Year 2 | Spring Term 1, January 2026

Welcome back to the Spring Term!

Mrs Waldron and Miss Stone are glad to be back with their classes after a fantastic term last term with the Nativity and other festivities! All KS1 classes have now been introduced to their new units in English and maths. As well as this, children have been introduced to their new geography project, *'From castles to kangeroos'*, and have an exciting school trip to look forward to later this term!

Project

This term's project is geography. Our project, '*From castles to kangeroos'* will spend time exploring the two countries of England and Australia, and then zoom into the famous cities of Oxford and Sydney. Children will learn the geographical location of these places as well as their physical features e.g. mountains, hills, valleys, cliffs, beaches, and human features e.g. seas, oceans, rivers, lakes, forests, vegetation and soil

Maths

In maths, we will be learning all things money! Children will learn to recognise notes and pounds, find their total using addition, as well as change using subtraction, and make different amounts using physical money. Excitingly, children have now received their Times Table Rockstar (TTRS) logins. This is an excellent resource we use at home and at school to support children's times table facts. Children will take part in TTRS quizzes 3 times a week, starting with their 10s.

Across the curriculum

In science this term, we will be learning about animals and their habitats. We will be beginning our computing module *Computing systems and networks – IT around us,* with an initial focus on IT in the home. Children will also explore how IT benefits society in places such as shops, libraries, and hospitals, whilst discussing the responsible use of technology, and how to make smart choices when using it. In PE, we will be focusing on dance in indoor PE and target sports in outdoor PE.

Phonics

Year 2 will continue to learn Stage 5 this term. Stage 5 teaches children multiple alternative letter groups for the sound. As usual, children will bring their phonics sheets home on a Friday to practise with adults. (Please take these sheets out of your child's reading wallet and keep at home for your reference to support your child's learning.)

Writing

In handwriting this term, children will continue joining their letters, developing their cursive handwriting! In spellings, children will be learning contacted forms, for example can't, I'm, don't, he'll. They will continue learning their year 2 words both in class and in our weekly homework. In literacy, children will be writing a story with an important message, based on the book *Somebody Swallowed Stanley* by Sarah Roberts. We look forward to shaaring these with you!

Events coming up

26/1/2026 - Pantomime

TBC – Open Bus Tour school trip

13/2/2026 – End of Term

Things to remember!

PE Days

On PE days, please send your child into school in their PE Kit.

Badgers: Tuesday and Thursday

Squirrels: Tuesday and Thursday

Children should wear a plain white t-shirt and black or blue plain jogging bottoms/shorts

Things to bring

A named water bottle

A healthy snack eg. a cereal bar or piece of fruit

A coat and waterproof shoes when the weather is wet or cold.

Please note, children **do not** need to bring pens, pencils or stationary.

Help us reunite lost items with their owners: name everything!

Keeping in touch

We'd love to hear from you!

Check Class Dojo for updates on what is happening in class or to message us! We love to hear what is happening at home.

Any urgent messages, or messages about absences, illness pick ups or lunches should go through School Gateway or the school office.

Helping learning at home

We know how busy family lives are, and how tired children are at the end of the day. We don't want to add any extra pressure at home, but there are a few things you could do at home to help your child's learning.

Home is a great place to practice reading!
This term, we are focusing on retrieval: try asking your child these questions about their reading: What kind of text is this? Who did…? Where did…? When did…? What happened when…? Why did …… happen? How did……? How many…? What happened to……?

Great mathematicians know their Number Bonds!
Children have been given a login and password to Numbots which is a great way to practise. Looking to beat the clock? Have a go at Hit the Button! (just type it in to google).
We use White Rose to teach maths, and they have advice here: Maths with Michael | Michael Underwood | White Rose Education

Talk about their learning!
If your child isn't sure what to share about what they've learnt, use their knowledge organiser to start a conversation or ask about a class post on ClassDojo. 'Tell me more' is a great thing to say to encourage them to share what they've been thinking about.

Homework:
Homework will be set on **Fridays** and brought back to school on **Tuesday**. We know it can be a struggle to get children to work at home. We think hard about activities children should be confident with, and that will help their learning, but talk to us if your child is struggling.

Please get in touch if you have any questions about our learning via the school office or ClassDojo.

The school lunch menu

See the curriculum on our website

School uniform information