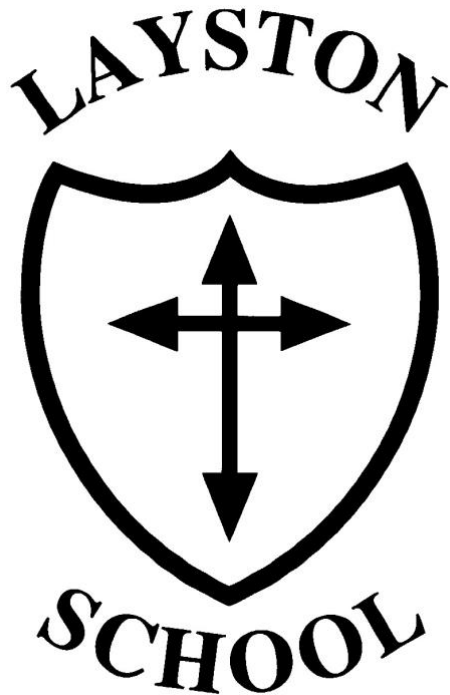


Welcome to Year 2
at Layston
Autumn Term 2026



Loving to learn,
Learning to love,
For every child
A chance to shine

Welcome to Year 2!

I am looking forward to welcoming the children into Year 2. We have lots of exciting topics and activities planned that I am sure the children are going to love!

I am always happy to answer any questions you may have. If you would like to talk to me, please make an appointment via the school office or catch me at the end of the school day.

Please look at our class page on the school website, which has resources to help support your child's learning. The website is regularly updated with newsletters and dates in the calendar.

Medicines:

If your child requires medication such as an inhaler or Epipen, please ensure you have spoken to the office to update their Individual Health Care Plan and that the medication we have is correct and in date.

The Year 2 Team:

Miss Kelly is the Year 2 class teacher. Our teaching assistants in Year 2 are Ms Downs and Mrs Gamble.

Timetable information:

Tuesday is Forest School (remember Forest School kit and wellies)

Tuesday and Thursday are our PE days (remember PE kit, with trainers and joggers) Your child will be wearing Forest School kit for Tuesday PE sessions as the lesson will be taking place outside.

Housekeeping:

Please make sure that all of the children's belongings are named!

Reading and Spellings:

Please make sure you read every day with your child at home and sign their reading record. It doesn't have to be the whole book, it could just be a couple of pages! Book bags need to be in school every day. Children will bring home spellings to learn on a Friday and will complete their spelling test on a Thursday. We will start by learning 7 spellings during Autumn term. Additional practise will be taken place during school time.

RWI assessments will be taking place every half term. Children will then be allocated their colour band, taking home their Ditty book to start reading. Ditty books will be collected in and changed every Monday morning.

Lunch:

We remind you that we are a nut free school and also expect children to bring a healthy snack for break time, such as cheese and crackers, cereal bars, fresh fruit and vegetables.

Curriculum:

If you look at the school website (Classes and Curriculum - Classes - Year 2) you will find the detailed long term (Curriculum Map) for the learning that your child will engage with during Y2.

English this term:

In English, we will be looking at Frog and the Stranger, How to make friends with a ghost and Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems. We will be joining sentences using coordinating conjunctions and, or, but. We will also be using command sentences and adjectives to describe a noun.

Numeracy this term:

This term we will continue to develop our fluency with numbers to 20 and beyond. We will be looking at place value by identifying the tens and ones in a number. We will then move on to looking at addition and subtraction. We will support children's learning through the use of practical resources in lessons.

Topics this term:

In History, we will be looking at The Great Fire of London. Children will be sequencing events and artefacts and putting events onto a timeline. In Geography, we will be mapping out hot and cold places globally. Answering enquiry question **Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?** In Science, our topic is 'Living things', we will be looking at habitats and microhabitats. Identifying what living things need to survive by exploring the life processes shared by all living things. In PE, we are focussing on fundamental movements and gymnastics. In Computing, we are learning about programming.

Art and Design Technology this term:

In Design and Technology, we will be making our fairground wheel. In our Art lessons, we will understand tone and texture. Developing our drawing skills by exploring and experimenting with a range of materials.

RE and PSHRE this term:

In RE, we will be exploring the questions 'What do Christians believe God is like?' Looking at creation and the birth of Jesus.' In our PSHRE lessons, we will be looking at the communities that we belong to, working collaboratively with others.