

The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great

Believe and Achieve

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Welcome Back & Happy New Year!

Happy 2026!

We hope everyone had a happy Christmas and New Year holiday. They do seem to fly by! However, we are glad to be back at school and raring to go with our new units of learning, exciting plans for the term ahead and lots to look forward to! Do let any of your Year 2 team know if you have any queries or concerns and we will be only too happy to chat or arrange a meeting if more time is needed.

Year 2 Classroom Teachers

Kemerton

Mrs L Brown

Broadway

Mrs Lewis (Monday-Tuesday)

Mrs K Brown (Wednesday-Friday)

Teaching Partners

Miss Thorn and Mrs Hudson

Pupil Support

Mrs Davis

PPA/Leadership Cover (1 day/fortnight)

Mrs Owen (Kemerton)

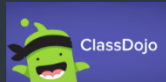
Year 2 Information

Class Dojo is one of our communication tools linking together home and school.

Teachers often post class notices/information and the school page is always busy with updates and exciting news. If you are unable to access Class Dojo or have any login issues - please email

[parent@st-](mailto:parent@st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk)

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Meet Your Year 2 Team!



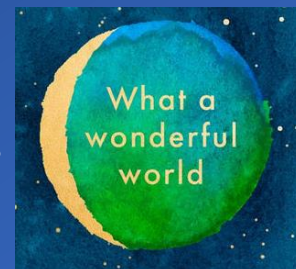
Our Spring Term Topic!

Our topics for the Spring Term will be '**Our Wonderful World**' and '**Edward Wilson**'.

In Geography, we will be learning to name and locate the world's seven continents and five oceans, as well as the location of hot and cold areas of the world in relation to the Equator and the North and South Poles. In History, we will be learning all about the local explorer, Edward Wilson.



In D&T, we will be developing our sewing skills in our textiles unit when we sew our own flags. In Art, we will be developing our watercolour skills and creating artwork based on the expeditions of the local explorer, Edward Wilson. You can learn more about this at the Wilson Art Gallery and Museum.



Malayalam

What Do We Bring to School?

We ask that each child brings in their own reusable water bottle with a sports cap on it **every day**. This bottle must be **clearly named** and taken home every night to be cleaned and refilled with **fresh drinking water only**.

Children have 2 PE lessons every week. They should have a PE kit in school with them every day and all pieces of clothing **must** be clearly labelled and stored in a **soft drawstring bag**. Kit will be sent home before each holiday to be washed. Please make sure your child has appropriate kit for outdoor and indoor sports. This should include: shorts and jogging bottoms. Jewellery should not be worn in PE lessons and long hair should be tied back.

Each child has a **blue book bag** which should be bought to school **every day**. To build up their independence, the children are encouraged to take out and change their own reading book and hand in any letters for the class teacher or school office.

Remember to name everything that come into school - particularly school jumpers and coats!

Have you remembered...



Got a spare 5 minutes?
Ask your Y2 child some questions about...

- 2, 5 and 10 times tables
- What is a noun?
- What is an adjective?
- How do you use an apostrophe?
- Halves, quarters and thirds.

Home Learning!



Spelling Activity Sheets will be sent home on a **Friday** and should be returned the **following Friday**. Please do remind children to work on learning their spelling words throughout the week, perhaps in short bursts rather than one long session, and in whatever way helps the children to recall the sounds and spelling patterns.

Activities will also be set each week on Times Tables Rock Stars/NumBots. Please read with your child **daily** and sign/record this in your child's planner. The children are expected to be heard read at home **four times a week** and we ask that comments are made in the children's planner to help monitor their progress.

Oracy is Awesome!



Did you know...
Your child learns on average 5-10 new words every day!

Speaking and Listening is a huge part of your child's daily life. Here at school we build in daily **Oracy** sessions to help the children develop their vocabulary and talk with confidence to others.

Oracy is the ability to express yourself clearly and communicate with others effectively through spoken language- a skill your child will use throughout their life.

You can also help - on a car ride, walking to school, eating at the dinner table...whenever you can!

Fun questions you may like to ask your child to encourage language development and thinking skills:

- Where do words go when you hear them?
- Would you rather have wings or four legs? Why?
- The answer is blue, what is the question?
- Would you rather – food/drink dog/cat car/bike?
- What did you do today that made your brain work really hard?
- If an alien spaceship landed in the school playground, who would you want them to beam up?



Don't forget to check our school website for all diary dates, policies and important information! It is updated regularly.

www.st-gregorygreat.gloucs.sch.uk/