



14th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children into Year 2 in September. Year 2 is an exciting year where children are able to learn about a variety of new topics and experience new opportunities. We will also be inviting you in for a welcome chat on Wednesday 16th September.

Back to School

In Year 2, your child will continue to use their book bags which will be stored in boxes in their classroom. The children will need to bring a water bottle and coat each day. In addition, we would also be really grateful if you could donate a box of tissues per term.

Every child will be provided with a personal pencil case which will include a pencil, short ruler, whiteboard pen, glue stick, rubber and scissors. If you are providing your child with a packed lunch, this should be in a separate bag to place on the lunch trolleys. Children must not be bringing in toys, teddy bears or other items like personal diaries or fidgets.

For the first week, children will need to bring their PE kit in on the Monday and leave it on their pegs ready for the lessons that week. We will confirm PE days with you once timetables have been finalised. PE kits should be kept in a separate PE bag.

Children are expected to be smartly presented in the correct uniform, including socks and hair accessories. Please refer to the information on the Burford School website to ensure that children have the correct uniform for September: <https://www.burfordschool.co.uk/uniform-information/>

The Year 2 block is opposite Year 1. The door will open at 8:30. Please do not allow your child/children to go up the steps/slope before this time. It is also important that no one climbs on the fence or wall as it may cause damage or injury. Parents are not permitted to enter the Year 2 building without prior arrangement. Thank you.

Transition

The transition into Year 2 is another significant step for all children as the curriculum and, therefore timetable, is more demanding. To best support your child in the transition to Year 2 over the summer holidays, practise key skills little and often. Here are some suggested activities:

- Practise reading and spelling the Year 1 Common Exception Words. A copy of these can be seen in the picture below. They can also be found in the middle of your child's Reading Record. When confident feel free to start on the Year 2 words!

- Recap the books on Floppy Phonics Books 9 - 26 online. These will cover all the sounds the children have learnt in Reception and Year 1. The online platform also provides spelling games.
- Read and share a variety of books – fiction and non-fiction. Whilst reading, ask your child to predict what happens next and answer questions about the text. See if they can find/retrieve the actual words that answer the question in the book.
- Write little and often. Children find real life tasks more fun and engaging so they could keep a diary / send a postcard to Year 2 about what you've been up to, etc. Encourage your child to use their phonics to help them spell and punctuate any sentences with a capital letter and full stop.
- Practise your number bonds; 5 and a bit / up to 10. Numbots or White Rose 1-minute maths app can continue to be accessed over the summer break.
- Talk to your child about change and their emotions. Think about what to look forward to and what they hope to achieve.

Have a lot of fun!

We hope that you all have a relaxing summer and we look forward to seeing you in September.

Best wishes,

Mrs Azam and Miss Tolmie