



**Dashwood Banbury Academy**  
an Aspirations Academy

**Welcome to Year 4**

**Aspen Class**

**Miss Brown and Mr Bayliss**



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Looking forward to an exciting new year...



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# Welcome to Year 4 - Aspen class

- The last year group in Lower Key Stage Two - you are still part of Lower Key Stage 2 here at Dashwood.
- The Year 4 curriculum is jam packed and some topics that we will cover include: Destination Europe, The Romans, The Magna Carta, The Greeks, Chocolate, Environmental Issues and so much more! (Please see full details on LTP handout)
- Year 4 will complete the National Multiplication Tables Check in June 2025. This is a statutory assessment which is completed on a computer in timed test conditions. TTRS follows a similar format to the check.
- Year 4 have the opportunity to visit Cadbury's World in Term 4 and experience an overnight camping trip in the school grounds in Term 6. Both trips are loved by the children and are always memorable occasions!
- Homework expectations: weekly reading, homework is either literacy or maths on alternate weeks and at least 20 minutes spent on TTRS. Due in Thursdays and given out Fridays.



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## Routines new to Year 4

In the morning - September 2024

### **8.45: Doors open**

Children come into our classroom where a staff member will greet them at the classroom door.

Most morning sessions before break time consists of literacy or maths lessons.

### **Break time: 10:15 - 10:35**

Children can bring tuck shop money on a Monday/Wednesday/Friday - no more than £1)

Most morning sessions after break time consists of phonics or guided reading and literacy or maths lessons.

### **Lunch time: 12.30 - 1.15**

**Now we go out first and come into the hall at 12:40pm to eat.**

If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure this is healthy .

The afternoon sessions are based on our creative curriculum including: science, computing, history, geography, art, music, DT, PE, RE and PSHE.



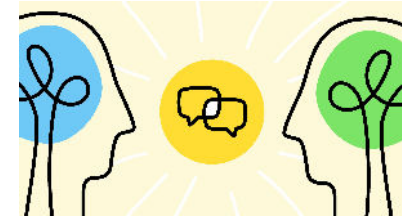
# Meet the adults in the Year group

- Miss Brown will be the main teacher in Aspen class this year.
- Mr Dobson will be the main teacher in Rowan class, next door.
- Teaching Assistants in Year 4: Mrs Aktar and Mr Bayliss
- In Year 4 children primarily work in their main class, with their main teacher. Although we do work towards children receiving the best outcomes and they are likely to work with all teachers and TAs in the year group at some point. As well as with other teachers, HLTAs and TAs for PPA/ leadership cover.





# Line of communication



Should you have any issues or wish to pass on any feedback in regards to your child's education, we hope you will find that most of this can be sorted through discussing with their main class teacher. You can either wait and speak to them at the beginning / end of the day or send an email to:

[office@dashwood-aspirations.org](mailto:office@dashwood-aspirations.org)

This will be passed to them.

You may also be able to leave a comment on Seesaw, although this isn't always checked daily.

If there are any other issues regarding behavior or pupil welfare you might find yourself contacted by one of the following:

- Class teacher / Teaching assistant
- Key stage lead (Miss Brown)
- Welfare and Inclusion officer (Katy Bennett)
- Assistant Principal
- (Mrs Taylor / Mrs Bunn)
- Deputy Head teacher
- (Miss Gooch)
- Head teacher
- (Mrs Gordon-Weeks)



# Miss Brown

Dashwood Science

My hobbies include:  
football, baking and  
countryside walks

At the weekends you'll find me  
spending time with family and  
friends or playing football!



Favourite subject to  
teach is PE

Favourite topic in Year 4  
is chocolate!

Advice for new Year 4s:  
Never give up! We are on  
this learning journey  
together and we will take  
it one step at a time!



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# Trips & Performances



Camp Night - the children camp overnight in the school grounds, completing lots of challenges and having lots of fun! £10 (June 2025)

Cadbury's World - the children experience a working chocolate factory and even get some freebies! £22  
(March/April 2025)

Music Performances - the children have the opportunity to learn an instrument with an external teacher and then put on a musical showcase for parents to watch!



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# Key Dates:

The statutory Multiplication Tables Check takes place during the week commencing Monday 2nd June 2025

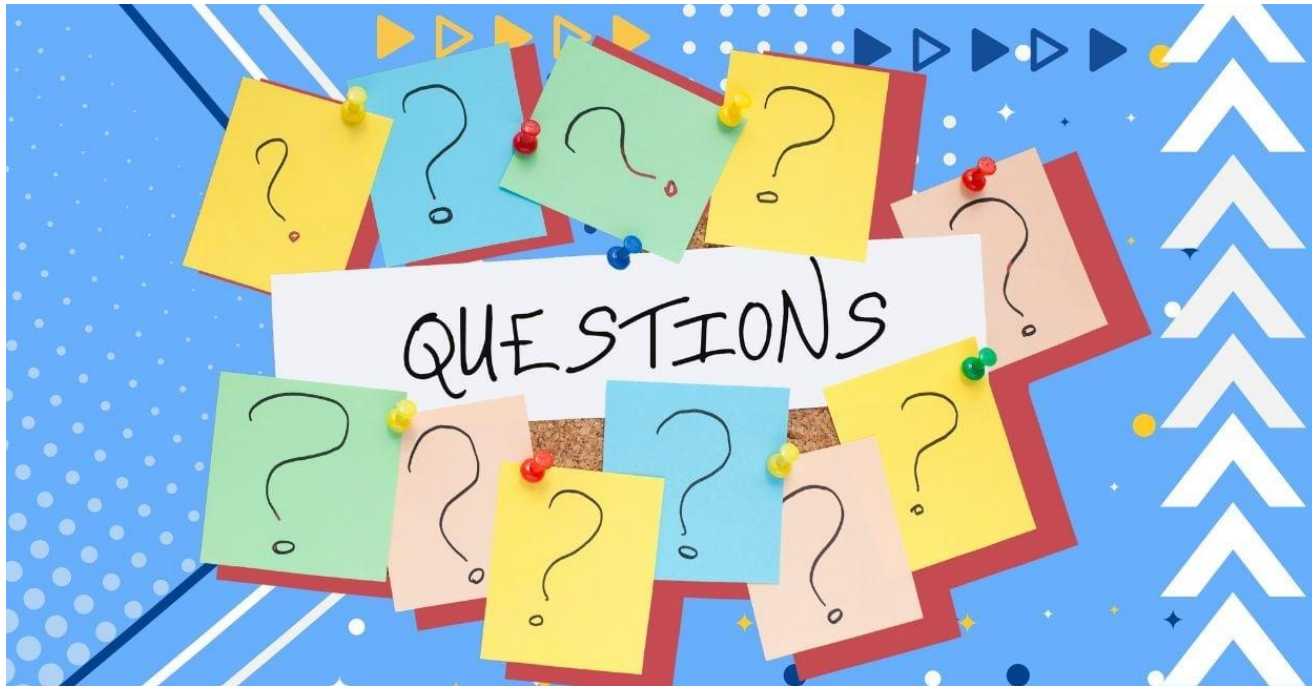


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# Any Questions???



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