

APPOINTMENTS

There are two parents' evenings over the year. Beyond these, should you have any concerns please make a mutually agreeable appointment with Mrs White or Miss Blackmore, by contacting the school office.

Children will be invited through the gate at 08:35. All children will then proceed directly to the classroom.

The gate will shut promptly at 08:45. Any children arriving after this time will need to go to the front office.

ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please inform us before 9.00 a.m. by telephoning the school, emailing or using Studybugs app stating the symptoms.

As a general rule, unless a child has a temperature or tummy upset they should come to school. If they become unwell during the day we will contact you. Evidence of medical appointments needs to be provided before the appointment date. Every effort should be made to avoid routine appointments during the school day. Withdrawal from learning may only be authorised in very exceptional circumstances. Please request a Withdrawal from Learning Application from the school office *at least one month* before the date requested.

HELP

Volunteers are always welcome to help with regular reading, specific trips, clubs or events. All helpers have to complete a DBS check. Please see Miss Hemes at the office. If you wish to become involved in school on a regular basis, please let us know when you are available so we can organise a timetable.



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Building Success.**



**4 Woodpecker
Miss Blackmore & Mrs White**

2025/2026

WELCOME TO 4 WOODPECKERS

We hope your child will have a happy and exciting year with us. Other staff working with the class will be:

Mrs Smith – Teaching Assistant

Miss Nobbs– Teaching Assistant

MAIN TOPICS

Autumn Terms	How can we live more Sustainably? What did the Romans ever do for us?
Spring Terms	Why do some earthquakes cause more damage than others? What did the Vikings want?
Summer Terms	Why is Brighton such a popular tourist destination? Who were the Anglo Saxons?

VISITS & VISITORS

We are hoping to have the following trips, or visitors to school, and your support will be most welcome. Plenty of notice will be given to enable you to spread any costs.

Autumn Terms:	(TBC)
Spring Terms:	Science Museum
Summer Terms:	Residential Trip & Whole school trip

HOME LEARNING IN YEAR 4

All children should be heard to read on a daily basis. Once they have finished a book, please could they review this book using Accelerated Reader. Children will be provided with weekly spellings, times tables to practise and a task on Mathematics. A menu of Home Learning will

be sent home 3 times a year with a choice of activities. There will be three dates for submitting home learning during the year.

LIBRARY

Each week, the children will have the opportunity to visit the library to choose a book to take home. This needs to be returned to school before another may be taken. Children can also borrow books from the Class's bookcase to take home.

P.E.

PE takes place on Wednesday and Thursday in term 1. Please wear kit to school on the relevant days. PE kit must include blue shorts, white T-shirt, plimsolls/trainers and spare socks, all named and in a named bag. In winter, please ensure warm long sleeved top and jogging bottoms included. Indoor P.E. activities are usually undertaken barefoot; however, if you think your child has a verruca could you please ensure that they have plimsolls to wear.

FOREST SCHOOL

Forest School takes place on one Friday a term, communicated at the start of each term.

Please wear kit to school on the relevant days. Forest School should include long sleeved top, jumper, long trousers, welly boots and waterproof trousers and coat. Please leave a change of trousers and socks in school. Clearly name all items of clothing (Uniform, P.E. Forest School, coats, wellies).

Long hair needs to be tied up at all times, this is particularly important for Forest School. If your child has earrings, then they should be able to remove and replace them on their own, or bring tape to put over earrings.

Water bottles are required every day.