



Year 2 Autumn Newsletter 2025

Welcome back! We are very happy to have you back in school and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

We would like to introduce you to the Year 2 team:

St. Anne's - Miss Edwards

St. Edmund's - Mrs Stone

Support staff - Mrs Flowers, Ms Oakes, Mrs Sena, Mrs Islam

The School Day

This term you will be able to bring in a school bag which should have your **reading book, reading record and a water bottle** (no juice please). Remember to also **bring your lunch box** (if you aren't having school dinners).

Below is an outline of what we will be learning with the children in this autumn term:

Subject	Autumn Term 1	Autumn Term 2
English	Little Red Riding Hood - Children will learn to retell the story, write character descriptions and create a new character in place of the wolf.	Toby and the Great Fire of London - Children will learn the story of the Great Fire of London through the character of Toby, They will write a dairy entry and create a shape poem.
Maths	Place Value Addition	Subtraction Shape
RE	Creation and Covenant - Noah's Ark Pupils will learn about the story of Noah, mainly focusing on God's promise, or covenant, with Noah and with all creatures that 'nothing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood' (Gen 9:15), a promise symbolised by the rainbow.	Prophecy and Promise - Advent Pupils will learn to understand some of the symbols used during the Advent season, namely the Advent wreath, and to explore how other cultures prepare for Christmas, such as Las Posadas.
Topic	How do we use a map? - Geography	How did the fire start? - History

My Week at School - Each week you will be able to view information about your child's 'Week at School'. This will be sent out via Schoolcomms. The document will inform you each week of the different learning activities the children will be doing in Year 2.

Reading

Our expectations are for children to read a least 5 times each week. When the children have read a set amount of times they will receive a certificate and reward in Achievement Assembly. Children in Year 2 will change their books on a **Friday**. They will be given 2 books from their phonics teacher. Please ensure that your child's reading books and folder are in their bags every day.



P.E days

Year 2's PE days are on a Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on that day. As the weather can be vary in the autumn

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term, children can wear their PE tracksuits with their shorts and house colour t-shirt underneath. Children are to wear trainers on this day. Velcro trainers are easier for the children than laces.

Homework

Reading - 5 times per week.

Maths - Maths homework can be found on Maths Shed via <https://www.edshed.com/>.

Spellings - A weekly spelling test will take place every Friday. Your child will bring home a spelling book next Friday (12.9.25) with a list of words for them to learn to spell. Please practice these words with your child.

R.E.

The Reading Record contains some useful information to support the children in their understanding of the Catholic faith. A useful illustration for making the sign of the cross is included. It would be helpful for the Year 2 children to learn to say the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary as well as the Glory Be, as this forms part of the Year 1 R.E. curriculum. We will also discuss some aspects of Catholic Social Teaching which has also been included.

Birthdays

We enjoy celebrating the children's special days with them. Some parents like to send a treat in for classmates. Please remember we cannot give out cake or party bags. A small bag of **nut free** sweets, such as Haribo is ideal. Such treats are given out at home time and children should show their parents before eating them.

Important dates

25th September - New School Year Mass (Year 2- 6)

30th September - Year 2 Harvest Festival 9am

3rd October - Parent Coffee morning (8.45am)

3rd October - Year 1 & 2 Phonics meeting for parents (2-3pm)

6th October - Year 1 & 2 Road Safety show

17th October - Flu Immunisation

20th - 21st October - Parents' Evenings (3.30 - 5.30pm) - information about booking appointments to follow.

21st October - St Ursula's Feast Day

23rd October - Parents' Evenings (3.30 - 5.30pm) - information about booking appointments to follow.

24th October - INSET Day - School closed to pupils.

27th - 31st October HALF TERM

5th November - Individual & Sibling Photos

7th November - Parent Coffee morning (8.45am)

10th November - Anti-Bullying Week / Odd Socks Day

27th November - Year 2 and Year 6 Advent - Parents may attend.

4th December - Parent Coffee morning - Christmas Crafting (8.45am)

5th December - Pantomime in school

11th December - Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

12th December - Year 1 & 2 Christmas Concert at St Dominic's Church (10.30am)

19th December - End of term reports to parents

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19th December - School closes at 1pm.

We all look forward to the year ahead and encourage you to email the school office if there is anything you are not sure of.

A prayer for St Ursula:

Lord,

Fill us with the spirit of courage which gave your martyr, St Ursula, strength to offer her life in faithful witness to you. May we be as loyal to the faith which she professed.

This we ask through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Kind regards,

The Year 2 Team

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!