

Welcome to Year 4!



The Peasedown
ST JOHN
primary school



Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 9th September

The adults in Y4

Teal Class will be taught by
Mrs Dallimore and Mrs Coles (Tuesday)
(Mrs Dixon after maternity leave)



Aqua Class will be taught by
Mrs Roughan / Mr Prouse and
Mrs Kershaw



They will be supported by:

Mrs Fulton and Miss Roach



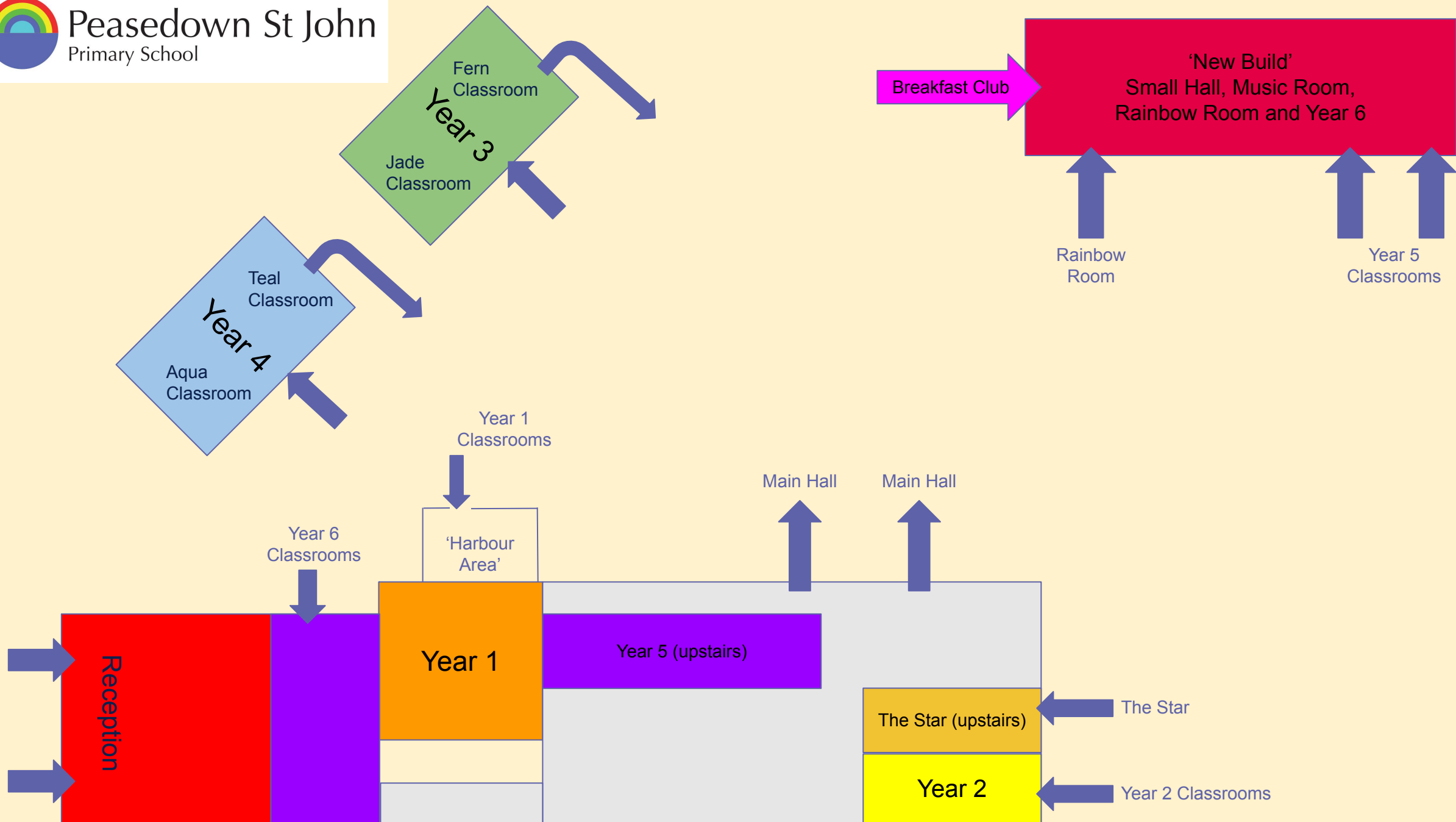
Drop offs and pick ups

- Teal Class and Aqua Class will both use the main door to enter in the mornings.
- At the end of the day, Aqua Class will exit through the main door, but Teal Class will exit through the side door.
- Breakfast club is available from 7.30am for £2.50 / 7.45am for £1.25. From 8.00am it is FREE
- Please let us know if someone different will be collecting your child (either as a one-off or a regular arrangement) via an email to the office, catching us at the end of a day or a message on the door in the morning.



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PSJ BREAKFAST CLUB

**IT'S TIME FOR
BREAKFAST!**



730AM

£2.50

745AM

£1.25

800AM

FREE

JOIN US BRIGHT AND EARLY EVERYDAY

BOOK PAID SLOTS VIA PARENT PAY

FOR INFO:
OFFICE@PEASEDOWN.MNSP.ORG.UK

**GOOD
MORNING
PEASEDOWN**

WHAT'S ON AT BREAKFAST CLUB?

DAY 1: PAINTING AND CRAFTS

DAY 2: RAINBOW ROOM DAY

DAY 3: CONSERVATION DAY

DAY 4: DEN BUILDING

DAY 5: START AGAIN!

**EVERY DAY: GAMES AND READING INSIDE
AND OUTDOOR PLAY**

After School Club with
Evo Sports

3.15pm until 5.45pm

£4 per hour with a
healthy snack available
after 4.30pm.



A Typical Day in Year 4

- We start each day with E.M.A. activities (editing and improving work, reading, times tables or practising skills). Some intervention groups run during E.M.A.
- We have our writing, spelling, maths and reading lessons in the morning.
- In the afternoon, we explore the wider curriculum: History or Geography, Science, Art or DT, PE, Computing and PSHE. We also practise our times tables and handwriting, and some days we have assemblies.
- Once a fortnight, Miss Scott teaches Music and RE, and Evo Sports staff teach PE.





What will my child be learning in Year 4?



English Writing:

Narrative - The Snowman, an environmental rescue story.

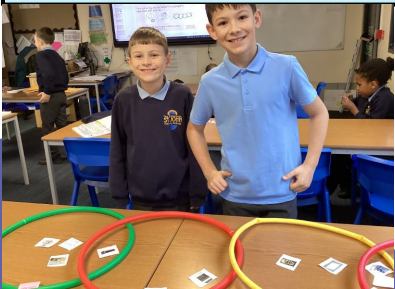
Diary writing - Scott of the Antarctic

Information text - Penguins

Newspaper report - Greek myths

Poetry

Reading, handwriting, spelling



History:

The Romans, The Ancient Greeks

RE:

Humanism, Christianity, Hinduism

Art:

Sculpture /
mosaics - Gaudi,
Still life - Holly
Coulis
Painting- Georgia
O'Keefe

DT:

Structures - pavilions
Electrical systems - torches
Nutrition - biscuits

Maths:

Number and place value,
Roman numerals, addition
and subtraction, length, area
and perimeter, multiplication,
division, position and
direction, fractions and
decimals

Geography:

Antarctica, The
Mediterranean and Bath,
The USA

PE:

Swimming, cricket, gymnastics, football, tennis, athletics, OAA, netball, dodgeball

Science: materials, sounds, electricity, animals including humans, living things and their habitats



PE

- Our swimming session is on a **Thursday**.
- PE: **Monday or Thursday**.
- PE kits for both of these days.
- Each term this will change, so please keep an eye out on our windows for any updates.
- Your child must wear our branded school PE uniform: our branded PE t-shirt and hoodie, blue/black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms (no logos) and non-marking sturdy sports shoes / trainers.
- Please name everything!
- Lost property is located to the left as you walk inside the Reception hallway to the office.



Swimming - Y4 only

Year 4 children will have **weekly lessons across the entire academic year.**

Key details:

- Lessons will take place every Thursday morning.
- Aqua will swim from 11:00–11:30, and Teal will swim from 11:30–12:00.
- Children will return to school in time for lunch.
- Each child will receive over 30 swimming sessions throughout the year, including some free play sessions to build confidence.

Why parents are now being asked to pay a contribution towards costs:

The school is subsidising the cost of lessons. However, due to increased coach costings we are now asking parents to pay £2.00 per week for the transport.

What if my child can already confidently swim?

That's fantastic! These sessions will still offer real value. Confident swimmers will be supported to challenge themselves further - working towards graded swimming awards, developing strokes, and building strength, stamina, and safety in the water. We also look for confident swimmers to be in our Gala Team.

What your child will need each week:

- Swimsuit or swim trunks
- Towel
- Swimming cap (if possible)
- Goggles (optional, but recommended)

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled and packed in a waterproof bag. No toiletries needed!

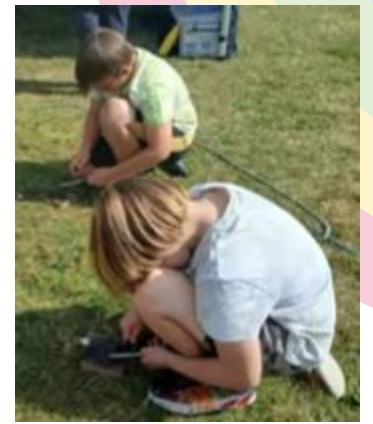


Forest School

- Forest School will run as it has done last year:

Y3 & Y4: with Mrs Dixon and Mrs Monks in Term 3 & 4.

- Please lookout for the emails informing you what dates these will be as the year groups alternate Wednesdays. This letter will also have a reminder as to what clothes your child needs to wear.
- In the winter months/on colder and wetter days children will need warm layers, waterproof trousers, a waterproof coat, wellies or walking boots, a woolly hat and gloves and a change of clothes (including socks and even underwear).
- In the summer months children will need looser layers (long sleeves when visiting the woods), a sunhat, suncream, trainers, walking boots or wellies and spare clothes incase they participate in a water activity (including socks and underwear).



Trips and Visitors

In the next academic year your child will take part in the following visits:

- The Roman Baths, in Bath
- A Hindu temple, in Bristol
- Y4 Camp!

This links to our learning about...

- The Romans (History)
- Hinduism (RE)
- Teamwork and resilience (PSHE & Citizenship)



Year 4 Camp

Last year, (in the light of feedback from parents and children) we made the decision to move the camp to our school site in order to keep costs low and make the experience more accessible for all families. While we're staying on-site, children will get the adventure of spending a night away from home in a familiar location with their friends, building independence and making special memories.

We hope to offer two full days of activities including the following activities:

- Set up tents in our Forest School area
- Enjoy a fish and chip tea together
- Compete in team challenges
- Have a campfire
- Take part in exciting, off-timetable activities focused on teamwork and adventure
- Activities from Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team: climbing wall, archery, axe throwing.

We truly believe this new format offers the same valuable experiences - friendship, fun, and independence - in a more affordable and manageable way. In 2024 75% of children took part in camp. Last year, all children participated during the day, including STAR children, and 93% stayed the night.

We're really looking forward to giving Year 4 a fantastic camp experience right here at school!



Homework

In Y4, you can support your child with their home learning:

- read together at least 4 times a week and ask your child questions about their book. One of these may be Reading Plus online.
- practise times tables (all of them). This can be done via TTRS.
- complete weekly Doodle Maths assignments
- practise their weekly spellings, copying them out and putting them into sentences.

Homework is set Monday to be in the following Monday.

Where can I find my child's home learning?

Every Monday there will be a link in the school newsletter.

This same link is also added to the school website each Monday:

<https://www.psjprimary.co.uk/our-learning/home-learning/>

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 will each have a Home Learning Book in which to complete their spelling sentences and any other working out or home learning that needs to be recorded.

Helpful websites

Accelerated Reader



SCAN ME

Doodle Maths



SCAN ME

BBC Bitesize



SCAN ME

Numbots



SCAN ME

Times Tables Rockstars



SCAN ME

Google Classroom



SCAN ME



How do I know what my child is doing?

- The School Newsletter (emailed weekly and posted on school website)

- Our year group website page

<https://www.psjprimary.co.uk/our-classes/year-4-aqua-teal/>

- Our curriculum pages on the website

<https://www.psjprimary.co.uk/our-learning/>

Support for Parents & Families



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**JOIN THE PSJ
RAINBOW
GROUP**

A monthly group for parents and carers of children with neurodiversity.

An opportunity to meet other parents, swap experiences, share ideas and support each other.
With Catherine Steadman
Parent and Family Support Advisor

Tuesday 17th June
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Thursday 17th July
9:00am - 10:00am

@The Hive, Peasedown St John, BA2 8DH



Mrs Catherine Steadman is our PFSA (Parent & Family Advisor).

She is here to support with any worries or struggles that may be affecting your family or child at school.

She works on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

To talk to Catherine, see her on the playground in the mornings, contact the office or attend one of the relevant groups or coffee mornings - details in the newsletters.

Year 4 Parents Top Tips - Written by parents for parents

- There will be a good handover from Year 3 so please don't worry, the teacher will know your child.
- In the upper school there is a more independent approach to learning.
- The school day will run the same as in Year 3.
- There isn't a big increase in the homework expectations. The little and often approach is a good way to establish good habits and expectations.
- Help your child by increasing their independent skills, like tying their shoelaces, getting dressed, making their breakfast. This will also help when they go to camp.
- They are getting into the pre-puberty stage and you may notice they become more moody.

General Top Tips

- Every new September feels different for you and your children. Be kind to yourself.
- Take advantage of the secondhand uniform; they will lose things and grow out of them quickly.
- If you have any worries about your child, speak to the staff.
- Read the weekly newsletter: it has all the information you need
- If you don't understand the jargon, just ask.

Before you leave...

1. Take a copy of the **helpful websites** sheet with QR codes for home learning platforms.
2. Come and ask any questions!