

Key dates for Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September - INSET DAY - staff only
Wednesday 2nd September - School opens - Autumn Term 1
Friday 11th September - Class Fundraiser
Friday 18th September - INSET DAY - staff only
Thursday 24th September - Autumn Disco
Friday 2nd October - Sukkot
Friday 9th October - PTA - Crazy hair day - Halal sweets donation
Wednesday 14th October - Individual/sibling photographs
Friday 23rd October - PTA - Wear your trainers - Chocolate donation
Friday 23rd October school closes at 3:15pm for half term

Monday 2nd November—School re-opens 8:45am
Friday 13th November - PTA - Wear your PJs - Present donation
Tuesday 17th November - Parents Evening 3:30pm-6pm
Thursday 19th November - Parents Evening 3:30pm-7pm
Friday 27th November - PTA - come feeling Christmassy - Bottle donation
Friday 27th November - Christmas Fair
Friday 18th December - School closes 3:15pm

Behaviour

All children at Etchells use the Bee Rules to help them make good choices and to keep our school a happy, hardworking place. The children will receive dojos for setting an outstanding example of these.

These rules are displayed in the classroom:

1. Be kind
2. Be a good listener
3. Be hardworking
4. Be respectful
5. Be responsible

We aim for the children to be Ready, Respectful and Safe. We understand they will make mistakes and we will support them to fix behaviour mistakes just as they



In the Autumn, when the weather is changing...

Autumn is nearly here! Please ensure your child brings a hooded coat to school every day. We take the children outside in all weathers, except absolutely torrential rain, so please send to school prepared!

What's in a name?

Please ensure that all items of your child's school clothing—including coats—are clearly labelled with their name and class. This way, lost property can be quickly and easily reunited with its owner.



Year 4

Autumn Term 2026

4C

Mrs Collins & Mrs Lambert

4VC

Mrs Vedvik & Mrs Chappell

Teaching Assistants

**Mrs Rehman, Miss Dean,
Miss Billinge, Mr Alfante**

Topic

We enjoy many exciting topics in Lower Key Stage 2 which enable us to cover all aspects of the National Curriculum. Our topic this term is the Ancient Greeks; we will be looking at timelines, daily life, religion, and the far-reaching legacy of this fascinating ancient civilisation.



English



In English, we will start some brand new 'Talk for Writing' units of work. The first of these will be a whole school project on the traditional tale: Goldilocks. With Talk for Writing, we learn to tell stories, act them out, then imitate

them to create our own. Outside of these lessons we will also work on spellings and reading each day and there will be a focus on correct letter formation for good handwriting.

Maths

In Maths we follow the National Curriculum and Age Related Expectations (AREs). We will begin our Maths work this year by revisiting some times tables from last year followed by the place value of 4-digit numbers.

All Year 4 children are required to sit a times tables test in the Summer term; this checks knowledge of the multiplication tables up to 12x12 and the questions are very fast-paced. We will be working on times tables knowledge in school but regular practice at home is essential. We recommend using Times Table Rockstars, www.timestables.co.uk, as well as chanting and repetition to cement the children's recall of these. We will send some weekly fluency homework to support this.



Homework

Topic

The children will be given weekly maths and spellings to complete at home which is compulsory. We will then send optional homework from different curriculum areas.

Reading

We will be teaching reading using the whole-class format regularly throughout the week. Please encourage your child to read every night at home and ensure that you sign in their reading diary.



Snacks

The children should bring a named water bottle into school every day—water only in class. They can also bring a healthy snack at break time. **Strictly no nuts please as we have pupils in school with severe allergies.**



PE

PE will be taught by class teachers during the week for the first half term. Please remember to send your child in wearing their kit: black joggers or leggings, white t-shirt and their school jumper with trainers. They should not be wearing clothes with brand names on. Please could children not wear earrings on these days and long hair should be tied up.