

BILLIONAIRE NEWS

21st May 2026

Hello parents and carers,

I would like to start off by thanking many of you for the birthday cards and gifts - it was very much appreciated and the children made sure I had a lovely day.

As we approach the end of this half-term, there are a few things worth mentioning for the rest of the school year:

- The **Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** takes place during our first week back (Tuesday 9th June - Friday 12th June). There is no homework set for the holidays; however, I would encourage all children to practise on TT Rock Stars so that they feel confident when sitting the test.
- We have started learning about **time** in maths, and many children are finding it difficult to tell the time on an analogue clock. Please support your child by discussing and practising the following:
 - Recognising o'clock, quarter past/to and half past
 - Telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes
 - Converting between analogue and digital time
- **Swimming** - the final swimming date is Thursday 2nd July. After this date, PE days will return to Mondays and Wednesdays.
- **Fidget toys** - increasing numbers of children are bringing fidget toys into school, including pocket dragons, clickers, poppits, and squishies, two of which have burst this half term. These toys often become a distraction, as children may trade them or show them off to others during learning time. We would therefore like to remind parents that fidget toys should only be brought into school if this has been agreed with the class teacher. Any toys brought in without permission will be confiscated and must be collected from the school office.

What have we been learning this week?

- **Maths** - We have just finished Money and have started learning about time.
- **English** - we have mainly been practising our handwriting and spelling this week.
- **R.E.** - Humanism - How can you live a good life and be happy? What habits or practices might we develop to become a better person? How might non-religious people celebrate their wedding? - [please see our X/Twitter feed for the fabulous wedding photos!](#)
- **P.E.** - Swimming; rounders
- **Music** - Viking songs
- **Science** - How can we change the pitch of a sound? How do sounds change over distance? Which materials are the best for absorbing sound?
- **History** - Why were the Vikings so successful? What was daily life like in Viking Britain? What did the Vikings believe in? What was the lasting impact of the Vikings?

Spellings and Times Tables


I have sent each child home with a paper copy of our Year 4 spelling list. Please encourage your child to practise these words regularly, particularly the orange words as these will be assessed before the end of Year 4.

Please remember to practise times tables in preparation for the MTC!

I hope you all have a restful half-term. 😊

Many thanks,

Miss Phillips

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