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Welcome to Kingsley Class 2026-2027

Year 4

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers of Kingsley Class,

I hope that you had a fantastic summer break and feel refreshed ready for the new academic year. I am very excited to be teaching Year 4 again this year, and I look forward to getting to know you and your child better. For those of you that don't know, I am Miss Priestman and working alongside me is my higher-level teaching assistant, Mrs Popham, and my trainee teacher, Miss O'Loughlin. When Miss O'Loughlin and I have our planning time on a Monday, Mrs Popham will be taking the class to ensure continuity for the children.



Miss Priestman

(Kingsley Class Teacher)



Mrs Popham

(Higher-level Teaching Assistant)



Miss O'Loughlin

(Trainee Teacher)

As your child is in Year 4, we follow the National Curriculum. At Northgate, we teach through a topic-based approach where the children will cover different subjects based around the same theme. This helps children make links in their learning and enables them to gain a deeper subject knowledge and understanding.

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Below, you will find some useful information regarding routines and expectations in Year 4.

PE

Please can PE kits be in school every day. The PE kit should be a blue t-shirt, navy blue or black shorts and black daps or sports trainers (please make sure they are the correct size). As we are heading into the colder months, please bring in a pair of navy blue or black leggings/jogging bottoms to wear outside. Kingsley's PE days will be on a **Wednesday and a Thursday**. If your child wears earrings and it is a PE day, please can we remind you to remove these for your child **before** the school day unless they are able to **independently** remove these themselves during the school day. Due to our school policy, I am unable to remove these or place plasters over earrings for safety reasons. Long hair also needs to be tied back.

Medical conditions

If your child has any medical conditions that the school are not already aware of, please can you inform us as soon as possible, so that our records are up to date.

Attendance

It is essential that your child is in school, on time, every day. The school gates are opened from 8:40am for children to enter and go to their classroom. They will have the opportunity to have a bagel, as part of the Magic Breakfast, in the classroom, before the school day starts at 8:50am. As before, if your child is ill, please ensure you contact the school office by 8:45am at the latest to notify us of their absence.

Homework

Homework is an important part of your child's learning in Year 4 that will support them in making good progress across the year. Each week, your child will receive an English-based piece of homework, which could be spellings to learn, a SPaG activity or a short writing task and a Maths-based piece of homework. Both the weekly English homework and Maths homework will be **handed out on a Friday** and **due in by the following Friday morning.** If your child is finding the homework difficult, they will have plenty of opportunities in the week to ask for support. **They could also attend the weekly Homework Club session on a Tuesday lunch time between 12:00pm and 12:20pm.** If homework is not handed in by the deadline (Friday morning), your child will complete this during Golden Time on Friday afternoon.

Reading

Reading remains a vitally important element of your child's education in Year 4 and therefore, they are expected to read a minimum of 5 times a week, for at least 10 minutes. A reading register will be taken daily to record how often the children are reading and to have any discussions with pupils that are not reading regularly enough. Please can you sign your child's Reading Record when they have read with you or another adult at home so that we

can monitor your child's reads as they can earn certificates for this throughout the year. Your child will be able to change their reading book whenever they have finished it, if they let the adults working in the classroom know that it needs to be changed.

Areas of study – Autumn term

Mathematics	Place Value to 10,000; Addition and Subtraction; Area; Multiplication and Division (A).
English	Fairy Tale Sequel; Survival Guide; Greek Myth; Persuasive Letter.
Science	Animals, Including Humans and Sound.
Art and DT	DT: Fixtures and Fastenings Art: Sculpture - Ancient Greek Tiles
PE	Hockey, Netball, Swimming at Chilton Trinity. Real PE: Personal Cog and Social Cog.
RE	What motivates Humanists to lead good lives? (Humanism)
Music	Whole class instrument lessons with Somerset Music - Nuvotoots.
Computing	Handling Data: Investigating my Sounds Technology in Our Lives: Check my Facts.
PSHE	Being Me in My World and Celebrating Difference.
French	Presenting Myself
Topic	Geography: Modern-Day Greece History: Ancient Greece

Finally, I would like to invite you to attend a **Curriculum Meeting on Monday 7th September starting at 3:00pm. Please arrive for 2:55pm at the school reception for a prompt start.** The aim of this meeting is to provide you with more detailed information regarding the teaching and learning in Year 4 and to help you in supporting your child this year. If, unfortunately, you cannot attend this meeting, the information will be posted on the Kingsley class page on our school's website, so it is accessible throughout the year.

I hope you have found this newsletter useful but if there is anything I have missed or you would like to talk about, I am always happy to do so. To contact me, please book a meeting via the school office or via the class email address, which can be found below.

kingsleyclass@northgateprimaryschool.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

Miss Priestman
Kingsley Class Teacher

Dates for the diary:

Monday 7th September 2026 @ 3:00pm: Year 4 Curriculum Meeting (Parents/Carers invited)

Wednesday 30th September - Friday 2nd October 2026: Year 4 Pinkery Residential

Friday 9th October 2026: World Mental Health Day (wear yellow)

Monday 12th October 2026: Whole School Multicultural Creativity Week

Thursday 15th October 2026: Year 4 Kenyan Art Workshop @ 2:15pm (Parents/Carers invited)

Friday 16th October 2026: Multicultural Creativity Week Parade (Parents/Carers invited)

Friday 16th October 2026: Break up for October Half-Term

Monday 2nd November 2026: Return to school following October Half-Term

Thursday 5th November 2026: Tempest School Photos

Tuesday 10th November 2026: Year 4 Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 10th November 2026: Parents' Evening

Wednesday 11th November 2026: Parents' Evening

Friday 13th November 2026: INSET Day (no children in school)

Thursday 10th December 2026: Year 4 Christmas Card-Making Workshop @ 9:00am (Parents/Carers invited)

Thursday 10th December 2026: PTA Christmas Fair

Wednesday 16th December 2026: KS2 Carol Service (AM) (Parents/Carers invited)

Wednesday 16th December 2026: Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 17th December 2026: Class Christmas Party (PM)

Friday 18th December 2026: Break Up for the Christmas Holidays