



SAINT JOHN'S

September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of another school year and to the start of Year 4. We hope you had a great summer and are now refreshed and ready for a new school year.

Our key question for this term is 'How has the architecture of Cheltenham changed?' and the curriculum areas we will focus on are included overleaf. We have organised a trip to the Wilson Museum on Tuesday 23rd September. More details about this trip will be sent soon.

Teaching Arrangements

The adults in the Year 4 classroom are Miss Sanders, Mrs Snow and our teaching assistant, Miss Randall. Mrs Snow teaches on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons with Miss Sanders teaching for the rest of the week.

PE

PE sessions are on Monday and Thursday. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit. This consists of trainers/pumps, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, school jumper and a house PE shirt. New PE t-shirts can be purchased from the school office and cost £2. Earrings should be removed or taped on PE days for safety reasons.

Essentials

Children should bring a water bottle and waterproof coat to school with them every day. They will also need a bookbag or sturdy zip wallet as this helps when letters are sent home and also keeps the children's belongings together and easily accessible. Backpacks are kept in the cloakroom to ensure the classroom remains clear and safe from obstructions.

Homework

Every Monday, children will receive a sticker in their reading record with their weekly homework activities. These will include 15 minutes on TTRockstars to practise their times tables (www.ttrockstars.com), reading and a maths or English activity. Homework needs to be handed in on Friday but may be handed in earlier if completed. A weekly list of spellings will be given to each pupil to learn. Spellings will be given out on a Friday for a test the following Friday. Children have access to EdShed (www.edshed.com) which provides interactive games to support the learning of weekly spellings.

Login details for both TTRockstars and EdShed can be found at the back of your child's reading record. For those children without internet access at home, there is the option to complete their TTRockstars in one of their lunch times. Please ensure reading records are brought in daily so children have access to their login details.

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Reading

Children are expected to read at least twice throughout the week at home and their reading record should be signed to confirm that they have done this. Diaries are checked every Monday so that we can monitor their reading. Any book that your child reads can be logged from either home, school or the local library. Reading at home could be: shared reading with an adult, reading to themselves or collaborative reading where they read a section and then an adult reads a section. Please discuss the reading with your child as this develops their comprehension skills and will impact positively on their progress.

PG Film Permission

Over the course of the year, we may watch sections of programmes/films that link with an area of our learning. Some of these films are rated PG so please could you return the slip at the end of this letter stating whether you do or do not give your child permission to watch PG films.

Class Dojo

We are continuing to use Dojo as a method of communication. Dojo messages will be checked every morning before 9am. Dojo messages that are sent after 9am are unlikely to be read until the next day so please make sure that any urgent/important messages go through the office. This is especially important if there is a change in pick-up arrangements for the end of the day. We will use Class Dojo to send messages that are specific to Year 4 but please make sure you read the school newsletter and whole school dojo for upcoming school events of which you should be aware.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to seeing your children flourish this term!

Yours sincerely,

Miss Sanders (Teacher) and Miss Randall (Teaching Assistant)

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Child's name:.....

I give permission for my child to watch a PG rated film in school.

I DO NOT give permission for my child to watch a PG rated film in school.

Signed:.....

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