



St Richard's CE Primary School
Spring Term 2026 – First Half



Year 4 Acacia Class – January 2026

Dear Acacia families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a restful break and are looking forward to the exciting term ahead. As a reminder, in order to start the new year as we mean to go on, we ask that pupils read aloud at home for 20 minutes every day and practise their times tables daily, as these habits make a huge difference to confidence and progress in the classroom. Thank you, as always, for your continued support at home.

– Mrs McKenna and Mrs Trimby

Dates for your diary:

January

Friday 23 January – Visit Orleans Gallery

Thursday 29 January – Year 4 Class Assembly

February

w/c Monday 2 February – Year 4 Assessment Week

Tuesday 3 February – Languages Day

Tuesday 10 February – Safer Internet Day

March (Next Half Term)

Thursday 19 – Thames Explorer Visit

What we are learning about this half term:

English: In English lessons, we will be reading the story *Until I Met Dudley* as a stimulus for writing Explanation Texts.

In Reading lessons, we will read *Viking Voyagers* to complement our learning in History.

Maths: Securing the 3,6,9, 7 and 11 times tables, area, short multiplication and division

RE: What do Sikhs Believe?

Reading:

Children should take home their school library books daily to **read aloud at home every day for at least 20 minutes a day.**

School library books should be **returned to school each day** so the children read these books daily at school as well as at home.

TOPIC:

Science: Sound

History / Geography: Here Come the Vikings

Computing: Website Design

Music: Guitar Lessons (by Richmond Music Trust)

PE: Football and General Fitness

Spanish: Vegetables

Homework:

- ✓ **Daily reading**
- ✓ **Daily times tables practice** – log in to Times Tables Rock Stars provided

Weekly tasks assigned on Friday, due in by following Friday:

- Spelling word practice (on Ed Shed) – Spelling Tests are timetabled for Fridays
- Grammar Quiz on spag.com
- Maths quiz on maths.co.uk

Class Trips and Visitors in School:

23 January - Visit Orleans Gallery

19 March (Next Half Term)– Thames Explorer Visit

Year 2				Year 3				Year 4			
x1	x2	x5	x10	x3	x4	x8	x6	x7	x9	x11	x12
1 x 1 = 1											
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3 x 1 = 3	3 x 2 = 6	3 x 5 = 15	3 x 10 = 30	3 x 3 = 9							
4 x 1 = 4	4 x 2 = 8	4 x 5 = 20	4 x 10 = 40	4 x 3 = 12	4 x 4 = 16						
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12 x 1 = 12	12 x 2 = 24	12 x 5 = 60	12 x 10 = 120	12 x 3 = 36	12 x 4 = 48	12 x 8 = 96	12 x 6 = 72	12 x 7 = 84	12 x 9 = 108	12 x 11 = 132	12 x 12 = 144

Parent/adult helpers

We would be grateful for volunteers to accompany the class on any of our upcoming visits. **Please contact the school office if you are available to help. info@srsa.richmond.sch.uk**

Dates for future trips:

- Friday 23 January – Orleans House Gallery
- Thursday 19th March 2026 – Thames Explorer River study @ Kew Riverside
- Thursday 7th May – Holly Lodge for WWII Workshop

If you are able to support the class get to and from their Swimming lessons on Wednesday afternoon, please contact the office.

Summary: (Swimming / PE day etc.)

Monday:

Tuesday: PE (afternoon)

Wednesday: Swimming (afternoon)

Thursday:

Friday:

Staff in class:

Teachers:

Mrs Catherine Trimby (Mondays and Tuesdays)

Ms Kathryn McKenna (Wednesday – Friday)

Support Staff:

Helena Church, Frankie Bergamin, Dino Andrade, Danielle Melvin

Multiplication Tables Check – Year 4 to complete in June 2026

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) is a National statutory on-screen test for Year 4 pupils in England, assessing fluent recall of times tables up to 12x12 through 25 timed questions (6 seconds per question).

The pupils will be covering the few remaining times tables facts up to 12x12 this half term in lessons, however short, daily practice of these facts at home will build fluency to support pupils as they continue to work through the KS2 maths curriculum.

Please find more information [here](#).

How you can help your child at home:

- **Please read aloud with your child daily**, and share your enthusiasm for reading!
- **Times Tables** –Please practice regularly with your child to build fluency and automaticity.
- Help develop independence and responsibility – when struggling with emotions, pupils can be encouraged to use known strategies from PATHS /PSHE to help calm (breathing, grounding, drawing, exercise, etc) as well as problem solve
- Work on active listening (eye contact and expecting a response) as well as clear communication

