



Year 4 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2026/2027



Notices and Reminders

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a wonderful half-term break.

Our PE day for this term is Friday. Please make sure that your child wears their PE kit to school on this day instead of their uniform.

On non-PE days, we ask that your child comes to school in correct school uniform. Full details about our uniform expectations can be found at:

<https://www.mytchett.kite.academy/parents/school-uniform/>

Reading

This half term, the children will be reading *The Girl Who Stole an Elephant* by Nizvana Farook. They will follow Chaya, a brave and adventurous girl who steals the Queen's jewels and sets off on a thrilling journey through the Sri Lankan jungle with her friends and a royal elephant.

As danger follows them at every turn, the children will explore themes of friendship, courage and loyalty. Will Chaya escape the King's guards?

We look forward to finding out!



Writing

The children will be developing their understanding of nouns, personal pronouns and adverbs as well as knowing how to use them effectively. They will also be composing their own finding tale alongside creating a persuasive advert.



Key Dates

November 2026

Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th - Y5 Runways End residential

Saturday 7th - FFMPs fireworks evening

Wednesday 11th - YR writing workshop (2:30pm)

Thursday 12th - Christmas pantomime (Y1-Y6)

Thursday 12th - Non-school uniform day (£2 cash donation for FFMPs)

Tuesday 17th - Flu vaccinations

Thursday 19th - Individual and sibling photographs

Friday 20th - Children in Need day (wear something spotty/mufti)

Monday 30th - Y4 multiplication tables check parent workshop (2:45pm)

December 2026

Tuesday 1st - Y6 SATs parent workshop (2:45pm)

Friday 4th - Autumn family forum meeting (9:00am)

Wednesday 9th - EYFS Christmas singalong

Thursday 11th - SEND coffee afternoon (2:30pm)

Friday 11th - Autumn term SMILE afternoon (3:00pm)

Monday 14th - KS1 nativity performance (4:30pm)

Wednesday 16th - Christmas lunch (children wearing Christmas jumpers/mufti)

Wednesday 16th - KS2 carols in the courtyard (4:30pm)

Thursday 17th - FFMPs Christmas craft day

Friday 18th - Last day of term

Monday 21st to Friday 1st - Christmas holidays

Monday 4th January 2027 – spring term begins

Maths

During the second half of the autumn term, the children will be learning different multiplication and division facts. This will help them in learning their times tables in preparation for their multiplication check at the end of year 4.



Science

In science this half term, the children will be learning all about the digestive system, the function of different types of teeth and they will conduct a practical investigation to see how different liquids affect their teeth! The children will then be looking at food chains, including their purpose and the different types of food chains that exist.



History

The children will be continuing to learn about how Ancient Greek culture has impacted the modern, western world. They will learn about the legacy of the Olympic Games, Greek gods and goddesses and Ancient Greek advancements in maths, science, language and theatre.



DT

This half term the children will be learning about frame structures and how to use a hot glue gun safely. They will then apply this knowledge to help them construct, reinforce and clad their own pavilion.



PE

This half term, the children will learn Bollywood dance, developing coordination, rhythm, balance and performance skills as they learn and perform energetic dance sequences inspired by Indian culture.



Computing

In computing, the children will explore animation by creating their own stop-motion videos. They will learn about frames, animation planning and camera setup before taking a series of photographs to show movement. Using iMovie, they will transform these images into an animation and enhance their work with music and text.



PSHE

In PSHE, the children will learn how to treat others with respect. They will explore different types of relationships, including friendships, understand consent and appropriate physical contact, and learn how to respond when they disagree with others. They will also develop their understanding of discrimination and how to respond to bullying.



French

In French this half term, children will build on their learning in the *Je me présente* unit, learning to share information about themselves, including their age and where they come from. They will then begin a new unit focussed on learning the names of a range of animals in French.



Suggested books for reading

