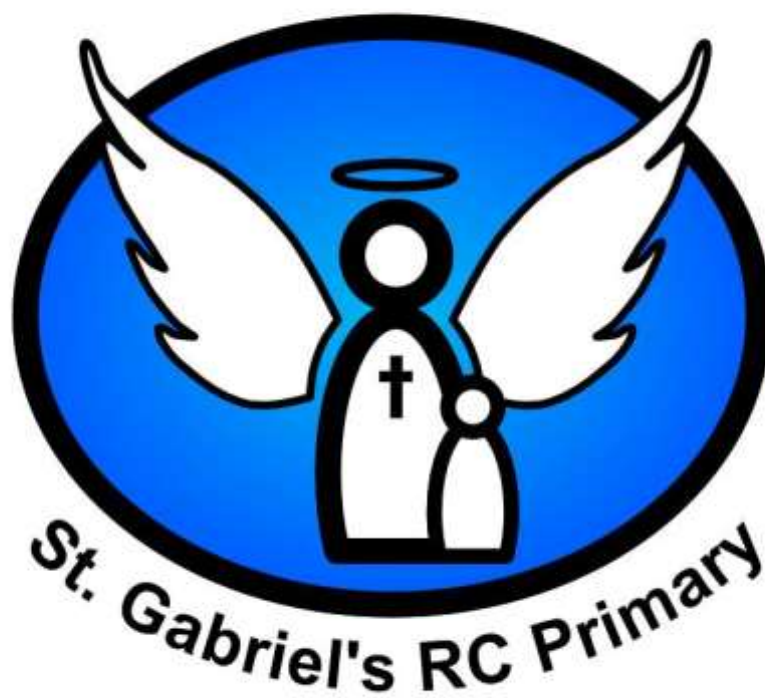




Year 2

Information for

Parents

Welcome to Year 2

This booklet is intended to give families an overview of the Year 2 timetable, routines and other specific information to Year 2. Your child will need to familiarise themselves with the new routines in September so please read this booklet together.

Teaching Staff

The Year 2 teacher for this year is:



Miss Hughes

The teaching assistant who will be working with the children in class is:



Mrs Whittaker

Routines



Classroom doors open at 8:40am
School starts at 8:45am
Morning break is 10.45am
Lunchtime starts at 12:00pm
School finishes at 15:15pm



We advise only one parent drops off and collects the children to reduce capacity within the playground at any one time.

Drop off	Collection
8:40am	15:15pm

Being Healthy

Only healthy snacks are allowed at break times, such as fruit, raisins or cereal bars.
NO SNACKS CONTAINING NUTS ARE ALLOWED IN SCHOOL DUE TO SERIOUS ALLERGIES



It is encouraged that school provides lunches to the children to ensure health and safety requirements are met, however, if you wish to send your child with their own packed lunch please bring a packed lunch box, clearly labelled with your child's name. Children in Reception and KS1 are entitled to universal free school meals as are other children qualifying for free school meals. If you think you may qualify for this, please speak with the office staff.

Water bottles can be brought into school. Please ensure your child's name is on their water bottle.



Packed lunches should be as healthy as possible and not include any fizzy drinks, sweets or chocolate.

We ask that for birthday celebrations, your child shares a book with the class to be kept in the class library. No treats are allowed due to school's healthy status. We ask that you follow this rule. The children can wear non-uniform on their birthday only.



P.E.

In the first half term, PE lessons in Year 2 are on: Tuesday

On PE days, children are to wear their school PE kit to school and will wear this throughout the school day so they do not need to change clothing during the school day. If the weather is cold, the children are able to wear jogging bottoms to school on these days. The children will need to wear trainers NOT pumps. If your child's PE day changes, the class teacher will inform you in good time.

Your child will need:

- School logo PE kits – royal blue logo t-shirt blue / black shorts
- Trainers
- Plain blue tracksuit in colder months

Please ensure your child's name is on all PE kit items



Reading / Homework

Please listen to your child read as much as possible. Please comment on your child's reading and let us know if they have completed the book.

Each child is issued with a Times Tables Rock Stars login which the children are encouraged to practise at home as well as complete in school.

English Homework		Maths Homework	
Reading / Key words	15 mins daily	Times tables practise, especially 2, 5 and 10s	daily
Spellings	weekly	Maths homework will be based on consolidating their current learning.	weekly

Each year group has specific words they need to learn. The Year 2 word list is:

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

Year 1

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

Year 2

door	gold	plant	clothes
floor	hold	path	busy
poor	told	bath	people
because	every	hour	water
find	great	move	again
kind	break	prove	half
mind	steak	improve	money
behind	pretty	sure	Mr
child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
children	after	eye	parents
wild	fast	could	Christmas
climb	last	should	everybody
most	past	would	even
only	father	who	
both	class	whole	
old	grass	any	
cold	pass	many	

Handwriting

In Year 2 there will be formal lessons to teach the correct letter formation. Please encourage best handwriting in all work. After initial practise the children they will begin to learn joined up handwriting.

A good example of Year 2 handwriting by the end of the year looks like this:

abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz

If you should meet a crocodile,
Don't take a stick and poke him.

Behaviour

We expect exceptional behaviour at all times and reinforce our rules and routines daily.

SCHOOL RULES

READY

RESPECTFUL

SAFE

ROUTINES

WALKING WITH PRIDE

ATTENTION

MANNERS

We encourage the children to learn from any poor behaviour choices they make.
For positive behaviour that goes above and beyond what is expected the children are rewarded with either:
Hot Chocolate Friday
Postcards/notes home
Phone calls home

Learning Behaviour

In school, we want the children to become responsible learners. We do this by promoting the following:



Uniform	- St. Gabriel's School V collar sweatshirt or cardigan - Grey trousers, grey skirt / pinafore dress - White shirt - Tie - Black shoes, they can fasten (not trainers) - Grey socks / white socks or grey / black tights - Waterproof coat - Hat/Scarf (winter) or sunhat (summer) - Blue/white gingham dress in summer
Uniform – Optional Items	- School logo coat - All weather suit
PE Uniform Indoor	- School logo PE kits – royal blue logo t-shirt blue / black shorts - Pumps
PE Uniform Outdoor	- Blue / Black jogging bottoms or leggings - Blue / Black sweatshirt (no hoods) - Trainers

Uniform

- Please ensure all clothing items have your child's name in.
- Only watches and stud earrings to be worn. Studs are to be covered during PE and watches to be removed.
- Long hair must be tied up. No extreme hairstyles or large bows are permitted.

School Equipment

Children should not bring in their own pencil cases – all equipment is provided by school. This includes colouring materials, pens, pencils etc...

Children do not need school bags. A book bag will be provided as there is limited space in the classrooms. Lockers are provided for the children along with coat pegs.



Drop Off and Collection

Please encourage your child to be independent and prepared to hand in their reading books etc... themselves. On collection (at 3:15pm) your child will not be allowed to leave until they see their adult on the school playground. Please notify the office in good time if someone else picks up.

After School Clubs

There are a variety of after school clubs throughout the year across the school.

Further information will be sent out in a letter.

Wrap Around Care / Before and After School Care

Breakfast Club operates from 8:00 am – 8:50 am each weekday during term time only at a charge of £2.00.

- After School Club operates from 3:15 pm—5:45 pm each weekday during term time only. The charge for After School Club is as follows:
SESSION 1 - £5.50 (3.15pm - 5.15pm);
SESSION 2 - £6.50 (3.15pm with collection between 5.15 - 5.45 pm).

Health and Safety

From a health and safety viewpoint it is very important that:

- long hair is tied up. No extreme hairstyles or large bows are permitted.
- your child does not bring in any toys from home (unless directed by the class teacher);
- the trim trail is not used before and after school;
- smoking or vaping is not permitted on school premises;
- no dogs are permitted on school property (including carrying the dog);
- you do not park on the school car park, block driveways of school neighbours or park on the yellow lines.



This ensures the safety of all children.

Reporting Absence / Communication

If your child is going to be absent from school, please leave a message on the school answering service on 01706 650280 leaving your child's name, explain the reason for absence and when you expect your child to return to school.

Ways of communication with parents are via the Parent app. Please ensure you download the app and set notifications to on. The school newsletter is sent out every Friday via Parent app. The newsletter can also be found on the school website along with any other information you may need.

The school Twitter account is: @stgabscastleton. Please follow us.



Class teachers also communicate the children's learning via Seesaw. This is an app you can download to follow your child's learning. Ask the teacher for a QR code to get started.

School Trips

We want to enhance the children's learning through school trips and other experiences such as visitors coming into school. Throughout the year your child may be selected to go on a school trip. We ask for a set contribution towards this to enable it to take place as school cannot afford to continually subsidise these opportunities. Therefore, if not enough money is received, we may have to cancel the trips and monies will be lost.



Holidays in Term Time



We endeavour to stay open at all times because we want to make every day count. We can authorise absence for some, very rare circumstances but we cannot authorise absences for holidays. If you wish to go on holiday during term time this needs to be put in writing to the Headteacher. It is parents' duty to have their child attending school and fines may be issued.

Year 2 Statutory Testing (SATs)

Starting from the academic year 2023/2024, it is not statutory for children in Year 2 to complete SATs.

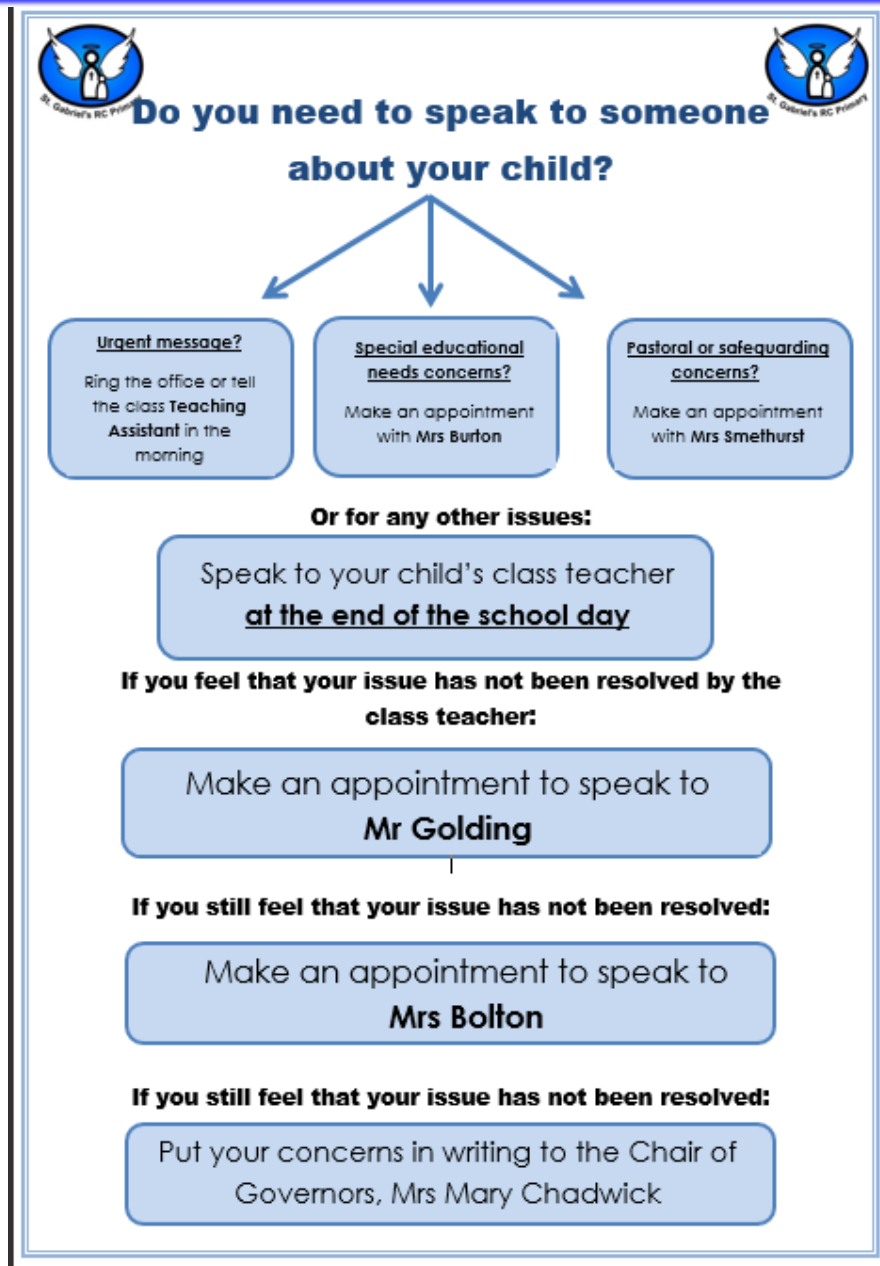
Additional Needs

If you feel your child would benefit from provision over and above their current needs please speak with the class teacher.

The school SENDco is available to answer any questions you may have regarding any additional needs. The school works hard on providing a personalised programme of education and Pupil Passports are devised and reviewed termly with the class teacher,

SENDco, parents and children. For more information regarding this, please speak with Mrs Burton (the SENCO)

Speaking with Staff



Year 2 Curriculum

This is a guide of what your child will be learning this year.

Maths	Reading	Writing
• Compare & order numbers up to 100 and use $<$ $>$ $=$. • Read & write all numbers to 100 in digits & words. • Say 10 more/less than any number to 100. • Count in steps of 2, 3 & 5 from zero and in 10s from any number (forwards and backwards). • Recall & use multiplication & division facts for 2, 5 & 10 tables. • Recall & use $+/-$ facts to 20. • Derive & use related facts to 100. • Recognise place value of any 2-digit number. • Add & subtract: - 2-digit nos & ones - 2-digit nos & tens - Two 2-digit nos - Three 1-digit nos • Recognise & use inverse $(+/-)$. • Calculate & write multiplication & division calculations using multiplication tables. • Recognise, find, name & write $1/3$; $1/4$; $2/4$; $3/4$. • Write & recognise equivalence of simple fractions. • Tell time to five minutes, including quarter past/to.	• Secure with year group phonic expectations. • Recognise simple recurring literary language. • Read ahead to help with fluency & expression. • Comment on plot, setting & characters in familiar & unfamiliar stories. • Recount main themes & events. • Comment on structure of the text. • Use commas, question marks & exclamation marks to vary expression. • Read aloud with expression & intonation. • Recognise: o commas in lists o apostrophe of omission & possession (singular noun) • Identify past/present tense and why the writer has used a tense. • Use content and index to locate information.	• Write different kinds of sentence: statement, question, exclamation, command. • Use expanded noun phrases to add description & specification. • Write using subordination (when, if, that, because) and co-ordination (or, and, but). • Correct & consistent use of present tense & past tense. • Correct use of verb tenses. • Write with correct & consistent use of: - Capital letters - Full stops - Question marks - Exclamation marks • Use commas in a list. • Use apostrophe to mark omission and singular possession in nouns.

		• Write under headings. • Write lower case letters correct size relative to one another. • Show evidence of diagonal & horizontal strokes to join.
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Year 2 Non-negotiables

My Maths Checklist – Year 2



Non-Negotiables for Year 2.

Compare and order numbers up to 100 and use $<$ $>$ $=$.	
Read and write all numbers to 100 in digits & words.	
Say 10 more/less than any number to 100.	
Count in steps of 2, 3 & 5 from zero and in 10s from any number (forwards and backwards).	
Recall and use multiplication & division facts for 2, 5 & 10 tables.	
Recall and use $+$ / $-$ facts to 20.	
Derive and use related facts to 100.	
Recognise place value of any 2-digit number.	
Add & subtract: • 2-digit <u>nos</u> & ones • 2-digit <u>nos</u> & tens • Two 2-digit <u>nos</u> • Three 1-digit <u>nos</u>	
Recognise and use inverse ($+$ / $-$).	
Calculate and write multiplication & division calculations using multiplication tables.	
Recognise, find, name and write $\frac{1}{3}$; $\frac{1}{4}$; $\frac{2}{4}$; $\frac{3}{4}$.	
Write and recognise equivalence of simple fractions.	
Tell time to five minutes, including quarter past/to.	