



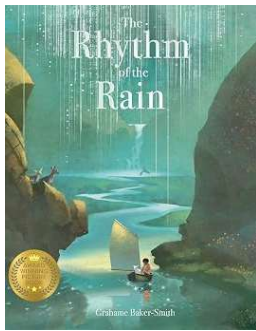
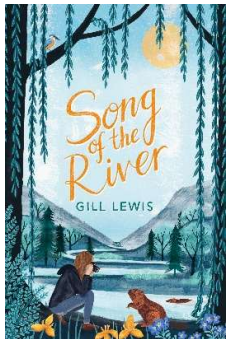
All Saints'
family, faith, flourish
"God gives you three gifts... how to be faithful, so a small flame grows into a fire" (1 Timothy 1:6 - 10)

Year 4 Autumn Term 2026

NEWSLETTER

Our value this term is **Compassion**. We will be exploring this value during our daily collective worship.

Our class texts...



Key Learning this term...

A very warm welcome to Year 4, where our exciting year begins with a new topic all about Rivers.

During our English lessons, our class books will be 'Song of the River' and 'The Rhythm of the Rain'. We will be using these texts to explore how to write a narrative, a non-chronological report, a persuasive text and poetry. This river theme will link to our Geography, Science and History this term too. In Geography we will be learning about the key features of a river, rivers of the UK and all about the River Derwent in Matlock. This will be followed up by a fieldwork trip down to look at the River Derwent and to see if we can spot any key features as it flows along the valley. We will also be exploring the water cycle. In Science, our topic is 'States of Matter' where we will be looking at the processes of evaporation and condensation. In History we will be finding out about how the use of the River Derwent has changed over time.

In Maths our first unit is Place Value. We will be exploring 4-digit numbers, rounding to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 before moving on to addition and subtraction using the 4-digit numbers we have learnt about.

In D and T, we will be putting our tasting skills to the test as we will be adapting a biscuit recipe. In art, our topic is Tone, Texture and Proportion. Athletics will be our PE focus this term and in RE we will be learning about Creation. PSHE will focus this term on our school values and what being kind, ready and respectful looks like and feels like. In Computing, we will be applying our knowledge and understanding of networks and in French we will be doing a topic called 'Portraits' learning different adjectives to describe.

Dates for the diary...

Every Thursday this term: PE supported by Rural Derbyshire Sports- children should come to school in their PE kit on this day of the week.

Tuesday 7th October- School Photographs.

Tuesday 13th October - Fieldwork Trip down to The River Derwent. (TBC)

Wednesday 14th October - Harvest Festival

Tuesday 21st October - Parent's Evening 1

Thursday 23rd October - Parent's Evening 2

Friday 24th October - last day of half

Reminders...

Please try to hear your child read aloud from their school reading book at least three times a week if possible. There is a page to record this in their new homework book.

Homework will be sent out every Wednesday to be handed in by the following Tuesday. We will mark it in class together.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day. These can be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday. Please make sure that there is only water in the bottle.

PE kits can be worn to school on PE days which this half term is a **Thursday**.

If your child chooses to bring in snack, please ensure it is fruit or vegetables and in a reusable container.

We are putting a pause on birthday sweets due to new allergy policy in place.

Updates:

Mobile phones must be switched off before entering the school site and handed to staff at the start of the school day for secure storage. Phones are returned to pupils at the end of the day

Smart watches are not permitted for pupil use in school. Any smart watch brought onto the school site must be switched off and handed to staff at the start of the school day alongside any mobile phone for secure storage. Smart watches will be returned at the end of the school day.