



Hello,

I'm Mr Harwood, and it's a pleasure to be teaching your child this year. I will be doing everything I can to ensure that we have a great year together.

Year 4 Autumn Learning

In maths, we will be working on place value and numbers to 1,000 before progressing up to 10,000.

In English, we will be writing mythical adventure stories.

We will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons (including their invasions and settlements following the withdrawal of the Romans from Britain). We have an exciting immersive workshop booked in for Wednesday 23rd September 2026. The children really enjoyed it last year.



In science, we will be learning about the digestive system and food before electricity.

We'll be doing lots of lessons outdoors too. Once the colourful leaves start falling, we'll be going outside to make Andy Goldsworthy inspired artwork.

Housekeeping...

It would be greatly appreciated if **all items of clothing** were **named** in permanent pen or labelled (including Forest School clothes!). Unnamed items normally have a one-way trip to lost property.

Reading for pleasure

Reading remains as important as ever. It improves a child's writing, spoken language and, obviously, reading ability. It is a gateway to a universe of ideas. Please ensure that **reading records** and a reading book are brought into school each day.

I am encouraging the class to read for **5 minutes at home each school day**. Please record in their reading record when they have read. They should be encouraged to develop their own love of reading, no matter the text type.

If children read three times a week, they will receive 3 raffle ticket. However, if they read 5 times by Friday they will receive 5 raffle tickets for the prize draw. I will be reading with children at break time if they are unable to read at home.

RE

In class, we will be learning about creation and "the fall" - the story of Adam and Eve).



Forest School

Year 4 **Forest School** takes place **every Wednesday afternoon**. they might need to bring clothes to change into (e.g. a long-sleeved top). We provide waterproof trousers and jackets where necessary, but children are welcome to bring in their own. Please ensure that you have named Wellington boots (which can be kept in school).



Music

The children enjoy **music lessons on Monday mornings** with Mrs Watkins. It would be helpful if children had their own recorders. These can be kept in school.



French

Parlez-vous français? The children will pick up where they left off in Year 3 with weekly **French lessons on Wednesdays with Mrs Scarrott**.



D&T and Art

Our D&T and Art lessons will be blocked for the end of each half-term to ensure we can fully focus on the projects.

PE

We have PE every **Monday** and **Friday** so please send your children into school in their PE kits on those days. Depending on the weather, this should include:

- *PE T-shirt*
- *Jumper*
- *Shorts or jogging bottoms*
- *Trainers*
- *A jacket for cold/wet weather*

No earrings on PE days please!

Spellings

Spelling tests will take place on **Thursdays**, with new spellings handed out afterwards. Completed spelling sheets should be returned to school the following **Thursday**.

Write Words children will be tested on Thursdays too.

Times Tables

We have lots of **times tables** (and division facts) to learn by the end of the year: 10, 5, 2, 3, 4, 8, 11, 6, 9, 7 and 12 times tables (aka all of them). Starting next week (Fri 22nd Sept), we will be doing weekly tests on **Thursdays** and your help practising at home will be invaluable.

In June 2027, Year 4 will complete the online “multiplication tables check”. Click [here](#) for further information. It takes just 5 minutes, but children only get 6 seconds to answer each question, so they need to know their times tables really well. We will of course be ensuring they have lots of time to practice and get familiarise themselves with the electronic format.

I advise the children to use the following online resources to practice the format of the multiplication check:

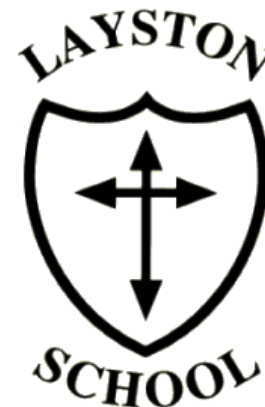
<https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/>

<https://urbrainy.com/mtc/test>

Mrs Scarrott (Tues-Thurs) and Mrs Patterson (Monday afternoons, Thursdays and Friday mornings) will be the Y4 teaching assistant this year. We will be working together to ensure that your child has an enjoyable and successful year with us.

Should you have any concerns at all, please get in touch and we can arrange a meeting after school.

Many thanks in advance for your support.



Year 4

Autumn Term

**Loving to Learn,
Learning To Love,
For Every Child
A Chance To Shine**