

Welcome to Year 2



If you could please inform me of anyone who you give permission to collect your child at the end of the day this would be appreciated.

Staff in Year 2

Miss Regan– Class teacher

Mrs Matchett – Teaching Assistant

Mrs Swann – PE teacher

Mrs Benton- French teacher

Mrs Baker- Art teacher

Attendance

- Our register closes at 9am
- Children arriving at the office after 9am will be marked as late
- All children benefit from regular attendance. Earlier start of day to access early morning tasks.
- Frequent absences impact on children's learning and friendships. Please discuss any concerns, we are here to listen and help.

Uniform

School uniform reminders

We no longer have set Summer/Winter uniforms - your child can wear the normal school uniform throughout the year.

Boys

Grey shorts/trousers

White shirts

School tie (elasticated at KS1)

School logo jumper

Polo Shirt - school logo (summer term - optional)

Girls

Brown pinafore (KS1)/Brown Skirt

White Shirt

Brown logo cardigan

Brown socks or tights

All children wear black shoes not trainers

PE kit school logo T Shirt, black shorts and plain black joggers and hoodie no branding. Trainers no plimsolls.

Our P.E days are **Monday and Thursday**

- Please ensure children arrive in their full St. Anne's PE kit
- Trainers for PE
- White St. Anne's logo t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or tracksuit bottoms that don't contain logos
- Earrings need to be removed at home
- Long hair needs to be tied up
- Please label all items of clothing- especially jumpers and cardigans

KS1 Assessment

- SATS are no longer completed at the end of Year 2
- We are now using optional National Curriculum assessments to assess children at the end of the year
- These are used in combination with termly Maths, Reading, Grammar and Spelling tests
- At the end of the year, your child's report will contain Teacher Assessment judgements for each subject.

Working Towards

Expected

Greater Depth

Homework

From next week, homework will be sent home on **Fridays**. Please return this by the following Friday.

Homework will usually be Learn It's and spellings practise.

Each half term, I will send out some topic homework with a range of fun and creative activities that the children can choose from. These activities will link to what we are learning about in History or Geography that half term. It would be fantastic if the children could complete at least one of the activities. Further details will be sent out with the homework via Parent Mail.

If you have any queries about homework, please email me.

Reading

Children's school reading books will be changed on a weekly basis. Staff and volunteers in school will hear children read regularly throughout the week.

Please ensure that an entry is made and signed by an adult each time your child reads at home. These comments help us to assess whether your child has a sound understanding of the book they have read before moving onto a new text.

You are also welcome to add comments about books your child is reading for enjoyment (e.g. library books).

Reading

- Books of the month- children help to select 2 new titles per month. The children enjoy taking these home to read as part of their reading work and can share book reviews with the rest of the class.
- Additional reading resources were purchased in the last couple of years including a greater variety of Twinkl phonics books which link to our phonics scheme as well as chapter books for more confident readers.
- Library visits take place termly throughout the year where children can select their own book to take home using their library card.

Spellings

A different spelling rule will be taught each week in class through our phonics lessons. Children will then be given spellings that follow this rule to practise at home.

All children receive 6 spellings to practise with a further 2 'challenge' words.

These words are also practised daily through our handwriting.

Rewards in Year 2

Space behaviour system- This records children's achievements in class. Children receive stickers and will go into a raffle for a prize at the end of the day /week.

Class reward jar- Whole class behaviour is rewarded by adding marbles to our jar. Rewards (such as extra playtime or a visit to the park) are given once the children have reached a number of marbles.

House points- House points are given across school for a variety of positive reasons including great manners, hard work, teamwork and acts of kindness.

Sully- Each Friday, I will choose a member of the class to take Sully home. You can record photographs/ a message about what your child did over the weekend which they can share in class. Please return by the next Friday.



Parent Planners

Please check our class page to see an overview of what we are learning about in Year 2 each half-term.

You are also welcome to look at our subject knowledge organisers which give more detail about our Science and History/ Geography units of work.

Key dates for 2025/2026

- INSET day- Friday 3rd October (School closed)
- Individual photographs- Monday 6th October
- Y2/Y3 Family mass at Church- Saturday 18th October
- KS1 Nativity- Tuesday 9th December @ 2pm and Thursday 11th December @ 1:30pm

If you have any queries or concerns throughout the year, please feel free to email me at:

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Thank you for listening.