



Parbold Douglas

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

CLASS INFORMATION LETTER: YEAR 2 2025/26

Dear Parents and Friends,

It is our absolute pleasure to welcome your child to Year 2. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together and are excited to work in partnership with you to support your child. As we begin the new school year, please find some helpful information below.

The Year 2 team

The teaching team in Year 2 consists of Mrs Beverley Bradley-Baker, Mrs Sharon Northey and Miss Lisa Wright.

Our school day

As a reminder, school begins at **8:55am** for all pupils – **please ensure children are consistently punctual so that learning is not missed**. Our **classroom door will open at 8:45am** and we begin each day with 'Morning Maths' and spelling activities as soon as they arrive. Children who arrived at this time last year were most successful due to their daily retrieval of information. Punctuality is also important so that they can start their day in a calm and positive way.

School ends at **3.20pm**.

Attendance

Excellent attendance at school is vital to securing the greatest possible personal development and academic progress for each child. **As we begin the new school year, we expect all families to be committed to excellent attendance.**

What to bring?

Each day, your child should bring a water bottle, healthy snack for morning breaktime and, if needed, a packed lunch. Other items, such as their **coat** and **reading book** will also be brought to school **every day**. In winter, your child will need additional items such as hats and gloves.

School 'book bags' are to be used. These are available from our uniform suppliers.

PE days (Autumn Term)

Our PE days for **this half term** will be **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. **After October half term**, the days will change to **Tuesday** and **Friday**. On these days, pupils should attend school in PE uniform (in line with our policy) – other sports clothing is not uniform and should not be worn to school.

For more information about uniform, please see the school website (or the 'September 2025' information letter circulated at the beginning of the summer holidays).

We encourage children to avoid wearing earrings to school. Children who wear earrings must deal with these themselves when preparing for PE. They must either: leave them at home on PE days, provide their own plasters and cover the earrings independently or remove them unaided.

Homework

Reading: Daily reading is the priority to enable your child to become a fluent, confident reader. We cannot emphasise enough how important this is. In addition to reading the text, a discussion should take place to ensure your child understands what they have read and can answer questions about it. Even if your child is already a fantastic, fluent reader it is the comprehension and understanding that is important and this can never be practiced enough.

Spelling:

Weekly spellings based on the Year 2 spelling rules will be set each week. Spelling Shed, which is online, is used for this. Your child will be given log in details for this. We will also send a paper copy of the spellings home on a Friday. This will be prior to the rule being taught in class on the following Monday. These will be tested in the form of a low stakes quiz every Thursday. Year 2 Common Exception Words will also be sent home for your child to learn. Spelling homework will be set for the first time this Friday (5th September).

Numbots:

Your child will have their own log in details to use 'Numbots'. This is to practice their number bonds and help them with speedy retrieval of these essential basic number facts.

School reading books

Your child will be able to change their home reading book on **Monday** and **Friday**.

Twitter

You can follow our learning journey as a class family. Just visit our page: https://twitter.com/PDA_Y2

Curriculum

The Year 2 curriculum map is available on the school website: <https://www.pda.lancs.sch.uk/year-2/>
We encourage you to refer to the curriculum map so you can talk to your child about their learning.

Communication

We greatly value the relationship we have with you and are usually available at the beginning or end of each day if you wish to speak with us. Please also feel free to email Mrs. Bradley-Baker directly: b.bradleybaker@pda.lancs.sch.uk. We will respond, during the school week, by email or phone (or will speak to you at collection / drop-off, if appropriate). **For more urgent messages during the school day, please email or phone the school office** e.g. if arrangements have changed in relation to who is collecting your child.

Diary dates

Please refer to the calendar on the school website (and the monthly newsletters) for up-to-date information about upcoming events.

Labelling items

Please ensure **all items** sent to school are **clearly labelled, especially coats and snack boxes**. This significantly improves the likelihood of items returning to your child if they are lost or misplaced. We will be encouraging your child to become increasingly more responsible for their own belongings.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding and the safety of children is our **first priority**. Our partnership with you, as parents, is an essential aspect of this. If the school has a concern in relation to your child, we will contact you to discuss how we may be able to offer help and support. We strongly encourage you to communicate with us if you have any concerns regarding your child's welfare, including their mental health and emotional wellbeing. The school can often offer or signpost support. You can find more information on the safeguarding page on our website. The school is also part of Operation Encompass. This alerts the school to any domestic abuse/violence within the home to help support both the parent and the child.

We are pleased to meet you and very much look forward to working alongside you throughout the year ahead.

With best wishes,

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