

Just To Let You Know

9th October 2026



Dear Parents & Carers,

We've had a busy and enjoyable week, learning how to write formal letters inspired by *The Way to Impossible Island*, building confidence with times tables and column addition, and discovering how the Bronze Age transformed people's lives. A huge well done to all the children who took part in the *House Cross Country Run* on Pewley Down – we were so proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and encouragement they showed throughout the event!

English

This week, we explored features of formal writing and learned how to write a formal letter. Using *The Way to Impossible Island* as inspiration, the children planned and wrote a letter to the British Museum, focusing on formal language, correct layout, and clear organisation of paragraphs. We also have studied non-standard English as part of our grammar sessions.

Ask your child to change this sentence into standard English: *"I ain't going nowhere!", yelled the boy.*

Maths

The children strengthened their understanding of the 3 times table and practised adding and subtracting 1s, 10s, 100s and 1,000s using place value knowledge. They also developed their column addition skills while carefully aligning digits in the correct place value columns.

Ask your child to chant their 3x table aloud to you.

History

This week, we learned about the Bronze Age and discovered how the introduction of bronze transformed tools, weapons, technology and everyday life. The children explored archaeological evidence, including the Amesbury Archer and Bronze Age artefacts, and considered how life changed from earlier periods. **Ask your child: would you rather live in the Stone Age or the Bronze Age? Can you explain why?**

Dates:

- FLUFFY Friday 16.10.26
- Harvest festival Wed 14.10.26 - parents are welcome in the chapel for assembly at 8:50 –9:20
- (Donations of non-perishables gratefully received, particularly: tinned tomatoes, laundry liquids, cleaning sprays, tea, coffee, hot chocolate and spreads).
- School breaks for half term: Friday 16.10.26 at 3:15pm
- Children return to school: Monday 2.11.26

Reminders:

Library: sessions are on Mondays

Reading Journals: (red book) Tuesdays (4S & 4K) Wednesdays (4B)

Times Tables: (small blue book) to be carried in schoolbag daily

Swimming: 4S on Wednesday mornings

PE: Tuesday afternoon (4K,4B and 4S) and Wednesday mornings (4K and 4B)

Spellings: issued on Mondays; please could children learn for the following Monday.

This week: The long 'U' sound: **few, used, through, threw, popular, continue, group, fruit, particular, February**

Have a great weekend everyone,
The Year 4 Team