-date information about upcoming events. Don't forget to include in your diaries our Macmillan Coffee Morning on **Thursday 25th September**.

Labelling items

Please ensure all items sent to school are clearly labelled. This significantly improves the likelihood of items returning to the correct child if they are misplaced.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and the safety of children is our first priority. Our partnership with you, as parents, is an essential aspect of this. If the school has a concern in relation to your child, we will contact you to discuss how we may be able to offer help and support. We strongly encourage you to communicate with us if you have any concerns regarding your children's welfare, including their mental health and emotional wellbeing. The school can often offer or signpost support. You can find more information on the safeguarding page on our website. The school also is part of Operation Encompass. This alerts the school to any domestic abuse/ violence within the home to help support both the parents and the children. More information on all the above can be found [HERE](#).

A number of concerns in recent years have stemmed from students' use of social media and games where they can contact each other. The school has a strong internet safety ethos and will continue to support pupils and their parents in navigating this safely and positively.

Swimming

Swimming will begin for Year 4 on **Monday 23rd February** and will run until **Monday 13th July**. Lessons

will be held on a Monday morning at Tarleton Academy Pool. More information with regards to what children will need to bring will be communicated nearer the time.

We are pleased to meet you and very much look forward to working alongside you throughout the year ahead.

With best wishes,

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