Year 2
Autumn 2 Newsletter
2026 - 27

Welcome!

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first half term we've had. We are extremely proud of how well the children have settled into the routines and expectations of Year 2. They have shown fantastic enthusiasm for their learning and have put great effort into everything they've been asked to do.

We're really looking forward to the coming half term and can't wait to see all the amazing work the children will produce. We have already begun our Nativity preparations and also have our exciting trip booked to Skipton Castle in a few weeks.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. You can reach us by email, through the school office, or by speaking to us at the end of the day.

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Year 2 Topics

Autumn 1 (02.09.26 – 22.10.26)	**Spring 1** (05.01.27 – 12.02.27)	**Summer 1** (12.04.27 – 28.05.27)
The Place Where I Live	Explorers	Pirates, Buckets and Spades
Autumn 2 (02.11.26 – 18.12.26)	**Spring 2** (22.02.27 – 25.03.27)	**Summer 2** (08.06.27 – 20.07.27)
Castles and Dragons	Whiskers, Wings and Wild Things	Pirates, Buckets and Spades

Weekly Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bring in your reading book and record in class every day				
		PE	Homework due in	• Spelling test • Homework set

There are **NO** Forest School sessions this half term

Year 2 Routines

Entering / Exiting

- Gates open at **8:35am**
  (there is no school-led supervision)
- Doors open at **8:45am**
- Home time is at **3:30pm**
  (Children will be led out of the KS1 door and will be let go by the class teacher when their adult is seen)
- Parents and carers are not use the staff car park

Cloakroom

Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their **coat**, **bag and PE kit.**

Playground

Gates open at 8:35 a.m. The school yard is **not** supervised by staff before school. For everyone's safety, we kindly ask that children **do not** use the playground equipment during this time. If a child does use the equipment, the school cannot accept responsibility for any accidents that may occur before or after school hours.

Snacks

- All children receive a free piece of fruit every morning playtime
- Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack (i.e. fruit or sugar-free snack) for afternoon playtime. This should remain in their tray (not lunch box) until eaten.
- No chocolate or crisps permitted.
- We cannot store yoghurt in a fridge
- Please note that we are a nut-free school due to severe allergies within our school.



Homework

- Homework and spellings will be set every **Friday** and will be due the following **Thursday**.
- Please ensure the homework book is returned to school each week by Thursday, ready to be sent home again on Friday.

Drinks

- Children should bring water in a clearly named water bottle each day. This will be kept in the classroom and can be refilled during the day if necessary.
- EYFS and KS1 children are provided with milk from Cool Milk in the afternoon. If you would like your child to have milk, please visit the Cool Milk website where you will find information about registration and payment details.

Reading

- Each child is expected to bring their reading book and reading record into school every day and put these in their tray.
- We ask parents to sign the reading record books when children have read at home.
- There is no longer a set day to change books. Once your child has finished a book, they can bring it into school and change it before morning registration.

Dates for Your Diary!

Important events coming up...

Non-Uniform Day

Friday 13th November

Children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a Christmas Hamper donation.



Anti-bullying Week & Road Safety Week

Monday 16th – Friday 20th November

A week dedicated to promoting kindness, respect and breaking the silence against bullying. Key focus on road safety and what this means.



Odd Socks Day

Monday 16th November

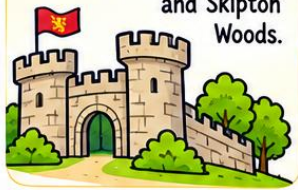
Children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



Skipton Castle Trip

Thursday 19th November

Our exciting Year 2 trip to Skipton Castle and Skipton Woods.



Nativity Performance

Wednesday 9th December

The event of the season! The children are so excited to share their Nativity with you.



Christmas Pop-Up Shop

Monday 7th – Tuesday 8ti December

Children can buy small, affordable gifts for family and friends.



Christmas Craft Sharing

Friday 11th December

A festive parent event where families join their children to make Christmas crafts.



Christmas Dinner & Party Day

Wednesday 16th December

A joyful day of Christmas lunch, music and festive celebrations.



Jingle Jog

Friday 18th December

A great way to end the term, our annual whole school Jingle Jog.



Thank you for your support – we can't wait for a fantastic term!

Our Learning this half term

Our topic for the first half term is ‘Castles and Dragons’. Throughout this half term, we will be focusing on:

English:

- **Traditional Tales with a Twist:** As a class, we will read Prince Cinders' and children will be writing their own story with a twist based on their learning throughout this unit.
- **Instruction Writing:** Based on the text ‘How to catch a Dragon' children will explore the features of letter instruction writing. They will then create their own list of instructions.

Maths:

- Addition and subtraction
- Shape

Science:

- **Animals, including humans (continued):** Learning about the life cycles of different animals, including frogs and chickens and beginning to understand the importance of a healthy diet.

History:

- Learning about the history of castles, the key features and its purpose, and different roles within a castle.

Computing (continued):

- Staying safe online and information technology around us.

RE:

- Christianity: Jesus

PSHE:

- Feelings and Emotions and Mental Health





PE

All children MUST have their PE Kit in a drawstring bag that is kept in school on their peg. It will be sent home to be washed and size-checked each half term.

PE Kit

- **white** round neck T-shirt
- **black** shorts
- **black** pumps (indoor)
- **plain black** trainers (outdoor) - these may be brought in each week
- **plain black** tracksuit bottoms / leggings (outdoor)
- ***plain black** tracksuit top (outdoor)
- drawstring pump bag

We could be **indoors** or **outdoors**, depending on the weather.



This half term, our PE day is **Wednesday**

Please note: watches and earrings must be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back. * optional

School Uniform

Girls

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan
- white polo shirt
- green checked skirt / pinafore or plain black skirt / pinafore
- *black trousers
- white or black socks / black tights
- black school shoes
- *bottle green and white checked dress for summer

Boys

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt
- white polo shirt
- black school trousers
- white or black socks
- black school shoes
- * black school shorts for summer

P.E. Kit

- white round neck T-shirt
- black shorts
- black pumps (indoor)
- plain black trainers (outdoor)
- plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings (outdoor)
- *plain black tracksuit top (outdoor)
- drawstring pump bag

Forest School (Year 1-6)

- plain black full-length tracksuit bottoms or leggings (no logos or stripes)
- plain black long-sleeved quick-dry logo top (*short-sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- *waterproof suit or trousers
- school shoes / black trainers (to wear inside school)
- boots or wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap (weather dependent)

Extras

- * bottle green school book bag
- * bottle green school logo coat
- * bottle green school logo fleece
- * named water bottle
- * green small logo rucksack

NO jeans **NO** trainers or boots

NO jewellery^, make-up or nail varnish

NO extreme haircuts - long hair must be tied back

^watch and plain stud earrings only

*optional