

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
**Year 2 Summer Newsletter**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you back after the Easter break. We hope you all had an enjoyable, relaxing break. We hope you are looking forward to the Summer term.

**Summer Term Dates**

Y2 Trip - **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - Julia Donaldson Adventure Trail - Wynyard Woodland Park.

School Council London Trip - **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**.

Sports Day - Y1 and Y2 - **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**.

Summer Fayre - **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June - 3 to 5pm**

**Staffing**

The teaching and support staff in Key Stage 1 are as follows;

- Mr Ford (Year 2 Teacher)
- Miss Towler (Year 2 Teacher)
- Mrs Edon (Year 2 Teaching Assistant)
- Miss Barron (Year 1 Teacher)
- Mrs Lofts (Year 1 Teacher)
- Mrs Jones (Year 1 Teaching Assistant)

Mrs Wilson also spends some of her time working within Key Stage 1 during our PPA sessions.

**The Year 2 Curriculum ([Link here](#))**

In Y2 the History and Geography units for the Summer term are Florence Nightingale and My Local Area and Luxor Egypt. Our Y2 Science topic is Plants and Living Things and their Habitats. We look at the concept of living, dead, never alive, local and world habitats, dependency and food chains. The work will be carefully planned and supported to meet your child's individual learning needs.

**Maths**

The children will be taught according to the National Curriculum for Maths. We will be teaching maths in classes and assessing regularly to deliver the curriculum according to each child's individual learning needs. Each week we will study a different mathematical concept and have a pre-test at the start of the week and post-test at the end to help us assess progress. In Summer 1 we will be looking at place value, multiplication and division outside known facts, mass and capacity. In Summer 2 we will be looking at addition and subtraction word problems using the column method, time to 5-minute intervals, measurement - temperature, position and direction and statistics and graphs.

**English**

The Year 2 children follow the National Curriculum Literacy objectives and develop the broad range of skills, knowledge and understanding required for the end of Key Stage assessments. The children in Year 2 will begin Place Value for Punctuation and Grammar (PVPG) activities and some will continue to follow the Read Write Inc. phonics programme and may go to a different member of teaching staff for these lessons. Children will also complete English based tasks which will include other forms of reading and writing based on the National Curriculum objectives.

### Reading

In Year 2 we aim to hear children read as regularly as possible and we change RWI books (weekly). This will be a combination of reading in phonics groups, reading comprehension tasks, guided (group) and individual reading. Children will also read each day in their Read Write Inc groups. Please ensure your child brings their reading record and book to school *every day*. We are happy to discuss reading or offer any guidance for support and we welcome written and verbal comments from parents in the reading records. Your child's reading book will closely match their phonic level. **We can't emphasise enough the positive impact that regular reading at home has on children's overall progress across the curriculum.** Rewards / stamps are given for each day reading records are completed and signed at home. The stamps in reading records build up to certificates and prizes at different milestones.

### Homework

In Year 2 we give regular weekly homework. The homework will be tailored to your child's individual learning needs and help them to progress towards their end of year objectives. **Please read with your child every evening and comment in their reading record as this has an enormous impact on their progress across the entire curriculum.**

- \*Spelling words will be sent home each week. This will be on a sheet rather than in a book and does not need to be returned. We will have a spelling quiz every Friday.
- \*A maths homework booklet will be sent home covering work for the term. This can be completed at your own pace and does not need to be returned.
- \*We will send home a homework grid with a range of exciting topic activities to complete alongside the key skills tasks. Children are asked to complete one (or more if you wish!) activity over the term, to be handed in before the end of term and celebrated in class.

### P.E

The children will be doing P.E on the following days;

Mr Ford Y2F	- <b>Wednesday and Thursday</b>
Miss Towler Y2T	- <b>Wednesday and Thursday</b>

**On their PE lesson days, children will still be asked to come into school in their PE kits.** Further details of uniform expectations can be found in our school prospectus [prospectus LINK](#)

### Our school uniform:

- \*Royal blue sweatshirts, jumpers or cardigan
- \* White shirts or polo shirt
- \* Grey or black trousers, shorts or skirts.
- \* Plain black shoes or trainers
- \* During the summer months, blue gingham dresses or grey/black uniform shorts can be worn.

**Uniform with the school logo is not essential or expected** - our uniform colour is available at most local supermarkets.

In school we have a stock of high quality, pre-loved uniform which is free of charge. If you wish to enquire about stock availability please email: [newtoyou@whinstone.org.uk](mailto:newtoyou@whinstone.org.uk) or contact the school office.

### Our PE kit:

- \* Suitable PE shoes or trainers
- \* **Plain black** shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms
- \* **Plain white** T-shirt.



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\* **Plain black** sweatshirt, fleece or hoody. No other colours or large pictures/logos are acceptable for the sweatshirt, fleece or hoody.

NOTE: Football kits or football shirts are **not acceptable** for our PE lessons.

**General uniform expectations:**

\*No necklaces, rings or bracelets to be worn in school.

\*Small studs for pierced ears - these must be removed or covered by tape on PE days.

\*Long hair tied back.

\*No nail varnish or false nails.

**Named Clothing**

To avoid the distress of a child losing any clothing please ensure all items of clothing -including jumpers, coats, and all items of PE kit are labelled with your child's name. **This really helps when items are misplaced.**

**Water Bottles**

Please can children bring named, individual water bottles into school to be kept in the classrooms. The bottles can contain water, flavoured water or cordial juice.

**Pencil Cases**

We are happy for your child to bring their own pencil case to school. We provide all of the resources that your child will need in school but some children like to bring their own to use. This could include writing pencil, colouring pencils, rubber, ruler, glue stick.

**School Dinners and Snacks**

All KS1 (Y1 and Y2) children are offered a free school dinner through the Government's Universal Free School Meals offer and the vast majority of children take a hot meal at lunchtime. If you prefer to give your child a packed lunch, please inform the office to ensure we do not order too much food in the kitchen. Each day your child is also offered a piece of fruit as a healthy snack.

If you have any questions or need further clarification on any points, please feel free to ask TA's or class teachers who are on the doors every morning. You are welcome to see myself or class teachers most days after school. Appointments can also be made to talk to class teachers if required.

**Thanks for your continued support,  
Mr Ford, Miss Towler and Mrs Edon.**