



Year 2



Welcome

Our Mission Statement



St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School is rooted in the local Catholic community with which it shares beliefs and values.

Christ is the way, the truth and the life.

Our school is a welcoming Christ-centred community, committed to the development of faith and worship.

Our mission is to provide a loving and stimulating environment, where all are inspired and empowered to achieve their true potential as unique and valued individuals.

Our children will be encouraged to develop an awareness and respect of others as well as themselves, as we all journey through life with Christ.

Welcome...

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Year 2 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Primary School. Having experienced the Foundation Stage and Year 1, your child is now ready to continue their learning journey in Year 2. Moving into Year 2 is an exciting change and we want you to continue to be fully involved with the development and learning of your child. We hope this booklet gives you the information you need. If there is any other information you would like, please do not hesitate to ask.

Learning in Year 2...

It is important that the children joining Year 2 continue to be enthusiastic, independent learners. We do this by building on the best practice they have experienced so far. In Year 2 we plan focused activities across the curriculum to help the children progress both academically and socially. Our teaching approach enables the children to take their next steps in learning through carefully planned independent and small group work, adult directed and child initiated learning activities which usually follow a themed approach and whole class teaching. Our goal is to raise self-motivated, enthusiastic learners who will be successful and happy children.

Example Year 2 Timetable...

	8.55 - 9.10	9.10- 9.30	9.30-10.30	10.30 - 10.45			12 - 1.15	1.15 - 1.25	1.25 - 1.35	1.35-2.30	2.30-3.15	
Mon	Registration Handwriting	Collective Worship	MATHS	Break	PHONICS 10.30-11	11-11.30 SINGING with Miss Kitson	11.30-12 GUIDED READING	Lunch	Meditation	TOPIC/ICT		INDOOR PE
Tues	Registration Mental maths	Collective Worship	MATHS		ENGLISH	Meditation	RE PPA		SINGING	RE PPA		
Wed	Registration SPAG Task	PHONICS	ENGLISH		MATHS	Meditation	ART/DT		ART/DT	Weds Word Coll Worship		
Thurs	Registration Mental maths	Collective Worship	MATHS		ENGLISH	Meditation	PHONICS		SCIENCE	OUTDOOR PE		
Fri	Registration Mental maths	SPELLINGS X TABLES	GUIDED READING		ENGLISH	Meditation	Handwriting		GOLDEN TIME STEM TASKS	GOLD BOOK ASSEMBLY		

Daily Routines...



- Parents should bring children to the Year 1/2 cloakroom from 8.45am when the doors will be opened by a member of staff. The door closes at 8.55am, following this; children should be brought to the main office.
- The cloakroom area is very small so we request that children only bring a drawstring PE bag which can be brought in each Monday and left in school for the week. The rest of the time, children need to bring a book bag every day that will also hang on their peg. They will need named pumps for indoor use and a water bottle.
- Your child should bring their reading book into class each morning and place it in the reading book box. They will read their reading book to an adult at least once a week. Reading books will be changed when your child is confident with the text and shows a good understanding of the story. Please note that we will only change a book if an adult has signed the reading record and if your child has a good understanding of the story and key words.
- Your child will also take part in guided reading sessions with a teacher each week. During guided reading we read a variety of different books and teach specific reading skills.
- Children will be given homework on a Friday which should be handed in the following Wednesday or before. The children are responsible for putting any finished homework in the tray to be marked.
- Children are welcome to bring in something special to show to the class. We do encourage them to leave their 'precious' stones and sticks at home and only bring in really special items such as trophies, certificates, medals and special souvenirs from day trips etc. These need to be put in the show box on arrival in the classroom.
- Children need to be collected from the Year 2 classroom door. Please let us know in advance if someone different is collecting your child.

Teachers at school...

Year 2 staff:



Mrs Tonks
~Year 2
Class Teacher



Mrs Hill
~Year 2
Teaching Assistant
(mornings)



Mrs Casey
~Learning Support
Assistant

Other staff your child will get to know at school:



Mr Flood
~ Executive
Head Teacher



Mrs Warters
~Head of School
~Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Ferguson
~Pastoral Learning Mentor
~Deputy Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Cole
~Year 2 PPA cover
(Tuesday pm)

Involving you in your child's learning...

Topic information

Every term we send a topic plan home. This plan shows the areas your child will be working on and how this fits in the National Curriculum. You can help your child by talking to them about what they have been learning and what they will be learning about next.



Newsletters

We like to keep you informed about events at school so we send out weekly school newsletters. We provide a topic web and a class newsletter each term to inform you about what is happening in Year 2, this includes any important dates for your diaries.



Our website

We have a class page on the school website which we will update regularly with photos and videos of us at work. We hope this will give you a window into life in Year 2! Class newsletters, spellings and other useful information can be found on our page. We hope you like it!



Year 2 Information Evenings/INSPIRE mornings

We have organised two information sessions for the Autumn term to let you know how we teach maths and writing in Year 2. These dates are as follows:

Mathematics information session - Thursday 4th October 3.15pm-4.00pm

Writing information session - Wednesday 7th November 3.15pm-4.00pm

There will be a meeting regarding the Year 2 SATs in early Spring.

We will also be holding INSPIRE mornings throughout the year where you are welcome to come and work alongside your child in school...dates to follow.

Open evenings

We have open evenings at different points throughout the year. They give you a chance to come in to school and talk to the class teacher about how your child is doing. You will also have a chance to look at your child's work.

There will be an informal open evening sometime within the first term.



Homework



For the first half of each term your child will receive a piece of English and Maths homework which they should complete in their **homework book**. Homework will be handed out on a Friday, to be returned the following Wednesday, or before.

For the second half of the term they will receive a list of more creative homework tasks. They should choose 1 task each week to work on at home and hand in by Wednesday. Written tasks can be completed in the homework book, however creative work can be presented any way your child likes and will be shared with the class, for example, paintings, models, posters, power points etc.

Spellings



Your child will be in one of three spelling groups: **Rubies**, **Emeralds** or **Diamonds**. Each group will receive weekly spelling lists which focus on either the spelling expectations for Year 2 or appropriately levelled spellings for their group. Spellings will be tested each **Friday**. The lists will be sent out for the half term on 1 sheet of paper, at the beginning of each half term. They will also be available on our class website page and classroom window if you misplace your list.

Times tables



Children will be tested on times tables every **Friday**.

The times table for the week will be explained on the termly spellings sheet and will progress from 2s, 5s, 10s, 3s, 4s etc. It is important that the children become really familiar with their times tables as they progress in Year 2 as this will support them across many areas of their maths work.

Reading



Reading is crucial to a child's development, knowledge and understanding in all curriculum areas. It helps them make sense of the world around them and also takes them on magical journeys to places they can only dream of. Reading has a direct impact on writing and enables children to 'magpie' ideas from different authors and genres so that they can use these in their own work. We ask that children read regularly at home. We will read with your child at school in a variety of ways, for example, in whole class reading sessions, group reading and individual reading times. Your child may read to volunteer readers too. We ask that you read at home with your child **at least three times a week**. This should be recorded in your child's reading journal. Hopefully your child will develop a love of reading. To aid this we encourage them to read a variety of texts alongside their school book. This should include their favourite stories/magazines/ newspapers/ comics/non-fiction books etc. If you feel your child is a reluctant reader, encourage them to read to different people every now and then, for example, a sibling, a family friend or even the dog! As long as you keep an 'ear' on them, this can be a great way to encourage children who find reading a chore.



Star Pupil/Rewards



Each day we choose a child to be 'Star Pupil' and their picture is then displayed on our interactive whiteboard for the day! They also get to sit with the 'Star Pupil' cushion and they will receive a certificate to take home.

Children may also be rewarded with a prize from the treasure chest and/or a merit point for excellent behaviour/work. Children can earn 'golden tickets' at lunchtime also.

We follow the whole school 'Good To Be Green' behaviour management system to deal with any negative behaviour in class and around school.



PE

Indoor - Monday
Outdoor - Thursday



PE kits should be brought in on a Monday and taken home each Friday for washing. This really helps us when our timetable changes. We are fortunate to often have visitors in school to do PE with us; inevitably these sessions mean we have to change our PE days to suit the visitors. We will let you know when these sessions are throughout the year.

Safety

All jewellery must be removed for PE. Where earrings cannot be removed, plasters must be provided from home. Long hair must be tied back. Please make sure your child has appropriate trainers for outdoor PE. Your child should wear Velcro trainers until they can confidently tie laces, to avoid accidents.

Labelling equipment

Just a reminder about the fact that often clothes get muddled throughout the day especially when we do P.E so please make sure that all your child's clothes, including shoes, are clearly labelled.



General Information...



Book Bags



We request children bring a named book bag to school each day. This can be used to store your child's reading book, library book, newsletters etc. It needs to come to school every day so that it can be accessed by your child or a staff member.



Library

Year 2 usually use the school library every Tuesday. Each child can choose a library book from our school library and can then take it home for a week. Please remind your child to return their books every Tuesday.

Toys



We would ask that children do not bring their own toys into school. Any toys brought to school will be put away until home time. The only exception to this rule will be for show and tell. During show and tell children talk to the class about something special to them. Anything brought to school must stay in the show box until show time.

Snacks and Drinks



The children will all receive a piece of fruit each day as part of the government five-a-day initiative. You are welcome to send a snack for playtime, ideally a piece of fruit which could be put in a sandwich bag with their name on. Children will not have access to lunch boxes until lunch time.

We encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day and we ask that their water bottle is labelled with their name and put in the drinks box each morning. Water bottles should be taken home to be washed every night. School water bottles are available to buy in the school office for 50p but the children are welcome to bring their own from home.

Medications

We can only give medication that is prescribed and with written parental consent, forms can be obtained from the office. Please ensure that any inhalers or other medications are up to date and sent to the office for safe storage.

School Contact Details

School address - St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School
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Check our **class page** on the website and our twitter feed regularly, for updates and photos of us at work!

Thank you for taking time to read this information booklet, we hope you have found it useful and that you will use it as a reference point. Please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if there is anything else you would like to know. We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Mrs Tonks - Class Teacher

Mrs Hill - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Casey - Learning Support Assistant

