



St John Vianney Catholic Primary School
_ Meet the Teacher - 2W

Welcome to Class 2W



A welcome message from Mr Walsh Welcome to a new and exciting school year - 2023/24 - wow!!! I am thrilled to be your child's Year 2 teacher, and I can't wait to embark on this incredible journey of learning and growth together. I live in Preston with my wife and my two daughters, Eva age 13 and Nora age 11 and at the start of my teaching career I had a full head of hair! I have been at St John

Vianney for 18 years now and I definitely feel part of the furniture. I have taught in all 3 Key Stages - Reception through to Year 5 in my teaching career at St John Vianney. I am in my 7th year of teaching Year 2 and I feel it is the best year to teach - each child's personality is slowly emerging and it's amazing to be part of that. Year 2 is a brilliant year as the amount of progress the children make is amazing, whether it be through reading books getting more challenging or the amount of writing that the children will be able to write. Encourage your child to read with fluidity, allowing words to flow effortlessly from page to mind. A steady pace not only enhances comprehension but also enables your child to immerse themselves fully in the worlds created by authors. Presentation in books is also a big factor in Year 2 and our expectations are very high - the correct formation of letters and their size is fundamental. I have no doubt we will have lots of fun along the way as well as great trips planned - a trip to Liverpool for one! Our teaching assistant is Miss Roberts who has been at St John Vianney for 5 years now and is the creative one in the classroom - her art skills for displays are out of this world!

Our classroom will be a place where curiosity thrives, and discussions are rich with thought-provoking questions. I am committed to providing endless opportunities for each of your children to flourish, explore, and discover their unique strengths and talents. Building positive relationships is at the heart of what I do and through fostering these relationships - I will work alongside you to support your children in all areas of school life so they reach their full potential. *Year 2 - there are boundless opportunities awaiting us, and together, we will embark on a journey of exploration and growth!*

At St John Vianney we believe everything we do is for the greater glory of God and through Jesus we seek to grow as a caring Catholic community in faith and love; knowledge and understanding; aspiration and independence.

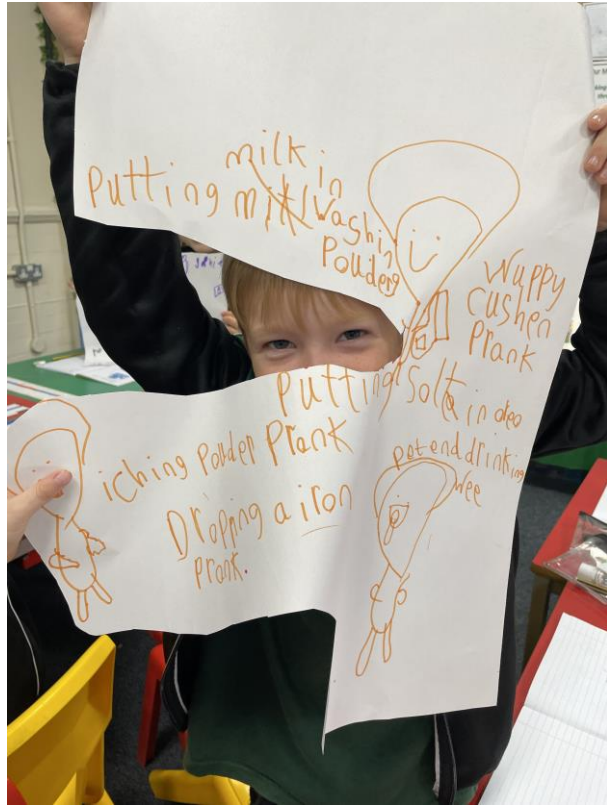
The Year 2 Team and Learning Environment



Our Senior Leaders: Mrs C. Evans (*Headteacher*) Mr P. Duffy (*Deputy Headteacher*) Mrs K. Arrowsmith (*Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO*) **The Year 2 Team:** Mr C. Walsh (*Class 2W Class Teacher and Year 1 & 2 Team Leader*) Miss J. Roberts (*Class 2W's Teaching Assistant*) Mr J. Lord (*Class 2L Class Teacher*) Miss H. Stephenson (*Class 2L's Teaching Assistant*) Mrs J. Martin (*HTLA Cover for both Year 2 classes*) Mr C. Hitchon (*HTLA Cover in both Year 2 classes*) If at any time during the school year you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact school to arrange a convenient time to meet with your child's class teacher. We want to work together to create a strong home and school partnership to ensure that we meet all the needs of your child.







The Year 2 Curriculum





Year 2 holds a pivotal role in a child's educational journey. It's a year where foundational skills are honed and confidence soars and personalities emerge!

In Year 2 the pivotal role of reading cannot be overstated. As we embark on this shared adventure through English, fluency and pace are the key elements in Year 2. Reading forms the cornerstone of success across various subjects in the curriculum, as it provides the fundamental skills needed for effective learning. By developing accuracy and fluency in reading, children build a strong foundation that supports their overall academic growth. To foster this essential skill, it's important for children to engage in regular reading both at home and at school. The ability to read fluently opens the doors to a world of knowledge and imagination, enhancing comprehension across subjects and develop vocabulary acquisition.

Our curriculum empowers students with a strong foundation in mathematics, starting with an engaging introduction to simple fractions such as $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$, and $\frac{1}{3}$, as well as the fundamental concept of division. In the realm of technology, we ignite young minds with the wonders of computing through hands-on programming experiences, including the exciting world of Scratchjr where the children are introduced to the world of computer programming. In Science we look at habitats, plants and materials as well as other exciting topics! In History we look at Florence Nightingale, The Great Fire of London and The Plague and in Geography we continue what the children looked at in Year 1 - The UK, continents and the oceans of our world.

Education at our school extends beyond the classroom, as we believe in enriching experiences that shape holistic growth. Our annual trip to the Lytham pantomime in December guarantees laughter and enchantment, creating lasting memories. We're committed to providing immersive learning opportunities, exemplified by our science trip to Liverpool, designed to spark curiosity and ignite scientific inquiry. Embracing the outdoors, we've introduced outdoor learning at Stanley Park, where students engage with challenges, including high ropes courses, promoting teamwork and resilience.

Year 2 Curriculum RE and St John Vianney Catholic Life



Our curriculum continues to place significant importance on Religious Education (RE), ensuring its central role in shaping children's learning experiences. In Year 2, our children will delve into their RE

lessons by progressively narrating key events from the Bible, both orally and in written tasks. They will also be taught the invaluable skill of asking thoughtful questions, fostering a deeper engagement with the teachings and stories from the Bible. At St John Vianney, we believe in the transformative power of a Catholic education. Our mission is to nurture the complete potential of every young individual, guiding them to lead lives that are forever influenced by the Spirit and the presence of Christ by '*Seeking Growth Together through Jesus*'. Rooted in Gospel values and the teachings of the Catholic Church, our educational approach centres on the holistic development of each child. As a result, we prioritise the development of each child, valuing their personal journey of faith, compassion, and service to others as much as the academic excellence we provide. Through this comprehensive approach, we aim to nurture children who not only excel academically but also carry the light of Christ into their lifelong endeavours, making a positive impact in the world around them. Bringing our children together as year groups to attend Mass creates a powerful sense of unity and community within our school. These shared spiritual experiences allow our children to witness the beauty of worship and faith in a collective setting. Additionally, celebrating feast days as a school further deepens our connection to our Catholic heritage, providing meaningful opportunities for reflection, gratitude, and devotion to the teachings of the Church. On special feast days and occasions, we extend an open invitation to all our families, warmly welcoming you to join us in these celebrations. Throughout the term, Children's Liturgy takes place during the 11.15am Mass at St John Vianney, led by our school teachers. This allows children and their families to participate in Mass while the children engage with the Gospel on a level suitable for them in the Chapel. Fr Loughran welcomes families to Mass and then invites the children to join the liturgy and they are supervised and then return to Mass before the celebration for the Eucharist. Your presence with us would be greatly appreciated and welcomed.

Additional Information



- **PE Days**

Our PE days are scheduled for Tuesdays and Fridays (It is different to 2L), and we kindly ask that children come to school dressed in their complete SJV PE kit on these days.

- **X - Formally known as Twitter**

We use Twitter as an online platform to share the children's learning experiences with parents and families, this allows us to share insights into learning inside the classroom on a daily basis! It's simple to join Twitter and follow **@SJVYear2**; we welcome positive comments and feedback on this platform. Furthermore, our school website's curriculum pages also display these tweets, providing an additional avenue for engagement. Our school website: [St John Vianney Catholic Primary School | English Hubs \(stjohnvianneys.co.uk\)](https://stjohnvianneys.co.uk)

- **Newsletters**

Expect to receive regular newsletters containing updates on school-wide news, awards, and important dates such as class assemblies and whole school, year group or class events. Additionally, our school app will remain a reliable channel for efficiently communicating essential information to you.