



Year 4 Newsletter

Summer 2—2025/2026



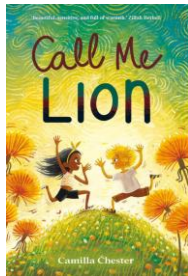
Notices and Reminders

We are looking forward to our swimming lessons starting this half term! These will take place every **Wednesday** – our last lesson will be Wednesday 8th July. Please make sure your child brings in a named bag the following kit every Wednesday:

- Swimming cap.
- Swimming trunks or above-knee shorts (boys) or one piece swimming costume (girls).
- Towel.
- Extra snack.

Reading

This half term, children will start reading *Call Me Lion*, which is an insightful book that sensitively explores selective mutism through focussing on the friendship of two young children who bond through a love of dancing. They will continue to develop their reading fluency alongside building comprehension skills and using inference and deduction when reflecting on the text.



Writing

This half term, the children will be exploring the key features of a non-chronological report before planning and writing one of their own. They will look closely at how writers use expanded noun phrases, factual language and clear organisational features to present information effectively. As they build their confidence, they will apply these skills to create well-structured reports on a topic of their choice.



Key Dates

Monday 1st to Friday 5th June – level 2 Bikeability (Y6)
Monday 1st to Friday 5th June – Y4 multiplication tables check week
Wednesday 3rd June – Y4 swimming lessons start (AM)
Wednesday 3rd June – Y6 swimming lessons start (PM)
Friday 5th June – Y3 SOLD day
Monday 8th to Friday 12th June – Y1 phonics screening check week
Tuesday 9th June – Y2 trip to Milestones Museum
Friday 19th June – summer term family forum meeting (9am)
Monday 22nd June – class photographs
Wednesday 24th June – EYFS sports day
Thursday 2nd July – FFMPs summer festival (5:30pm)
Friday 3rd July – KS1 and KS2 sports day (11:30am)
Wednesday 8th July – last Y4 swimming lesson
Wednesday 8th July – last Y6 swimming lesson
Friday 10th July – Y6 Mytchett Quays trip
Friday 10th July – end of year reports shared
Monday 13th July – move up morning
Wednesday 15th July – SEND coffee afternoon (2:30pm)
Wednesday 15th July – Y6 end of year performance (5:30pm)
Thursday 16th July – Rocksteady concert (2:45pm)
Friday 17th July – strawberry tea (1:30pm)
Friday 17th July – summer term SMILE afternoon (3:00pm)
Monday 20th July – Y6 leavers' assembly (2:00pm)
Tuesday 21st July – Y6 shirt signing
Tuesday 21st July – last day of term (1:30pm collection)

Maths

In maths, the children will be exploring angles as turns - identifying, comparing and ordering angles. They will be learning about statistics - reading, understanding and creating different graphs such as bar charts and line charts. The children will also be learning about co-ordinates, how to plot them and how to draw shapes with co-ordinates.

The children will also be consolidating their learning during the last few weeks of the academic year.



RE



This half term, the children will be exploring the question: What is philosophy? They will be thinking about how we make decisions and what is meant by free will. They will learn about Descartes, the 16th century French philosopher who was influenced by Greek philosophers: Plato and Aristotle. The children will also discuss philosophical questions based on their own beliefs and knowledge.

History

In history this half term, the children will be learning about the Kingdom of Benin in West Africa. They will learn where it is, how it began, what life was like, what artefacts tell us, who the Oba is and the effect the expansion of the British Empire had on the Kingdom of Benin and how it is now part of Nigeria.



Music

The children will be developing their understanding of improvisation and expression. They will explore how they can use music to express their feelings. The children will take inspiration from gospel, orchestral pop and medieval music which will guide them in creating and performing an expressive piece of music.



PE

This half term, the children will be focusing on striking and fielding skills in cricket. They will learn how to effectively throw a ball underarm, as well as strike and field effectively to then be able to use this in a game scenario.



Art

In art this half term, the children will be learning about sculptures and about Judy Tadman – a renowned rope sculptor. The children will be learning about how to design and create their own rope sculpture, including rope twisting, coiling and knot tying.



PSHE

This half term, the children will be learning how they can manage risk in various scenarios. Learning will include exploring rules or laws and why they exist, keeping safe in different locations, keeping safe online and learning how to deal with peer pressure.



French

In French this half term, the children will learn about some of the traditions and celebrations held in French-speaking countries. They will learn how to express an opinion about these traditions and celebrations.



Suggested books for reading

