



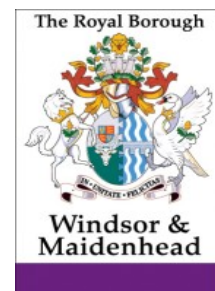
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3rd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Key Stage 2! 🌟

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Year 3. We are looking forward to getting to know the children and supporting them as they begin this exciting new stage of their learning journey.

As children move into Key Stage 2, we will encourage them to become increasingly independent and responsible for their belongings. Please ensure that everything they bring to school is clearly labelled with their name, particularly jumpers, coats, PE kit, water bottles and reading diaries.

Important Information

Please take a moment to note the following:

- School lunches are no longer free for all pupils.
- Children should bring their own healthy snack each day.
- There is no longer an afternoon break time.
- Swimming will take place in the summer term, most likely on Friday mornings. Nearer the time, we will be looking for volunteer helpers with this.
- Year 3 children will use the Key Stage 2 playground.
- Reading diaries will be checked daily.
- Phonics and fluency groups will continue as interventions. Children who were in Year 2 catch-up groups will be assessed during the first few weeks.
- For sports related after-school clubs, children should change after school, unless the club is on their PE day.
- Children will continue to develop as readers at their own pace. Some children may already be **free readers**, while others will move towards becoming free readers during Year 3. We will teach all children the **five-finger rule** to help them choose books that are appropriately challenging.

Reading

We will begin sending school reading books home within the next week or two, once initial assessments have been completed.

Until then, children can choose a book from the class bookshelf to enjoy during school reading time. We also encourage them to continue reading a book of their own from home.



Once books are issued, children will receive a yellow reading record. Please support your child to read with an adult at least three times a week and record comments regularly. Books and reading records should be brought into school every day.

Children can also extend their reading by writing book reviews, designing new covers, creating alternative endings, researching authors or exploring topics linked to their books.

What to Bring

Please make sure your child has:

- Named pencil case with pencil, rubber, sharpener and coloured pencils/pens
- Named water bottle
- Healthy snack in a named container
- Clearly labelled clothing
- Reading book and reading record once issued

Please do not send toys or personal items into school. If your child needs a fiddle toy, this will be provided by our Inclusion Lead, Mrs Havelock.

Handwriting Pens

Once children demonstrate consistent letter formation, sizing and joining, they will be given a handwriting pen to use in lessons.

Breaktime Snacks

Healthy snacks could include fruit, vegetables or breadsticks.

Please ensure snacks are labelled and placed in the class snack tray.

Sweets, nuts and crisps are not permitted.

PE

During the autumn term, children should arrive in their PE kit on PE days and remain in it all day.

Outdoor PE – Wednesday

Indoor PE – Thursday

Please make sure all PE kit and trainers are clearly named.

If for any reason your child is unable to participate in a PE lesson, please inform us by email or a handwritten note that the child can pass to us.

Maths

In Year 3, we will focus on becoming fluent with the 3, 4, 6 and 8 times tables.

Please support your child by regularly using TTRS and Numbots. Login details will be added to their home learning book.

Home learning



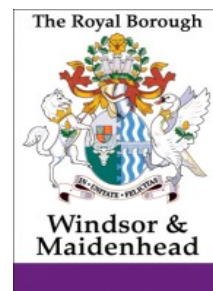
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Home learning will be issued on a Friday, to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. This will usually consist of a maths task, with some additional activities based around current learning. There will no longer be a weekly spelling test – please look out for a separate correspondence from Miss Wheeler or Mrs Goodson-Smith with information on our new approach to spellings.

We are extremely excited about the year ahead and look forward to working together to help your child have a happy, successful and enjoyable Year 3.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Best wishes,

The Year 3 Team

Mr Toynton – 3 Orca Teacher

Miss Blake – 3 Dolphin Teacher

Mrs Kilbane – 3 Orca Teaching Assistant

Mrs O'Sullivan & Mrs Bhogal – 3 Dolphin Teaching Assistants

