

Year Two Coffee Morning

Tuesday 16th September





Meet the team

Teachers: Miss Neal and Miss
Newson

Additional adults: Mrs Jade, Ms
Claire



School Start and Finish times

Drop off is 8:45 - 9:00 a.m.

Class registration at 9:00 a.m.

Pick up is at 3:15 p.m.

Clubs:

Activity Clubs

Started on Monday 15th September

Finish week ending Friday 5th December

School Day



Uniform: White polo shirt, dark grey trousers/skirt or shorts and school jumper. Grey pinafores and school summer dresses are also acceptable uniform. Summer dresses can be worn from after the Easter holidays until October half term.

PE Kit: White t-shirt, black shorts, trainers; black jogger bottoms for cold weather. Children should arrive in school wearing their PE kit on their PE days which are **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**. These days may change each term and you will be informed about the new days in the termly newsletter.

Pencil Case: These are not compulsory as all the stationary needs will be provided for all children in school.

Packed Lunch: All primary aged children are entitled to a Universal Free School Meal this year. However, if you wish to send your child with a packed lunch then please ensure that you provide healthy options only; such as **sandwich, pasta, fruit, cheese, and so on**. For safety reasons, please follow guidelines for **pre-cutting grapes**.

The following are **NOT** allowed: fizzy drinks, glass bottles, nuts or nut products (including chocolate spread and sesame seeds), chocolate bars or chocolate covered biscuits.

Snack: A piece of fruit or vegetable will be provided at break time, or children can bring in their own healthy snack.

Water: All children should bring a water bottle to school to make sure they stay hydrated throughout the day. It is advisable that this is cleaned and refreshed daily.



Homework

Homework will be sent home weekly in homework folders.

Homework will be assigned on a **Friday** and must be handed in by the following **Wednesday**

Weekly: Maths or English tasks (the subjects will rotate for the first half term)

Reading: As part of their homework, your child should be reading for at least **20 minutes** every night and a comment about their reading made in their homework diaries.

TTRS: We also encourage children to spend a bit of time practising their times tables using their school Times Tables Rockstars account.

Projects: Your child will still be receiving optional home learning tasks if they would like to do further learning about this term's topics.



Reading

Reading diaries have now been given out. They need to be in school every day so that we can monitor the children's reading and to pick up any messages from you.

Children will also have **fortnightly** visits to the school library. Books borrowed from the library must be returned before another can be taken out. Any lost books must be replaced.

Children should be reading to themselves and reading aloud to an adult! If your child is reluctant, try reading aloud to them and then asking them questions about what they have heard.

Phonics and Reading



We teach a discrete phonics lesson every day. This is to support the children with their phonics knowledge and in turn their reading fluency.

By the end of Year 1, the children are expected to know their set 1, set 2 and set 3 sounds.

At the beginning of Year 2, our phonics sessions are to consolidate some of these sounds before moving the children on to learning the complex speed sounds (alternative spellings for sounds they already know.)

The children will also have daily Guided Reading sessions during which time they will work with their group to complete a carousel of reading activities, taking part in a teacher-led group once a week. These sessions are for the children to practice other reading skills, such as, their inference skills.

Assessment

- There is NO end of year formal assessments (SATs) in Year 2.
- As in any other year group, your child will be teacher assessed regularly throughout the year and this information will be shared with you in your child's end of year report.



Key dates

Please check the school website for term dates.

INSET days:

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 3rd November

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 26th June

Monday 20th July

Information about visits and trips will be given out to parents as and when they are organized throughout the year

Mental Health and Wellbeing



The school has a dedicated email for Mental Health and Wellbeing. Please use this email to contact Mrs Earl-Spencer or speak to your child's class teacher if you have any worries or queries about your child's mental health and wellbeing.

mentalhealthlead@josephhood.merton.sch.uk

On the school website you can find a tab dedicated to resources and support for both your mental health and your child's. Here you can also find our half-termly newsletters as well as our work with the NHS Wellbeing Service.



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