

Welcome to Year 2



September 2026

Meet the Year 2 team

Badgers: Mrs Kempton and Mrs Hadi

Otters: Mrs Mansell/Miss Jones and Miss Wilson

Rabbits: Miss McCauslin and Mrs Bevan

Mornings

- 08:40-08:50 – Children can come into school through the Lower School gate and wait on the playground until the bell goes at 8:50.
- Each morning, your child will choose their meal. See the options on our website: <https://www.greswold.solihull.sch.uk/school-meals/>

Absences and illness

- Can be notified by phone.
- Should your child require medication then a form will need to be filled in with the office and the medication booked in there.
- Please let us know about any allergies or ongoing illnesses.

End of the day

- 15:05 – Key Stage 2 gate opens
- 15:20 – Children dismissed
- Any children not collected will be taken to the office (main entrance).
- Water bottles will be sent home each evening.
- Please let us know via a phone call, email or a letter if someone different will be picking your child up.

Year 2 Routines

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	• Library day – Children will bring a book from the library home and will need to return it the following Wednesday. • Rabbits indoor P.E	• Otters and Badgers outdoor P.E	• Badgers indoor PE. • Rabbits outdoor PE	• Spelling test • New spellings set • Homework to be returned and new homework set • Otters indoor PE

Your child needs...

Each day

- Coat
- Water bottle
- Book bag (if it is their book bag day)

On their PE days

- White PE t-shirt
- Blue sweatshirt
- Blue shorts or plain navy/black tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers for outdoor PE
- Pumps for indoor PE

Year 2 topics

- We have tried to make links between the curriculum to make it more exciting and relevant for the children.

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
The Great Fire of London Is London the place for you? Was The Great Fire of London a good thing in the end?	The Polar lands Why protect our Polar lands? Are we damaging our world?	The Polar lands Why protect our Polar lands? Are we damaging our world?	Who is the greatest history maker? What makes Africa unique?	Plants What do maps tell us about our local environment?	Marvellous Minibeasts

Educational visits and enrichment activities

- Trunk Theatre company during Autumn 2- Great Fire of London show.
- St Alphege visit during Autumn 2 – linked with RE and the Christmas story.
- Soup making in Spring 1 – linked with DT unit.
- Africa Day in Spring 2 – linked with Geography unit.
- Educational visit to Brandon Marsh in summer 2 – linked with our minibeast unit of work.

This half term...

- Weekly learning will be on the website:

<https://www.greswold.solihull.sch.uk/year-2/>

English this half term...

- Stories by Julia Donaldson
- Writing about the Great Fire of London

Maths this term...

- Place value and counting
- Addition and subtraction strategies

Phonics

Greswold are continuing with our Phonics scheme called Super Sonic Phonic Friends. We do daily phonics sessions which progress onto the Year 2 spellings rules. The children will be familiar with this from last year.

The logo features the words "SUPERSONIC" and "Phonic Friends" on a light blue rectangular background. "SUPERSONIC" is written in a large, bold, brown font where the letters are intertwined with green leaves and vines. "Phonic Friends" is written below it in a smaller, brown, hand-drawn style font.

SUPERSONIC
Phonic Friends

Home Learning

- Homework will be set as per our Home Learning Policy.
- 15 minutes reading is expected per night.
- Spelling will be set each week.
- A Maths activity will be set each week. This will alternate between an activity to solidify our class learning for the week, and number facts (this could be an online activity).
- A creative home learning task will set at some points through the year.
- Please help your child to learn their spellings, read together and return books on the correct day.

Home Reading

The books that we will send home will be matched to the sounds that the children have learnt.

Your child should be able to sound out and blend most/all of the words in their books. Reading at home is to build fluency and confidence and the children should not find their reading books challenging.

- 15 minutes per night.
- Books will be sent home on your child's book bag day and returned on the same day the following week. Book bag days can be found on the front of your child's reading record book.

Spellings

- This half term there will be some consolidation of Year 1 sounds.
- Spelling lists will be available on the website.

Weekly lists: In homework folders and on the Year 2 page of the school website.

<http://www.greswold.solihull.sch.uk/year-2/>

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Parent-Teacher consultations

- These will be on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October.
- More details will follow about booking and times.

Communication

- Important letters will still be emailed via ParentPay.
- We are aiming to put more information straight onto the website.
- Please note **we do not use Tapestry**.
- Our main line of communication will be by email.

Communication

- Please phone or email the Office if need to speak to one of the Year 2 team. We will contact you about the issue.

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