

MEET THE TEACHER YEAR 2

A warm welcome to our Year 2 parents

Here is some information about our school day,
as well as some other important notes for you.

We hope you find it useful.

We are now part of a new federation of schools, which
includes St. Andrew's and St. Paul's, Winchmore Hill.

Both schools will continue to work closely together.



St Andrew's
Church of England Primary School



— Year 2 Team

Teaching Team

Mrs Cahalan (2B)

Miss Sanders (2W)

Support Staff Team

Ms Suleyman

Mrs Savage

Mrs Fox

Miss Morris

Ms Jarrow



— School Day

- We have a 'soft start' from 8:45 a.m. and the gates are closed at 8:55 a.m.
- We kindly request that mobile phones are not used at pick up and drop off times. This is in line with the Enfield 'Smartphone Free School' initiative which starts this September.
- We have registration at 8:55 a.m. and then go to Collective Worship.
- We have a 15-minute morning and afternoon break time, as well as an hour at lunchtime.
- We say a prayer before lunch and before the end of the day.
- Gates open at 3:25 p.m. and school finishes at 3:30 p.m.



— Uniform Reminders

General

We are a uniform-wearing school and all children are expected to wear the correct uniform every day.

Jewellery

Apart from small gold or silver, round stud earrings in pierced ears, no jewellery should be worn in school. It is advisable to remove earrings on PE days. Nail varnish, make up and temporary tattoos should not be worn.

Hairstyles

Long hair must be tied back. No patterns, lines or logos should be shaved into the hair. Please see the Uniform Policy for more details.



— Our Curriculum

In Years 1 to 6, children are taught the National Curriculum, this includes;

- English
- Maths
- Science
- History & Geography
- Art & Design Technology
- Computing
- Music
- French (KS2 onwards)
- Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)
- Physical Education (PE)
- Religious Education (RE)

As a Church of England School,
we follow the RE syllabus created by the London Diocesan Board.



— Mental Health and Well-being

Pupils' emotional well-being forms a central part of our ethos school in and out of the classroom. We know that children learn best when they feel safe, calm and secure and have a trusted adult to go to, if needed. Some of the ways in which the school is championing well-being:

- We have a Senior Mental Health Lead to oversee our plan for supporting good mental health and well-being
- Our PSHE curriculum has been developed over the past two years and is overseen by our PSHE Leader. Themes include *Family and Relationships* and *Health and Well-being*
- PSHE lessons are taught weekly
- Circle time sessions also happen regularly in all classes
- Mindfulness techniques are taught and used to help to restore focus and calm
- 1:1 or small group targeted interventions offer support to key children
- We work closely with organisations such as MYME (My Young Minds Enfield)



Attendance

We all know that good attendance is essential for all children to have the best chance of success now and later in life.

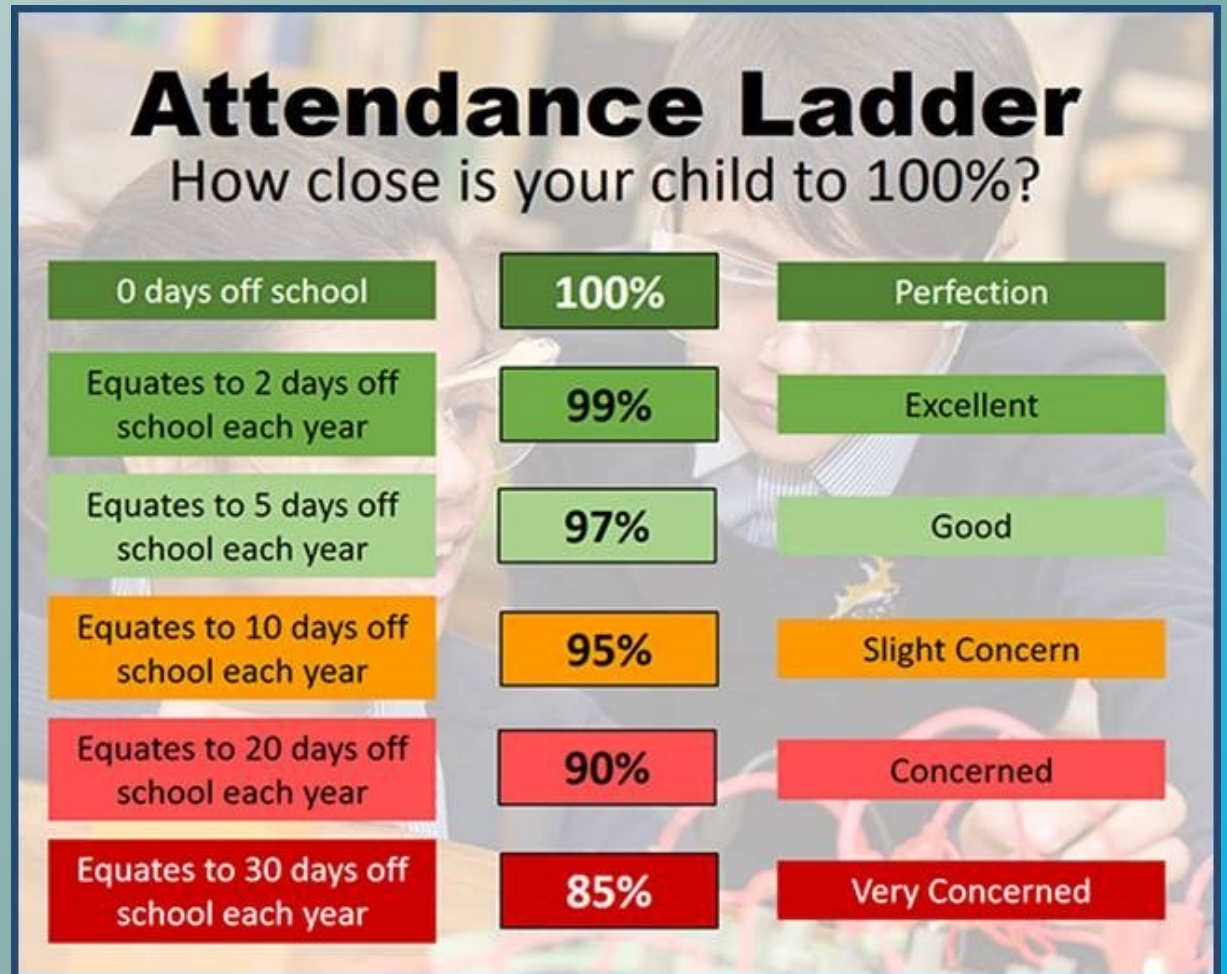
Attendance at school is compulsory and is monitored very closely.

If your child is absent even for one day a week, they miss:

1 opportunity to gather with the whole school in Collective Worship.

3 opportunities to play with friends in the playground.

4 to 5 lessons of learning.



Reading

Reading at home

At St. Andrew's School, we know how important it is for children to read and share stories and books at home. Therefore, we expect parents to support their child with reading every day.

Reading in Year 2

We have two different books for you to share with your child each week.

Little Wandle books : these are aligned with our current phonics teaching and will have been shared with an adult at school. These books are ebooks on the Collins Hub.

Once the Little Wandle book scheme is complete children will move onto our colour banded books.

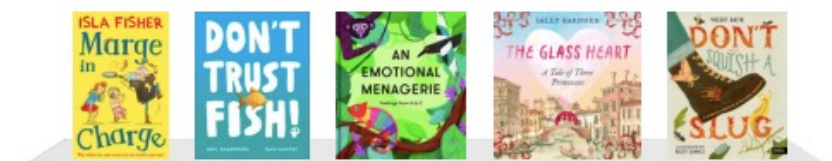
Sharing books : these are free choice books from the selection available in the classroom. These may be books that are above your child's current independent reading level and are intended to encourage discussion and pleasure of a 'shared' reading experience.





50 Recommended Reads for... Year 2 (ages 6-7)

2025-2026 Booklist



Or visit www.booksfortopics.com/year-2 to find the online booklist, book pack, reviews and resources

Find booklists by age or topic at booksfortopics.com



— Homework

In addition to daily reading, homework will be set once a week on Microsoft Teams for Maths, English or another area of the curriculum, to support work already undertaken in class. Your child will have their own log in for this. Please see the class teacher if your child is unable to log on.

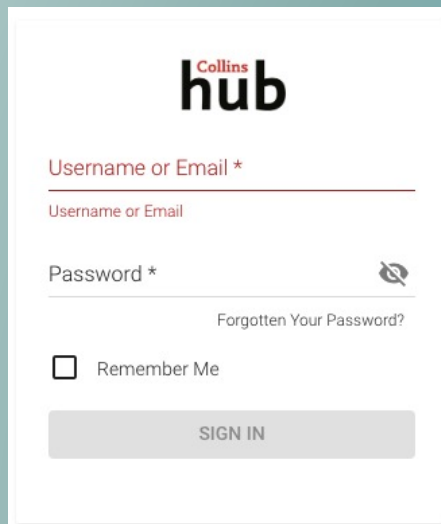
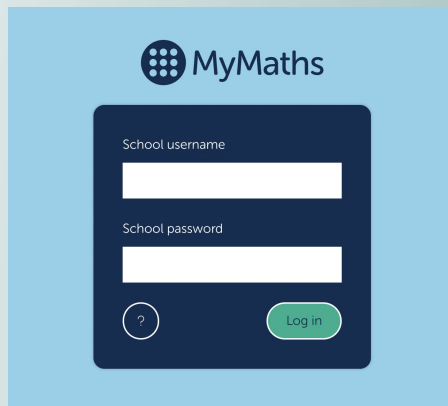
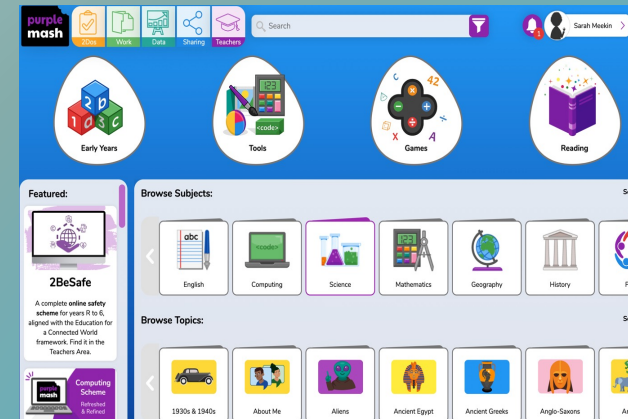
The task may involve the use of **Purple Mash**, **MyMaths** and **TT RockStars** platforms but will always be detailed on **Teams**. If your child has a question about the homework, he/she can see the teacher on the Monday. Please do not message on Teams, as this facility is not always checked.

Homework is set on Friday and should be completed by the following Wednesday.

Please speak to the class teacher if you have queries about homework.



Homework Platforms



— Enrichment Activities

At St. Andrew's all children take part in a wide range of in school and off-site experiences. Last year, there were over 40 trips, events or workshops across the school. Such events will include:

- Local visits linked to curriculum areas
- A visit to the beach and local area
- Use of the school grounds for fieldwork in science and geography
- Year 2 Nativity
- Class buddy system with Year 6 children
- Extra-curricular clubs run by staff and outside providers
- Themed weeks such as Parliament Week and Arts Week



— Year 2 Planned Trips 2025-26 (all TBC)

Great Fire of London Workshop (History, English)

November 2025

Holtwhites Bakery and Spring Walk (RE, Geography, Science)

March 2026

Forty Hall House and Gardens (History, English, Science)

April 2026

Palmers Green Mosque (RE)

May 2026

Local High Street Walk (Geography)

June 2026

Chalkwell Beach (History, English, PSHE)

June/ July 2026



— Being Active

Outdoor PE

Outdoor PE takes place on Wednesdays with Coach Kymani. He is well known to the children and he works across the school in all year groups. Children come to school in their PE kit on Wednesday.

Indoor PE

Indoor PE takes place on Tuesdays this term.



— Communication

Drop off and pick up times If you need to pass on a message, members of the Senior Leadership Team or other members of staff are available outside on the playground. Emails to the office will be answered in good time. Drop off is a good time to catch us!

Medicine Must always be handed to the office and a form completed.

School office Please email or call to give messages during the school day.

School website This is updated regularly and includes the school calendar.

Newsletters Our fortnightly newsletter is available to read on the website.

Curriculum letters These are emailed and uploaded onto the website.

These will give parents further information about what is being taught in each subject.



— Helping with Fundraising



Annual maintenance contribution

All parents who join St. Andrew's School understand that the Governing Board requests **an annual contribution of £35** per child, to help maintain our buildings, boilers, roofs and other costly refurbishments and repairs. We really do need every parent to pay this contribution, so that we can maintain our buildings. Payment is made via ParentPay and can be paid in instalments or in full.

Join our amazing PTA – The PTA is always looking for volunteers to help raise much needed funds for the school. Their hard work has enabled the school to purchase much needed equipment, as well as the stunning wall art installations and new playground items.

Sign up to easyfundraising -If you shop online by registering with www.easyfundraising.org.uk you automatically raise money for the school, every time you spend.

It doesn't cost you a penny either!

Sign up to Asda's new Cashpot for Schools App to your phone and type in the school postcode to start donating.

QUESTIONS



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