

Year 4 spelling overview 2025-2026

Each week children will be tested on a selection of words from the specified list.

Autumn 1

Week beginning: 15.09.25	
Rule: Words with /aw/ spelt 'augh' and 'au'	
caught	clause
naughty	cause
taught	astronaut
daughter	applaud
autumn	author

Week beginning: 22.09.25	
Rule: Adding prefix in- (meaning 'not' or 'into')	
inactive	infinite
incorrect	inedible
inaccurate	inability
indefinite	insecure
incomplete	indecisive

Week beginning: 29.09.25	
Rule: Adding prefix im- before a root word of with 'm' or 'p'	
immature	impatient
immeasurable	immovable
impossible	impolite
immortal	important
imperfect	improper

Week beginning: 06.10.25	
Rule: Adding prefix il- and prefix ir-	
illegal	irregular
illegible	irrelevant
illogical	irresponsible
illiterate	irrational
illicit	irresistible

Week beginning: 13.10.25	
Rule: Homophones and near homophones	
medal	seen
meddle	board
missed	bored
mist	which
scene	witch

Week beginning: 20.10.25	
Rule: Words with /shun/ endings spelt 'sion' (root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd)	
division	television
invasion	revision
confusion	erosion
decision	inclusion
collision	explosion

Autumn 2

Week beginning: 03.11.25	
Rule: Plural possessive apostrophes with plural words	
girls'	women's
boys'	men's
babies'	children's
parents'	people's
teachers'	mice's

Week beginning: 10.11.25	
Rule: Words with /shun/ sound spelt 'sion' (root word ends in 'se', 'de' or 'd')	
expansion	supervision
extension	fusion
comprehension	conclusion
tension	persuasion
corrosion	suspension

Week beginning: 17.11.25	
Rule: Words with /shun/ sound spelt 'ssion' (root word ends in 'ss' or 'mit')	
expression	transmission
discussion	possession
confession	profession
permission	depression
admission	impression

Week beginning: 24.11.25	
Rule: Words with /shun/ sound spelt 'tion' (root word ends in 'te', 't' or not definite root)	
invention	attraction
injection	translation
action	devotion
question	position
mention	solution

Week beginning: 01.12.25	
Rule: Words with /shun/ sound spelt 'cian' (root word ends in 'c' or 'cs')	
musician	dietician
politician	optician
electrician	technician
magician	clinician
mathematician	beautician

Week beginning: 08.12.25	
Rule: Words with 'ough' to make a long /o/, /oo/ or /or/ sound	
though	thought
although	bought
dough	brought
through	fought
breakthrough	ought

Spring 1

Week beginning: 12.01.26	
Rule: Statutory Spelling Words	
interest	material
experiment	promise
potatoes	opposite
favourite	minute
imagine	increase

Week beginning: 19.01.26	
Rule: Homophones and near homophones	
accept	allowed
except	weather
affect	whether
effect	whose
aloud	Who's

Week beginning: 26.01.26	
Prefix ex- (meaning 'out')	
exit	export
extend	exclaim
explode	expel
excursion	external
exchange	exterior

Week beginning: 02.02.26	
Rule: Nouns ending in suffix -ation	
information	location
creation	exaggeration
vibration	concentration
demonstration	imagination
education	organisation

Week beginning: 09.02.26	
Rule: Words with /s/ sounds spelt 'sc'	
science	scissors
crescent	ascent
discipline	descent
fascinate	scientist
scent	scenery

Spring 2

Week beginning: 23.02.26	
Rule: Adding prefix sub- (meaning 'under') and prefix super- (meaning 'above')	
submerge	superman
subheading	supervise
submarine	supersede
subordinate	superpower
subway	superhuman

Week beginning: 02.03.26	
Rule: words with 'soft c' spelt 'ce'	
centre	sentence
century	notice
certain	celebrate
recent	ceremony
experience	certificate

Week beginning: 09.03.26	
Rule: Words with a 'soft c' spelt with 'ci'	
circle	cinema
decide	decimal
medicine	accident
exercise	city
special	citizen

Week Beginning 16th March – No spellings due to residential.

Week beginning: 23.03.26	
Rule: Words ending -ar and -er	
calendar	popular
grammar	consider
regular	remember
particular	quarter
peculiar	manager

Summer 1

Week beginning: 20.04.26	
Rule: Statutory Spelling Words	
length	difficult
strength	separate
purpose	suppose
history	therefore
different	knowledge

Week beginning: 27.04.26

Rule: Prefix inter- (meaning 'between' or 'among')	
interact	internet
interfere	intergalactic
intercity	interrupt
international	intervene
intermediate	intercept

Week beginning: 04.05.26	
Rule: Prefix anti- (meaning 'against')	
antiseptic	antivenom
anticlockwise	anti-ageing
antisocial	antifreeze
antidote	antibody
antibiotic	antigravity

Week beginning: 11.05.26	
Rule: Prefix auto- (meaning 'self' or 'own')	
autograph	autopilot
autobiography	autorotate
automatic	automobile
autofocus	autonomy
autocorrect	autocue

Week beginning: 18.05.26	
Rule: Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning.	
phone	real
phonics	reality
microphone	realistic
telephone	unreal
homophone	realisation

Week beginning: 01.06.26	
Rule: Word families showing how words are related in form and meaning.	
solve	sign
solution	signature
insoluble	assign
dissolve	design
solvent	signal

Week beginning: 08.06.26	
Rule: Adding suffix -ous (no change to root word)	
dangerous	hazardous
poisonous	riotous
mountainous	perilous
joyous	momentous
synonymous	scandalous

Week beginning: 15.06.26	
Rule: Adding suffix -ous (No definitive root word)	
tremendous	fabulous
enormous	curious
jealous	anxious
serious	obvious
hideous	gorgeous

Week beginning: 22.06.26	
Rule: Adding suffix -ous (words ending in 'y' become 'i' and words ending in 'our' become 'or')	
various	humorous
furious	glamorous
glorious	vigorous
victorious	odorous
mysterious	rigorous

Week beginning: 29.06.26	
Rule: Adding suffix -ous (words ending in 'e' drop the 'e' but not 'ge')	
famous	continuous
nervous	adventurous
ridiculous	courageous
carnivorous	outrageous
herbivorous	advantageous

Week beginning: 06.07.26	
Rule: Adverbials of frequency and possibility	
regularly	perhaps
occasionally	maybe
frequently	certainly
usually	possibly
rarely	probably

Week beginning: 13.07.26	
Rule: Adding prefix non- (meaning 'not')	
non-stick	nonsense
non-stop	non-violent
non-starter	non-existent
non-fiction	non-profit
non-drip	non-believer