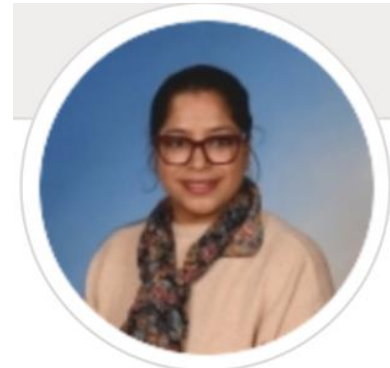


Meet the teacher

Year 4 - 2025 to 2026

Year 4 Teaching Staff

- Mrs Lancaster - Year 4 Teacher and LKS2 Phase Leader
- Miss Storey- Year 4 Teacher
- Miss Meany - Year 4 TA
- Mrs Kumar - Year 3 TA (will work in Y4 for Guided Reading)



Uniform



Our school uniform is navy blue, grey and white as follows:

- White shirts, polo shirts and blouses
- Navy blue or grey trousers or shorts
- Navy blue or grey skirts and pinafore dresses
- Navy blue tunics
- Blue and white candy stripe or check summer dresses
- Navy blue sweatshirts/cardigans (with school logo)
- Navy blue or white socks/tights
- Black or brown shoes



Other things to say...

We ask parents not to send their children to school wearing:-

- Jeans
- Unsuitable shoes (such as open toed sandals or trainers not on PE days)
- Clothes with slogans or pictures printed on them
- Sportswear e.g. football shirts or cycle shorts
- Make-up, nail varnish
- Extreme haircuts or colour
- Smart watches
- Jewellery (unless it is worn for religious reasons)

Year 4 Timetable



Outdoor PE – Tuesdays



Indoor PE – Thursdays

PE Kit – Tuesday and Thursday



- Navy blue or white polo shirts (plain please!)
- Blue shorts (blue/black joggers for colder weather)
- Plimsolls/Trainers (should be darker colours)
- Jumpers for colder weather – no hoodies please
- Earrings please taken out or covered with tape

Bags

From the start of this year, we have asked that all pupils only bring the book bag supplied to them at the start of the year or a book bag of a similar size. This should easily fit their reading books, diaries and homework in.

No more rucksacks please!



Water bottles

Please bring in a water bottle each day.

Children can drink water -

- During playtime and lunchtime.
- If they ask when we are working at our tables.



Doodle Maths

- Interactive maths learning for home and school.
- Children play games and will be asked a range of maths questions.
- Offers a personalised curriculum for children from assessments.
- Encourages little and often.



Doodle Maths - effort



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Doodle Maths - understanding



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Times Table Rockstars

- Interactive times table learning for home and school
- Children play games and will be asked a range of times table questions to improve their recall of times tables
- Children have their logins to access the site
- Year 4 multiplication check (June 2025)



Homework

- Given on a Friday. Handed in on the following Wednesday.
- Should be completed in pencil or black pen.
- All homework links to in school learning and will be matched to an appropriate level for the child.
- Please support your children with their homework.



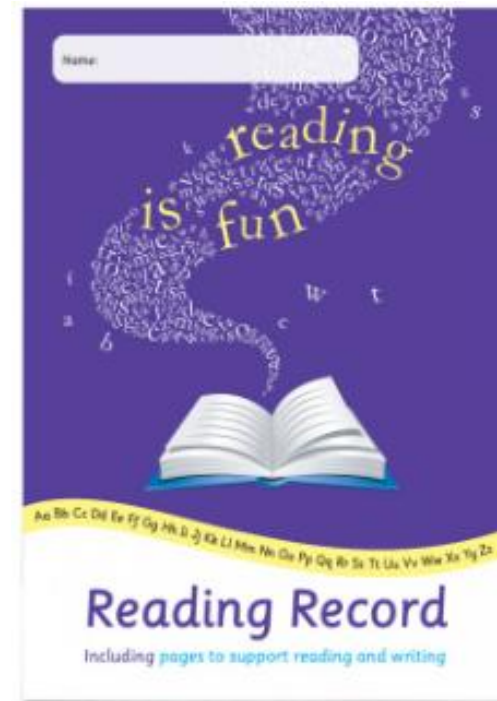
Spelling



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- Starting next week following an assessment 😊
 - New list on a Friday
 - Test on a Friday
 - Access to Spelling Shed all week for practice

Reading Records

- Children should be reading at home every day.
- The priority when reading at home should be the school Guided Reading book.
- We encourage children to also read their library book or their own books from home. We also encourage children to read other texts they are interested in such as magazines and information books. Please record these in the reading diary too.
- Your child's teacher will adjust their colour band when appropriate.
- Children can also select from a range of books within the classroom and the school library.



Reading bands

Purple

Gold

White

Lime

Copper

Topaz


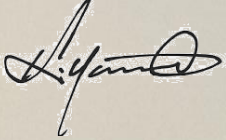






Ruby

Emerald

Sapphire

Diamond

Pearl

Date, book and page number	Comments Give a score out of 10 to show how much you enjoyed your reading
11 th September Pirates of Penzance Pg 8 - 12	GR Read up to page 12 Discussed: traitor, mutiny, quarrel 
11.09.2024 Pirates of Penzance Pg 8 - 12	Remembered traitor but needed reminding on mutiny Great expression!  
12.09.2024 Pirates of Penzance Pg 12-13	 
	
	
	

Completing reading records

- With your child you should re-read the pages they last read in school. Please don't read more than they've read in school.
- Check their understanding of the new vocabulary they discussed.
- Write the date.
- Make a note of anything they did really well or anything they are still struggling with.
- Sign with your signature.

Reading Challenge

- We will check the children's reading records each week.
- Children who have read 3 times at home will be awarded 5 house points and they will move up a step on the reading challenge.
- Children reaching the top of the challenge by the end of each half term will earn reward time.



Roman week

- This term in History Year 4 will be learning about invaders and settlers with a focus on the Romans and the Celts.
- To make the learning come to life we will be creating a Roman school from Monday 20 October 2025 – Friday 24 October 2025.
- We would like all the children in Year 4 to come to school throughout these days wearing a Roman tunic, as Roman children wore to school, to make this experience as lifelike as possible.
- However on Wednesday 22nd October please can they wear their school uniform as usual for school photos.




Butser Hill Trip

We are hoping to visit Butser Hill Ancient Farm to learn more about invaders and settlers (our current history topic).

We will find out what it is like to live in a Celtic roundhouse and compare it to a Roman villa. We will also learn to carve chalk using a piece of flint, create a piece of jewellery inspired by the Celts and carry out an archaeological dig!





Year 4 swimming (May/June/July)

The National Curriculum states all children should be able to swim 25m by the time they leave primary school.

Year 4 have 10 weeks of swimming lessons to help achieve this aim.

It would be helpful if your child has visited a swimming pool prior to year 4 starting swimming lessons. Your child does not need to be able to swim but it having confidence in the water would be useful.

Also we would appreciate your support in making sure they are confident drying and changing independently.

The School Day

Gates open:



School officially starts



Registers close -
marked late after this
time



End of the day

3:30

If you are late, your child will be taken to the office for collection. Please contact the office if you know you will be late.

Please collect your child from your class teacher at home time so we can get to know you.

Contact the school...

Step 1 - contact the class teacher

4S@portswoodpri.org.uk and 4L@portswoodpri.org.uk

Step 2 - contact the phase leader - Mrs Lancaster - 4L@portswoodpri.org.uk

OR

Contact school office

info@portswoodpri.org.uk

02380555885