The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14




# Autumn 2 2026

Dear parents and carers,
The children have a very busy half term ahead in year 2 as we lead up to Christmas. The children will be learning fun and catchy songs for their Advent celebration, at the beginning of December.

In RE, for the topic of Advent, the children will find out more about the Advent wreath and what the different parts symbolise. They will also be learning about the angel Gabriel appearing to Zechariah.

In reading, the children will improve their reading fluency using their Reading Anthology and decodable reading books. The children will practise answering simple, written retrieval questions after reading a text.

In writing this half term, the children will be focusing on different writing forms, the purpose and audience. This will include the use of descriptive language to write about autumn and a recount diary entry. They will continue to consolidate using accurate punctuation and expand their sentences using sentence openers and conjunctions.

In maths, the children will be finishing the Addition and Subtraction topic. They will be making links with larger numbers, comparing number sentences and finding missing numbers. They will also build on their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes, including learning about shape symmetry.

In geography, the children will continue to broaden their view of the world. We will use the information about the continents each child has visited to find out the most popular continents for each class.

In science, the children will be classifying animals by the type of food they eat. They will also look at simple food chains and identify producers and consumers.

In PDL, the children will be learning about anti-bullying and teamwork.

In PE, the children will continue to develop their ball control skills to throw and catch with accuracy.

In Art, the children will be focusing on the artist Kandinsky, creating symmetrical prints and using different textures.

In music, the children will be learning Christmas songs. They will begin to learn the meaning of musical symbols, including crescendo and decrescendo.

In computing, the children will begin to use basic coding to draw simple shapes, including a square and a triangle.

**Key dates:**

Thurs 5th Nov – Individual school photos
Week beginning 16th Nov – Anti-bullying Week
Tues 17th and Thurs 19th Nov – Parents' Evenings
Fri 20th Nov – PA Crazy hair and odd sock day
Mon 23rd Nov – Flu nasal spray
Tues 1st Dec – Panto visit in school
Fri 4th Dec – PA Elfridges Sale
Mon 7th Dec – Y2 Nativity am and pm
Mon 7th Dec – KS1 choir concert for parents at 3:30pm
Wed 16th Dec – Christmas dinner day
Wed 16th Dec – Ukelele concert for parents
Thurs 17th Dec – Christmas dress down day
Mon 21st Dec – INSET day
Mon 4th Jan – School re-opens for Spring term

Please remember to read daily with your child and complete the reading challenge. Daily reading will ensure your child has the best start in life.