Essential information evening
Year 2

9th September 2026

Year 2 staff

- Mrs Robinson- class teacher
- Miss Morris teaching assistant
- Miss Bremner- teaching assistant
- Miss Williams- PPA cover on a Tuesday afternoon

Daily timetable

Year 2 Autumn 1 timetable 2026

	8.45 – 9:00	9:00 – 9.45	9.45-10.00	10.00 – 10.30	10:30 - 10:45	10.45 – 11.00	11:00-11.45	11.45-12.00	12:00 -1:00	1.00 – 1.15	1:15-2.00	2.00-2.15	2.15-3.00	3.00 – 3.15
Mon	Arithmetic	Maths		Phonics	Break time	Assembly	English	3 read	Lunchtime	Spelling	PE			Story
Tues	Arithmetic	Maths		Phonics		Spelling	English	3 read		Mastery of number	Art PPA- AW	Break	Art PPA- AW	Story
Weds	Arithmetic	Maths		Phonics		Handwriting	English	3 read		Mastery of number	Reading Comprehension	Break	Music	Story
Thurs	Arithmetic	Maths (Arithmetic)		Phonics		Handwriting	English	3 read		Mastery of number	RE	Break	PSHE	Story
Fri	Arithmetic	Maths		Phonics		Assembly Book change MR-1-1 readers	English	3 read		Mastery of number	Science	Break	Spelling	Story

Expectations of year 2

- The expectations in year 2 are quite a big step up compared to last year.
- We will be working on independence skills and self organisation.
- They have all adapted to this well already and are working hard on this skill.
- Any extra help from home will massively benefit the children.

Maths

- Maths takes place every morning and we start with a short arithmetic task
- We will work on fluency skills and then apply new learning through reasoning and problem solving questions
- This gives children a chance to apply what they have learnt
- Reasoning questions will be a bigger part of maths sessions than they were last year

Maths- counting and times tables

- Later in the year times tables will be introduced
- By July year 2 are expected to be able to recall the 2, 5 and 10 times tables off by heart
- For the first half term our counting target will be to count backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s
- When times tables are introduced, the knowledge will come much more naturally due to their counting abilities

Maths- things to do at home

- Practice counting in 2s, 5s and 10s forwards and backwards whenever possible
- Children to access numbots whenever they can even if it is for 5-10 minutes
- When times tables are introduced TTRS (times table rock stars) children can access this through the numbots website
- Practical areas of maths such as telling the time, measuring and position and direction including left, right, clockwise, anti-clockwise, half and quarter turns are things that could be discussed at home as they don't have as much time in the curriculum as number does

Writing

- Writing will be also be taught each morning as it was last year
- Each half term we will be doing a fiction and non fiction unit- the first focus book is ‘The Bear and the Piano’
- Independence will be highly encouraged and children will be improving their own writing as we introduced towards the end of last year
- This year there will be a big focus on handwriting, letter formation and spelling. These will be practiced daily
- Children will start joining their writing when they are ready rather than moving onto it too quickly towards the end of the year.

Spellings

- Spelling will be a priority this year and will form part of every English lesson.
- The scheme being followed will focus on knowing the different spelling rules and applying these in their work.
- Spelling practice sheets will be handed out on a Friday and tested on the following Friday.

Phonics

- Phonics and early reading is still a huge focus across school
- Year 2 will still have daily phonics sessions
- We are using the same scheme as reception and year 1 and the scheme starts with a recap of last year.
- Some children may have extra phonics sessions as a small group, this is to address any gaps in their knowledge

Reading

- If children can read fluently they will achieve better in all areas of the curriculum
- The reading process that we use as a school particularly in early reading is to re-read texts as it helps reading to become automatic
- As the amount of text that children are expected to read in year 2 increases reading fluency is such an important skill for children to master
- Please send reading books and reading logs into school every day as we have reading volunteers who read with children

Reading at home

- The same systems for reading at home in year 1 will be in place
- Children will get 2 books on a Friday and they will be changed the following Friday.
- They will also choose one library book to share with parents.
- The aim is that children read 5 times a week then the books will be changing the following Friday.
- Please sign the reading log each time your child reads so that we can see if the books can be changed
- As a school the expectation is to read 5 times a week

Reading challenge

- Now that the children are in year 2 and beginning to read much more independently there will be a reading challenge in place
- Children have their own rocket and on the solar system and they have to collect points to move towards the sun
- To move up a planet they have to read 4 picture books or 2 chapter books
- This will be limited to books that are in our class library so that it is easier for us to keep track of

Online safety rules

- Year 2 will focus on the 'Safe' and 'Tell' part of the smart rules
- We want them to have the confidence to report inappropriate content online to an adult

Foundation subjects

- Foundation subjects are:
- PE
- Science
- Art is alternated each half term with computing
- Music
- RE
- PSHE
- These will be taught in the afternoons in the same way that maths and writing are delivered

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- History and Geography will be taught during ‘Immersive Focus Weeks’
- There will be 2 weeks of each subject across the year
- We will be visiting Armley Mills as part of our history week this half term.

PE

- PE day is on Monday
- This may change through the year
- Children to come in PE kit
- ✓ White t shirt
- ✓ Plain black trousers/shorts
- ✓ Plain black jumper/ hoodie
- ✓ Trainers
- ✓ Named water bottle
- ✓ No earings

Year 2 SATS

- The tests assess maths- arithmetic and reasoning, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and reading comprehension
- These tests are now optional
- As a school we have decided to still use the tests as a way of assessment
- We will be doing them towards the end of the year in June as an end of year 2 assessment
- We felt that continuing with them will better prepare them for key stage 2
- As with the phonics screening last year there will be no pressure put on the children and they will be unaware that they are doing an ‘assessment’

Homework expectations

- Read 5 times a week from the 2 reading books.
- Ensure you ask children questions about what they have their read to improve their comprehension skills.
- Spellings practice sheets will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday.
- Numbots is not compulsory homework but will benefit children's learning
- Counting is not compulsory homework but will benefit the children's maths skills

New photo guidance

- Not allowed to share photos of the children on our website anymore.
- Photos will be used in school only.

Packed lunch policy- can be found on the website

A child's lunch should include **only** the following:

- A portion of starchy food, e.g. wholegrain bread / bap, sesame seed pitta bread, plain crackers, pasta or rice salad
- Fresh fruit and vegetables, e.g. apple / orange, banana, cherry tomatoes, carrot sticks, mini fruit chunks
- A portion of milk or dairy food, e.g. cheese, plain/fruit yoghurt
- Small portion of lean meat, fish or alternative, e.g. two slices of ham, chicken, beef, Quorn, cheese, tuna, egg or hummus
- A drink - fruit juice (not fizzy or diluted squash), water (not flavoured), milk (not flavoured).

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The school asks that parents **do not** include the following items in packed lunches:

- Chocolate or sweets (inc. fruit winders)
- Crisps
- **Any food containing nuts**
- Fizzy drinks

1 small portion of the following items are permitted on 'Treat Friday':

- Small chocolate bar
- Small cake bar

Emergency Contacts

- Please ensure that you inform us of any changes to your / your child's address and contact details;

- It is ESSENTIAL that we have a minimum of 2 people (parents / guardian's) who we can contact in an emergency who are contactable during the school day; please make sure that you inform us immediately of any changes to the phone numbers of people who we can contact in the event of an emergency;

- Please ensure that we have the correct email address for you, this is important to ensure that you receive important news, updates and reminders from school.

Medical / Dietary Information

It is essential that you keep us informed of any changes to your child's medical and dietary information (including allergies).

- Ensure that you inform us immediately if your child is diagnosed with a new medical condition or allergy;
- If your child requires medication in school, this must be **brought to the school office by the child's parent / guardian**;
- Children should not bring any form of medication (including over the counter medication) to school in their bags;
- We are only able to administer medication in school that has been **prescribed by a doctor** and only when it is required to be taken **4 or more times per day**, otherwise you should be able to give the required doses before and after school;
- All medication must be in the **original packaging** and have the **pharmacy dispensing label** clearly showing the child's name, dosage, date of issue and use by date.

Medical / Dietary Information (continued)

It is the parent / carer's responsibility to ensure that school is informed of all medical and dietary information (including allergies) relating to children and to supply emergency medication such as inhalers & EpiPens where required and to ensure that all documentation / consent forms are completed.

We are a NUT FREE school

To protect the health and safety of children who have severe nut allergies, please ensure that your child does not bring any nuts or nut products to school either for a snack or within their packed lunch; this includes **Nutella / Chocolate Spread**

Attendance

- Sickness absence – if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please inform us no later than 9am on the day of their absence by calling 0113 2567303 and selecting the option to report your child's absence.

- Appointments – if your child has a medical appointment that unavoidably falls within the school day, please advise us in advance by sending a copy of their appointment letter to admin@pudseylowtown.org.uk

- Routine medical appointments such as doctors, dentist and opticians should be made outside of the school day where possible.

- Requests for 'Exceptional Leave' / Holidays during term time – if you are planning on taking your child out of school for a planned absence / holiday, please ensure that you complete a 'Leave of Absence Request Form' which are available on the school website and from the school office – whilst holidays during term time cannot be authorised, if we are not made aware of the reason a child is absent from school then we will be required to follow the 'child missing in education process'.

Attendance (continued)

- If we do not hear from you regarding your child's absence, we will try to contact you to verify their whereabouts – their registration mark will be recorded as 'unauthorised' until we receive confirmation of the reason for their absence.

- A continued absence without contact / notification may result in your child being recorded as 'missing in education' which could require a referral to the Leeds City Council Attendance Team / Social Services

Arriving late / Early collection:

If your child is going to be late for school or collected early due to an unavoidable appointment or for any other reason, please ensure that you inform us in advance.

If your child is coming in late and requires a **school meal**, please ensure that you inform the office of their meal choice no later than 10am, otherwise we are unable to guarantee that the kitchen will be able to provide a meal of their choice.

Uniform

- Children are expected to wear their school uniform every day with the exception of P.E. days (when they come to school in their P.E. kit) and none-uniform days;
- All children must have a suitable coat every day and come to school in suitable **BLACK** outdoor footwear;
- Children require indoor shoes (pumps) to change in to when they arrive at school;
- The school uniform policy can be found on our school website - https://www.pudseylowtown.org.uk/Uniform/
- PLEASE **LABEL** ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM AND BELONGINGS (we already have items in lost property which we are unable to reunite with their owner as they have not been labelled)

Contacting school

School Office:

Tel: 0113 2567303

Email: admin@pudseylowtown.org.uk (General enquiries)

Owltown Club:

Tel: 0113 2567303 (for enquiries regarding fees, bookings etc)

Mobile: 07712 102876 (to speak with Owltown Club staff directly - during club opening hours)

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Any questions?

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