

Welcome to Year 2



Information for Parents
September 2026

Year Staff

- 2L: Mrs Long (*Phase Lead Years 1-3*)
- 2C: Mrs Catherall
- 2BF: Mrs Owens (*Monday and Tuesday*) & Mrs Byrne (*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday*)
- Teaching Assistants: Miss Stroud, Mrs Claridge and Mrs Lewis (*Wednesday only*)

Great Crosby Catholic Primary School



"...that they may have life and have it
to the full." John 10:10

Mission Statement

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We promote the aims, mission statement and Catholic ethos of the school and ask parents to support us with this.

Most children now follow the 'To know you more clearly' teaching programme. This has replaced the 'Come and See' scheme previously used.

Gates open: 8.35am

Entry through classroom doors

Registration: 8.45 – 8.55am

Classroom doors will be locked and teaching starts immediately.

Finish: 3:10pm

All classes will be dismissed from their classroom doors onto the infant playground. If you do need to speak to us at the end of the day allow us to dismiss each child safely beforehand.

Uniform

Winter uniform should be worn from **28th September** consisting of:

- White shirt and tie
- Green cardigan / sweat shirt
- Grey skirt / trousers / shorts
- White / grey socks/tights
- Black shoes **not black trainers**
(even in summer months)

Please label everything!



Uniform

- The only jewellery allowed is a wrist watch (not a smart watch) and a small pair of plain, stud earrings.
- Children wearing any other jewellery will be asked to take it off and put it away safely.
- In Key Stage 1 children should bring a book bag or small back pack to school.
- Water bottles: Please no air-ups/Stanley cups. We sell school water bottles in the office if required.
- No squishies/dumplings/NeeDohs to be brought into school. If your child requires a 'fidget' toy this needs to be agreed with the class teacher first and the SENDCO.

PE

- Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**
- PE kit should follow our guidelines (yellow plain or logo T-shirt, black or navy shorts or joggers, and trainers).
- A plain black or navy zip up or hoodie can be worn, but please no logos or named brands. Alternatively, a school cardigan/jumper can be worn with a PE kit.
- Please make sure that shorts are of an appropriate length, or your child will be asked to change into school shorts.

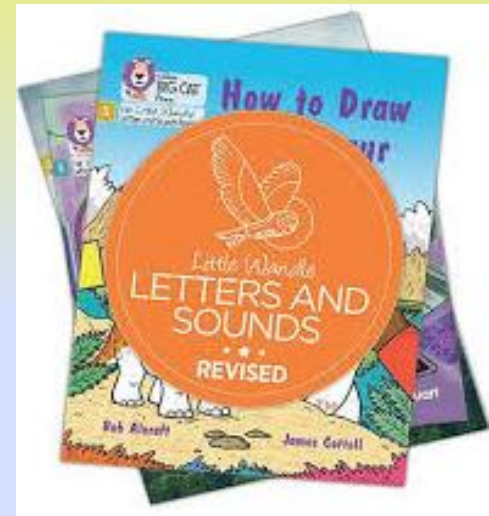


Reading



Reading

- **Scheme Books:** Your child will bring home their new book each **Friday**. Please listen to your child read this, aiming for 3 times a week. Discuss the text together and ask your child questions. This book **must** be returned to school the following **Friday**.
- **Class Library Books:** Your child is able to pick a book out of our class library daily.
- **Reading Mastery**



Spellings

- Weekly spellings are directly linked to our Little Wandle Scheme.
- Children will have weekly spelling tests.
- Words should be practiced at home. The children will receive a look, cover, write, check sheet as well as a handwriting sheet to practice their words.
- Spellings can also be found on Edshed.



Homework

(Starting WB: 14.09.2026)

- All homework is set on a Friday and due in for the following Friday. Homework is as follows:
 - **Scheme Books:** Your child will bring home their new book each **Friday**. This book **must** be returned to school the following **Friday**.
 - **Spellings:** Look/Cover/Write/Check sheet and handwriting sheet. Spellings should also be practiced on Edshed.
 - **Maths:** Arithmetic practice and Times Tables Rockstars
 - **Comprehension:** To begin in a few weeks

Look

Trace

Copy

bright

bright

show

show

family

family

great

great

time

time

alone

alone

straight

straight

people

people

eye

eye

whole

whole

Look, cover, write, check	Attempt 1	Attempt 2	Attempt 3	Attempt 4	Attempt 5
bright					
show					
family					
great					
time					
alone					
straight					
people					
eye					
whole					

Healthy School

- We are a Healthy School and promote a healthy diet and lifestyle to our children
- Only fruit or vegetables at break times – school continue to provide this in Year 2 (*e.g. apple, carrot, bananas*)
- Lunch boxes should not contain sweets, chocolates or fizzy drinks
- Reusable bottles containing water only

Writing

- In Year 2 we focus on cementing the basic skills developed in EYFS and Year 1
- Focus on transcription not composition
- Oracy is vital as the children write as they speak. Please encourage your child to speak in full sentences, correcting tenses and grammar where applicable (e.g. *We were, as opposed to We was*)
- Please support your child in developing the correct pencil grip. Children begin using cursive script in Y2.
- Literacy Counts is our English Scheme



Letter-join whole school handwriting scheme

Tripod Grip Rhyme

Listen to the rhyme:

▶ 0:00 / 0:06 ——— 🔊 ⋮

Right Handed Grip



Point away the pencil,



Pinch it near the tip,



Lift it off the table,



Spin it round...



...and grip.

Left Handed Grip



Point away the pencil,



Pinch it near the tip,



Lift it off the table,



Spin it round...



...and grip.

Spoken Language



Maths

- Great Crosby follows White Rose Maths
- In Year 2 we focus on securing the basic skills.
- Please reinforce these with your child by using the **One Minute Maths** App daily and **Times Tables Rock Stars** (x2,5,10) later in year.
- Our Maths calculation policy can be found on greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com
> Curriculum > Our Curriculum > Maths

Curriculum Overview – Autumn Term

Year 2 - Autumn 2026

Welcome to a new school year!

REMINDERS:

- Year 2 doors will open in the mornings at 8:35 and the children finish at 3:10.
- Classes will enter via their classroom doors. 2L and 2FB will exit through their classroom doors. 2C will exit through the double doors on the Year 1 playground.
- Year 2 P.E. is on a **Tuesday & Wednesday**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their P.E. kit.
- Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled.

HOMEWORK:

All homework will be given out on a **Friday** and will be due in for the following **Friday**. This will include:

- A school reading book which parents should listen to their child read and discuss the text together, three times a week. Children will also be allowed to take a reading for pleasure book from the class library.
- Spellings which will be sent home to practise ready for a test in class on a Friday. Please note that spellings will be sent home along with a matching handwriting sheet for you to practise with your child, encouraging correct letter formation.
- Maths homework will be an arithmetic sheet.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Talk to your child about our Religious Education topics and their meaning. Any photographs or items relevant to our topics would be welcome as they enrich our class discussions
- Reading daily with your child.
- Practise your child's weekly spellings with them and discuss the meanings of the words.
- Encourage your child to use the correct pencil grip and to participate in activities to develop their fine motor skills (e.g. play dough, arts and crafts and using scissors correctly).
- Play number games to practise recalling addition and subtraction facts within 20 and practise counting forwards and backwards in patterns of 1,2,5 and 10.
- Look at atlases and a globes. Together identify continents, countries and oceans.

CURRICULUM:

Religious Education:

- Creation and Covenant - God created our wonderful world and made a covenant with Noah. Christians make a covenant with God through Baptism
- Prophecy and Promise - Advent and the birth of Jesus

English:

- A River by Marc Martin
- The Night Gardener by The Fan Brothers
- Revisiting basic skills including capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. We will also be looking at the role of a verb in a sentence and adjectives.

Mathematics:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Geometry - Shape

Science:

- Living things and their habitats

Geography:

- Would you prefer to live in a hot or cold place?

Art:

- Explore and Draw leaves - Improving sketching skills

Computing

- Digital photography – Using iPads to take photos and create art

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 16th September
Macmillan Coffee Morning – Friday 25th September
Parent's Evening – 21st and 22nd October
Year 2 Advent Service – TBC

Dates for your diary

School Photos – 29th September – 1st October

Sponsored Run – WB 21st September

Parents' Evenings – 21st & 22nd October

Advent service: TBC

Going for Green

We have discussed the Code of Conduct in class and have explained that all rules come under the umbrella of:

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Resilient

Be RESPONSIBLE

Responsibility means taking ownership of ourselves, our learning and our choices.



Myself & Others

Take responsibility for myself.
Be a good example to others.
Make choices that help others succeed.



My Learning

Take responsibility for my learning.
Take pride in all that I do.
Be ready and prepared to learn.



My Choices

Make the right choices.
Accept the consequences of my actions.
Look after my belongings and our school.



Speak Up

Speak to an adult if I am worried or feel unsafe.

Be RESPECTFUL

Respect is shown by what we say, what we do and how we treat our community.



People

Use kind words.
Listen to others.
Use adults' names politely.
Say please, thank you and excuse me.
Include others.



Learning

Listen when others speak.
Respect different ideas.
Look after books and equipment.
Let everyone learn.



Places

Keep classrooms and corridors tidy.
Pick up litter.
Walk safely.
Look after our school.



Online & beyond

Our school expectations still matter when we represent Great Crosby outside school.

Be RESILIENT

Resilience means we keep trying, even when something is difficult.



When learning is tricky...

Have a go.
Use what you already know.
Ask a useful question.
Learn from mistakes.
Try a different strategy.



When things go wrong...

Pause.
Breathe.
Reset.
Make a better choice.
Talk to a trusted adult if you need help.



GC mindset

"I can't do it... YET."

Mistakes are part of learning.

We don't give up on ourselves or each other.

Be READY

Being ready means you are prepared before an adult has to ask.

1 Ready to learn

Arrive calmly.
Have equipment ready.
Sit in your place.
Start the morning challenge.

2 Ready to listen

Eyes and attention on the speaker.
Follow instructions first time.
Ask if you are unsure.

3 Ready to move

Use Fantastic Walking.
Line up quickly and quietly.
Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.

4 Ready to lead

Make good choices even when no one is watching.
Help others to succeed.
Be a positive role model.

STAR Learning



FANTASTIC WALKING

We use Fantastic Walking to keep everyone safe and protect learning.



FACE FORWARDS



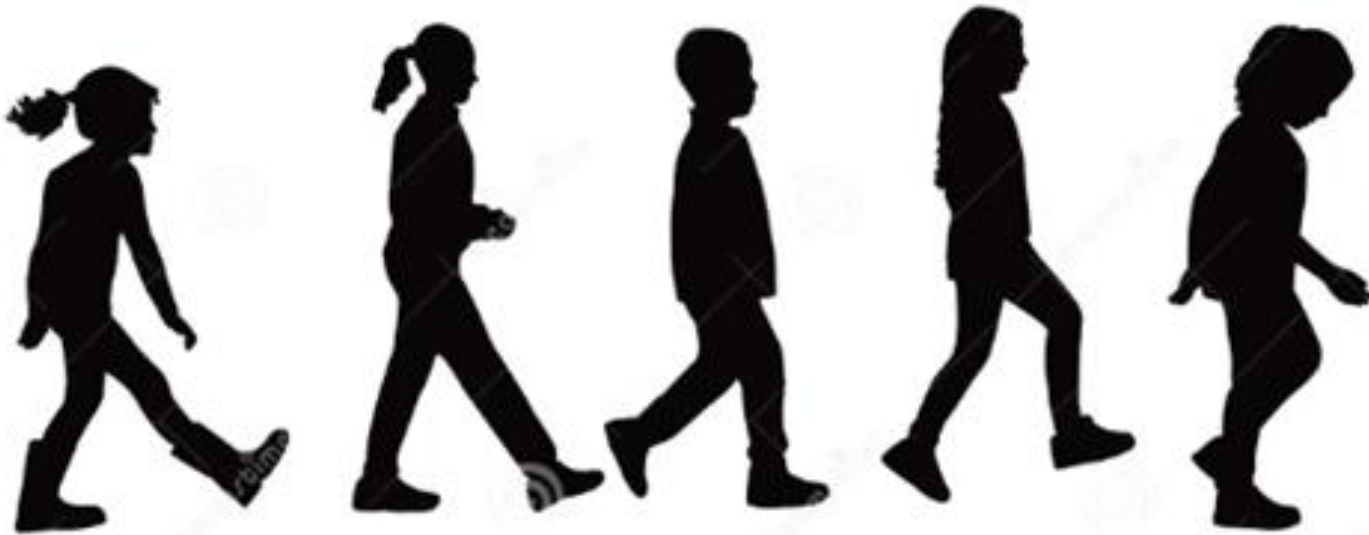
WALK STEADILY



STRAIGHT LINE



NO TALKING



Facing forwards • Walking at a steady pace • Straight line • No talking



STEPS TO SUCCESS

Who parents should contact
about behaviour



STEP	WHAT HAPPENS	WHO TO SPEAK TO
STEP 1 FIRST REMINDER	A reminder of the rules delivered privately.	 Class Teacher (or adult in the room)
STEP 2 SECOND REMINDER	Verbal caution delivered privately and a final opportunity to make a good choice.	 Class Teacher (or adult in the room)
STEP 3 TIME OWED	You now owe time during breaktime/lunchtime.	 Class Teacher
STEP 4 REMOVE AND RESET	You may be asked to leave the room and work in another area of school.	 Class Teacher or SLT / Phase Lead
STEP 5 FORMAL MEETING	A meeting will be held with you, the class teacher and a member of SLT/Phase Lead.	 Class Teacher and SLT / Phase Lead



Steps may be escalated if inappropriate behaviour arises such as physical aggression or disrespect to staff in a serious one-off incident. This can result in an immediate consequence and time owed/behavioural reflection time. Parents will be informed.

*Phone calls and emails should not be completed during lesson time

KEY MEMBERS OF STAFF



S.T: Mrs Morton, Miss Sharrock, Mrs Crann



Phase Leads – Nursery and Reception:
Mrs Francis



SEND/CO: Mrs Harvey



Years 1, 2 and 3: Mrs Long



Years 4, 5 and 6: Ms Dalton



Learning Mentor: Mrs Solkin

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Safeguarding

- We ask parents not to have phones out on school grounds and not to take photographs on school premises or at any events
- No vaping or smoking on school premises
- No dogs on school premises
- Please don't enter classrooms – wait away from door
- Children must not wear smartwatches
- Phones must be switched off and stored in the locker

Safe and Secure

Safeguarding and Child Protection Team

- Mrs Crann – Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Morton – Designated Person
- Miss Sharrock – Designated Person
- Mrs Solkin – PSA & Designated Person

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Morton



Mrs Crann



Miss Sharrock



Mrs Solkin

Schoolgateway App



We have introduced School Gateway to Great Crosby – a parent/carer engagement app that will allow you to pay for school dinners, school trips and any other fees, and allow us to communicate with you efficiently.

School Gateway has replaced Pay360. All online payments will be made through this system. **If you pay for school dinners online, you should already have registered.** School Gateway will be replacing GroupCall in the new year.

Please download the app for free. Just search **School Gateway** in your App store and download. Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information the school already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date.

You will open the app, click **Sign up**, enter the email address the school has for you, enter your mobile number, and click **Send PIN**. Wait for the text message with the PIN to arrive, enter your PIN and then you can log in. There is also a web-based version if you do not have a smart phone. Please use the app if possible as it makes it easier to get hold of parents/carers when we need to.

Regularly check our homepage: <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/>

Follow us: **Twitter:** @greatcrosby **Instagram:** great.crosby.catholic.primary

Online Safety

Our school website online safety pages have a huge amount of help.

For parents/carers: greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com > Parents/Carers > Online Safety

For children: greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com > Our Learning > Online Safety

Social Networking Apps

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

Children **must be at least 13** to register on most social networking websites. Age limits are there to keep children safe so don't feel pressurised into letting younger children join these websites or use apps/games that are age inappropriate.

Safer Schools App



Stay in touch with up-to-date online safety and safeguarding issues. It links with our website too. Download from the App Store or Google Play. See our website for more joining details.

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Gaming



Check the PEGI age rating of games. Please only let your child access games appropriate to their age. Please don't play your adult games with children. For in-game purchases, buy a gift card, don't link your bank card.

Next Steps

Have a conversation with your child about what they do online; have a family agreement; check that accounts are set to private; protect their personal information; think before you/they post; check your virus protection is up-to-date; check parental controls on YouTube, iPlayer, Netflix, Amazon Prime & other streaming services; consider filtering & blocking software; understand the laws; understand how to report and block and if an incident happens – save the evidence.

Stay Safe Online

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY



- Just £1 a week
- Weekly prize guaranteed every Saturday
- £25,000 jackpot
- We have already raised over £1,500 for our school since April!

Any question or problems at all - however small ...

Please let us know – we will always be happy to help.

Email us on admin.greatcrosby@schools.sefton.gov.uk and we will respond as soon as we can within our working hours.

If you have any issues regarding your child, in the first instance please speak to your class teacher or phase leader Mrs Long.

Thank you very much for joining us this morning!

We look forward to working together with you to help your child shine and achieve their full potential.

