

Meet the Teacher

Year 4

2025 - 2026



Year 4 Team

Teachers: Mr Ben Murdock

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Amanda Rickard,
Mrs Debbie Rowe





Year 4 Topics

Autumn 1: Were the Dark Ages dark?

Autumn 2: Where does my food go?

Spring 1: Are dragons real?

Spring 2: Should all crimes be punished?

Summer 1: How does the Amazon Rainforest matter to us?

Summer 2: What makes St. Dennis, St. Dennis?



Website

Our class website page has all our plans for the coming term and Knowledge Organisers with key learning. You will also receive a paper copy of these.

Welcome to Year 4

Class Teachers
Mr Murdock

Support Staff
Mrs Rickard
Mrs Rowe

Welcome to our class page. If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Long Term Plan

 Year 4 Long Term Plan

Meet the Teacher

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Parent Workshop

 Multiplication Tables Check - November

Personal Development and Enrichment

 Year 4 Enrichment Passport

Knowledge Organisers - A Guide for Parents and Carers



In this booklet are Knowledge Organisers for this half term's science, history or geography, computing and RE learning. They include age-appropriate language, to ensure they can be used by children independently; key vocabulary or technical terms, along with their definitions; and key facts and information presented in short sentences, charts, diagrams and tables.

What are knowledge organisers?

A knowledge organiser is a set of key facts or information that children need to know and be able to recall in order to 'master' a unit or topic. Typically, an organiser fits onto one page of A4 - this helps pupils to visualise the layout of the page which in turn helps them to memorise the information better.

Parent and carer tips to support your child:

- These facts and the vocabulary within the glossary could be turned into a quiz - remember to make it fun!
- You can spend time reading through the Knowledge Organiser with your child - if you don't understand the content, then ask them to explain it to you - 'teaching' you helps them to reinforce their learning.
- Read sections out to them, missing out key words or phrases that they have to fill in. Miss out more and more as we move through the half term!
- Your child could make a blank Knowledge Organiser and fill in all the gaps without looking!
- Keep revisited Knowledge Organisers from previous topics to help your child remember what they have previously been taught.

Timetable

		St Dennis Academy		Year 4 - Timetable				
		MON	TUE	WED	THU	WED	TUE	MON
	0900	RWI Spelling/ Handwriting	RWI Spelling/ Handwriting	RWI Spelling/ Handwriting	RWI Spelling/ Handwriting	RWI Spelling/ Handwriting	RWI Spelling/ Handwriting	RWI Spelling/ Handwriting
	0930	English	English	English	English	English	English	English
	1030	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
	1045	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Mastering Number	Mastering Number
	1100	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths	Maths
	1200	Reading Fluency	Reading Fluency	Reading Fluency	Reading Fluency	Reading Fluency	Reading Fluency	Reading Fluency
	1250	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
	1320	Novel Study	Novel Study	Novel Study	Novel Study	Novel Study	Novel Study	Novel Study
	1340	Computing	Outdoor Sports	Humanities		English	Outdoor Sports	Computing
	1415	Indoor PE	Maths	Picture News		Music	Maths	Indoor PE
	1455	Retrieval Practise	Retrieval Practise	Retrieval Practise	Retrieval Practise	Retrieval Practise	Retrieval Practise	Retrieval Practise
	1505	ZOR	Year 4-6 Assembly	Picture News	Musician of the Month	Picture News	Year 4-6 Assembly	ZOR
FRI	Celebration Assembly	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break
	Science	RE	RE	RE	RE	RE	RE	RE
	Dazzle	Comprehension	Comprehension	Comprehension	Comprehension	Comprehension	Comprehension	Comprehension
		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
		Novel Study	Novel Study	Novel Study	Novel Study	Novel Study	Novel Study	Novel Study
		Art	Art	Humanities		English	Art	Art
		Spanish	Spanish	Picture News		Music	Spanish	Spanish
		Art	Art	Picture News		Music	Art	Art
		Golden Time	Golden Time	Picture News		Musician of the Month	Golden Time	Golden Time

Special to Year 4

Residential to Porthpean in summer term

Trips:

Spring – Bodmin Jail

Summer – Eden Project

CERC Incinerator

Summer term: Multiplication Tables Check
(early June 2026)

Personal Development Map – Year 4

St Dennis Primary Academy

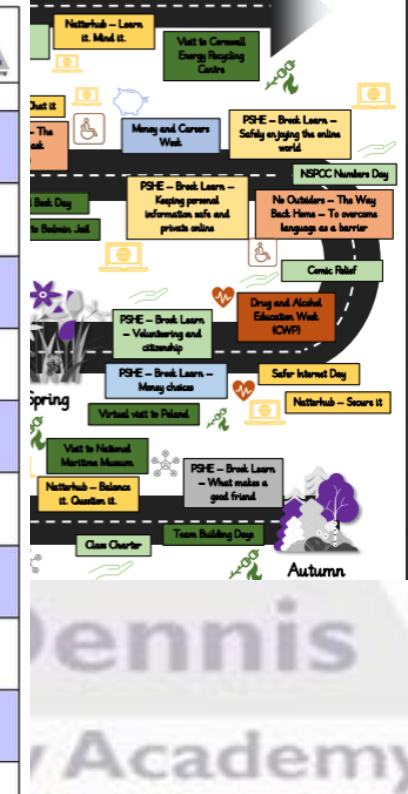
Relationship and Sex Education	Health Education, Physical and Mental	Prevention Curriculum	Online Safety	Economic Understanding	Character Development and Citizenship	Equality and Protected Characteristics	British Values	Enrichment	Sports
RSE Week, CWP PSHE - Brook Learn Anti-bullying Week	TMH5 Zones of Regulation Daily Mile Breathing Movement Breaks Healthy Week PSHE - Brook Learn Drug & Alcohol Education CWP NSPCC Facts Healthy Week Healthy Task Science links	Stay Safe Week Road Safety Week PSHE - Brook Learn	safer internet Day PSHE - Brook Learn Natterhub	PSHE - Brook Money and Careers Week	Class Charter Star Award Rewards Comic Relief Numbers Day Children in Need School Values SMSC Recognition Board Growth Market 5 Ben School Council Eco Club Environment Week London Parade	No Children Back History Mach. Assemblies Museum of the Mach.	Picture News Curriculum Subjects Assemblies	Team Building Days Dance Day Visits Victims Residential	Sport Lessons Sports Day Sports Clubs

Environment Week No Outdoors – Red – To Is RSE Week, ICWP Healthy Week Sports Day

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Activity	Date	Signed
Forest Schools		
Create paper lanterns		
Perform our school song		
Create art using iPads		
Solve a crime		
Learn how to play an instrument		
Design and make a healthy snack		
Debate – Should all crimes be punished?		
Learn to play cricket		
Write a Christmas song		



Uniform

School Uniform

- School sweatshirt or cardigan with (or without) school logo
- White polo shirt
- School fleece with (or without) school logo
- **Black** trousers (black jeans are not permitted) or black skirt
- **Black** smart shorts (not sports shorts)
- Sensible plain black shoes or plain black trainers

Jewellery

The only permitted jewellery that may be worn is:

- One pair of stud earrings – no other piercings are permitted
- A sensible wrist watch – no electronic smart watches are permitted

Make-up

- Make-up, nail varnish, false nails and nail extensions are not permitted.

Hairstyles

- Extreme hairstyles, such as mohawks and patterned or brightly coloured hair, are not acceptable.
- Long hair must be tied up during practical lessons, e.g. during PE.
- Bandana style headbands and flowers/bows or excessive hair accessories are not to be worn; however, plain hair clips or bands are acceptable.

PE Kit

- Plain white t-shirt with (or without) school logo
- Black shorts (or plain jogging bottoms / leggings in cold weather)
- Suitable trainers or other sports footwear e.g. football boots, plimsolls

**Please note that school jumpers can be worn with PE kits rather than other jumpers or hoodies which are not school uniform*

We thank you in advance for your support with this in the next academic year.

If anyone needs any help with school uniform, please speak to the School Office.



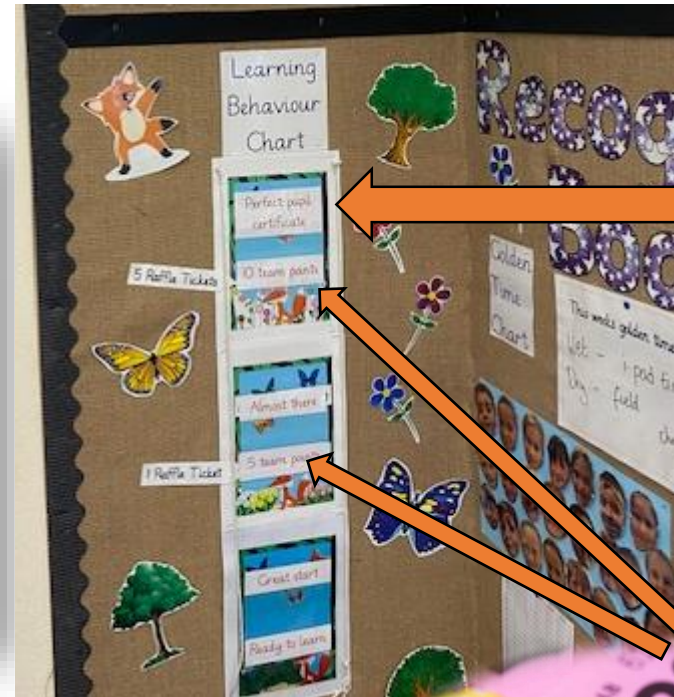
Homework

Autumn 1 Year 4 Optional Homework

Make a story map of 'Odin Creates the World' or your own innovated version.	Write your own story about the Vikings.
Make a poster that could help teach someone how to use column addition or subtraction.	Make a model boat (out of anything you like) and test it to see if it floats (or bring it to school to test it).
Draw a timeline to show when Vikings and Saxons lived in the UK and other significant events in British history.	Make a poster to help someone remember tricky multiplication facts/tables.

	Home	School
Monday Inset Day		
Tuesday Inset Day		
Wednesday		
Thursday	<i>*Daily Reading*</i>	
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday		

Recognition Boards, Golden Time and Rewards



Top of the chart - certificate



School Lunches and Healthy Tuck

School lunches are provided by Aspens and are free to all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children. In Key Stage 2, meals now cost £2.75.

These **MUST** be booked in advance.

However, the school receives additional funds for children in receipt of the Pupil Premium Grant and families need to apply for this online. The school uses this to fund staffing and subsidies towards residentials etc so please apply, even if your child is in Reception to Year 2.

Link to apply: <https://cornwall.cloud.servelec-synergy.com/synergyweb/FSMMain.aspx>.

We also ask that children bring a healthy snack for breaktime rather than chocolate, cake, crisps or biscuits. Children will be asked to look for something healthier in their lunchbox if they have these foods or offered a piece of fruit from our fruit station. Healthy choices will be rewarded.



Breakfast and After School Club

The standard daily fee for attending the Breakfast Club is £3 and the After School Club is £4.50. There is a discounted rate of £4 for siblings who attend the After School Club on the same day.

Bookings are made on Arbor in advance (by 6pm the previous day) <https://www.parentpay.com/>.

Parents and carers can drop children to Breakfast Club at the bottom gate on School Lane from 08:00. Children have a range of games, toys, puzzles, craft materials and construction toys to play with once they have eaten their breakfast.

At After School Club, children have the same activities as Breakfast Club to choose from and there is also a daily activity planned that all children can be involved in such as a craft activity or baking. Screentime is limited to a 'film-night' every now and again.

Children can be collected from the same place before 17:00.



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Attendance

A National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absence, including unauthorised holiday absence, was introduced following changes to the law last year.

There is a national threshold of 10 unauthorised sessions for any reason (equivalent to 5 school days) within a rolling 10 school week period for when a penalty notice must be considered.

This means you will no longer be able to take your child out of school for one week's holiday without the consideration of an £80 penalty notice being issued. If the fine is not paid by the first 21 days, it will rise to £160 if paid within 28 days of being issued.

If a second penalty fine is issued to the same parent for the same child within a 3-year rolling period, the fine will automatically rise to £160 with no option to pay the lower rate of £80.

If a parent then commits a third offence in a 3-year rolling period, the local authority will consider other enforcement options available to them. This could include prosecution.

There is a Leave of Absence Request form to be completed and given to Mrs Brokenshire before the proposed absence (a minimum of 15 days before the Leave of absence is due to commence). Each request will be considered on its own merit, but where the leave of absence could be taken outside of the school term the absence will not be authorised.

If you are worried about attendance, please contact us to arrange a meeting with Mrs Nash (Attendance Lead) to discuss how we can support you to improve the situation.

The image shows a document titled "Attendance Awards" with three sections for different school terms. Each section contains a grid of boxes labeled "Week 1" through "Week 10" or "Week 15". A colorful sticker with the text "GREAT Attendance" is placed on the top right of the Autumn Term grid.

Autumn Term				
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14	Week 15

Spring Term				
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10

Summer Term				
Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
Week 11	Week 12	Week 13		

After School Clubs

Autumn Term Clubs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>Performing Arts Club Mrs Loveridge KS2</p>	<p>Makaton Club Miss Stokes Rec & KS1</p>	<p>Brass Band Club St Dennis Band Years 4,5,6 Instruments provided (14+ only)</p>	<p>Art Club Miss Rollason KS2</p>	
<p>Come to Performing Arts Club where you will be performing in front of your parents and carers in a finale.</p>	<p>Come to Makaton Club where we will record some songs and publish them!</p>	<p>Come to Brass Band Club where you will perform to children in an end of term assembly.</p>	<p>Come to Art Club where you will develop your sculpture skills.</p>	
<p>Football Club Miss Kent KS2</p>	<p>TEC Girls Stop Motion Club Mrs Nash KS2 (Girls only)</p>	<p>Choir Mr Hawken KS2</p>	<p>Eco Club Mrs Bateson KS2</p>	
<p>Come to Football Club where you will be competing in a tournament.</p>	<p>Come to TEC Girls Stop Motion Club where you will become 'TEC Girl Mentors' for the rest of the school!</p>	<p>Come to Choir where you will perform in the Church at Christmas.</p>	<p>Come to Eco Club where you will be working towards achieving the 'Green Flag Award'.</p>	
<p>Arts and Crafts Mrs Hawken KS1</p>	<p>Songwriting Club Mr Murdock KS2</p>		<p>Netball Club Mrs Parekh KS2</p>	
<p>Come to Arts and Craft Club where you will develop your creativity and imagination through exploring lots of different materials and techniques.</p>	<p>Come to Songwriting Club where you will learn songwriting skills to write songs we will perform in school.</p>		<p>Come to Netball Club where you will play in a netball match against another school.</p>	
<p>Sensory Club Miss Yorke KS1 & KS2</p>			<p>Kindness Club Mrs Lawford Years 2,3,4</p>	
<p>Come to Sensory Club where you will enhance your social and emotional skills through sensory play.</p>			<p>Come to Kindness Club where you will perform acts of kindness around the school and community.</p>	

Communication

- St Dennis News every Friday - all dates and information on here
- Text and email from the School Office
- Facebook 
- Class newsletters every Friday
- Planners
- 'Coffee and Cake' - Topics for these are gratefully received!



And finally!

Open door policy – Please come and speak to us if you have any questions or concerns.

Any questions?

Thank you for coming!

