

Key dates for Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 1st September - INSET DAY - staff only

Wednesday 2nd September - School opens - Autumn Term 1

Friday 11th September - Class Fundraiser

Friday 18th September - INSET DAY - staff only

Thursday 24th September - Autumn Disco

Friday 2nd October - Sukkot

Friday 9th October - PTA - Crazy hair day - Halal sweets donation

Wednesday 14th October - Individual/sibling photographs

Thursday 15th October— geography fieldwork trip to the shops

Friday 23rd October - PTA - Wear your trainers - Chocolate donation

Friday 23rd October school closes at 3:15pm for half term

Monday 2nd November—School re-opens 8:45am

Thursday 12th November—Local area Victorian walk

Friday 13th November - PTA - Wear your PJs - Present donation

Tuesday 17th November - Parents Evening 3:30pm-6pm

Thursday 19th November - Parents Evening 3:30pm-7pm

Friday 27th November - PTA - come feeling Christmassy - Bottle donation

Friday 27th November - Christmas Fair

Friday 4th December—Victorian Living History Dressing up Day for Year 2

Tuesday 8th December—Year 2 Christmas Performance for adults

Wednesday 9th December—Year 2 Christmas performance family show

Friday 18th December—School closes 3:15pm

Our much loved and anticipated 'Chester Zoo' visit is booked for Thursday 11th March 2027 so if you wish to make arrangements to begin to pay for this trip in instalments please look out for the letter which will explain how to do so.

Welcome to Year 2



**Your Year 2 team are;
Miss James, Mrs Wilson,
Mrs Cotterill, Mrs Faludi and
Mrs Clark**

WELCOME TO YEAR 2!

The children have made an excellent start settling into Year 2. We plan to do many exciting topics this year and are beginning with a look at our local area, followed by a study of animal families, life cycles and food chains. Our history focus will see us finding out about what life was like for people living during the Victorian times.

English

Our English will be based around some lovely stimuli. We begin by looking at the fairy tale 'Goldilocks' which we hope will be a nice story with a familiar setting and theme. The children will also be completing a piece of instructional writing. Our aim will be to ensure the children have a solid understanding of the different sentence structures; statements, commands, exclamations and questions. Phonics will be taught in ability based groups for half an hour each day.

Handwriting

The children will have handwriting sessions in school and will be expected to begin to use joined handwriting in written work towards the end of year 2, once they have established a consistent size and are using the correct letter formation.

Maths

This half term we will ensure that the children are able to read, write and order numbers to 100 and to count on and back in steps of 1 and 10 from ANY given number (including crossing 100). We will also look at naming of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties.

Dojos

The children work towards dojo points, which can be earned for a number of different skills and behaviours. You are invited to access these in order to have an up to date record of how your child is getting on. We will also use this site to update you on any information and timetable changes that may be relevant to our year group. Teachers will also be available after school to answer any questions.

If you have any further queries these can be emailed to KS1@etchells.stockport.sch.uk

Parent Helpers

We rely greatly on your support at home for the learning of the number facts and reading fluency.

Whilst we endeavour to do as much practice as we can in school, we would also be VERY grateful to any parent or grandparent who could spare even 1 hour per week, to boost pupils' confidence in some or all of these key skills. Please let us know if you are able to volunteer your time to help in school.

Homework

Topic - The children will be given a number of topic based homework challenges every half term and a set of simple maths questions each week. The answers to these may be sent in on your child's portfolio as a photograph or you may prefer to send in a paper copy. Any three dimensional work can be shared with the class when it has been completed, as we love the children to have opportunities to talk in front of their peers to build their confidence and expression.

Reading - In school your child will read once every two weeks in a group reading session and at least once per week independently with an adult, plus daily in phonics. The phonics reading book will be swapped each Friday. **It is anticipated that every child in Year 2 should be reading to an adult at least five times per week at home.** Please ensure that you sign in the reading diary each time you have read with your child.

Spellings - The children will work on spellings in school. The words are from the National Curriculum spelling list for Year 1 and Year 2. By the end of Year 2 children are expected to be able to spell all the words on the Year 1 and 2 common exception word list, which is available on our webpages; as well as to use a range of spelling rules. Where a child has been identified as having greater difficulty in reading and/or spelling, the school purchases an individual programme, NESSY, to support these needs. Please encourage your child to use this programme regularly if it is made available to you.

Number facts - In Year 2 the children are expected to know several different number facts by heart (this means they no longer have to work them out on their fingers, but can give an answer immediately) as well as having instant recall of all doubles and halves to 24. Please help your child to access 'hit the button' or similar Apps; to practise these facts regularly. We want children to be able to quickly respond to questions such as 6 equals 2 + 4. Although children in Year 2 are no longer expected to 'know' times tables, we will continue to count on and back in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Snacks

The children should bring a named, filled **water** bottle every day. They can also have a healthy snack at break time.

Strictly no nuts please as we have pupils in school with severe allergies.



PE

This term we shall be doing gymnastics and outdoor fundamental movement lessons (weather permitting). Please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit on designated PE days so they are able to participate.

PE kit is plain black joggers/leggings, plain white t-shirt and school jumper with trainers. Please ensure that no earrings are worn.

Allergies

At times we shall be taste testing new foods and making healthy snacks. Please inform us of any allergies that might affect your child's ability to participate in these activities.

