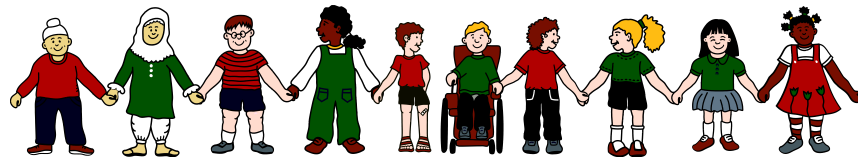


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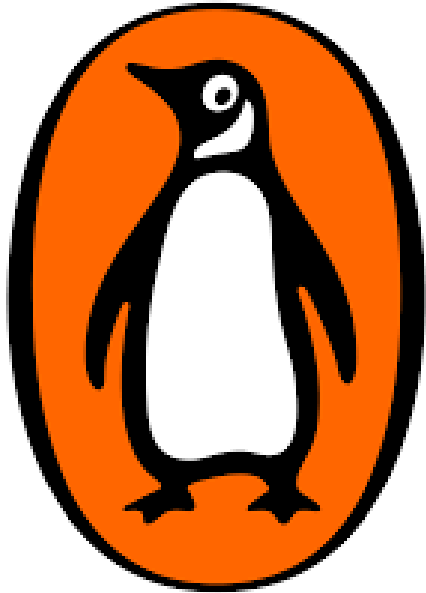
Year 2 parent information session

Giles Nursery and Infants' School

September 2025



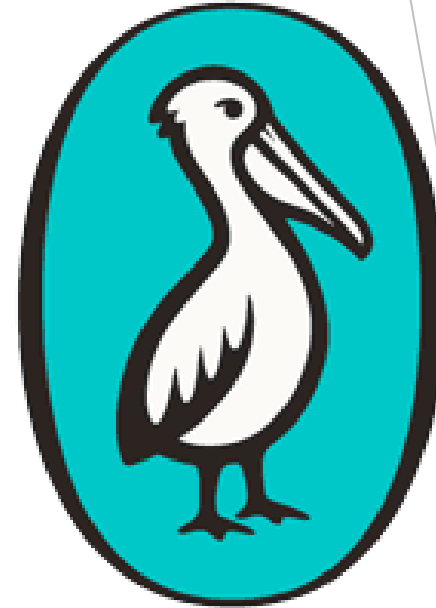
The Year 2 team



Penguin class:
Mrs Peace



Puffin class:
Miss Wright



Pelican class:
Mrs Humphrey
Miss O'Regan

Cover teacher: Mrs Owen

Uniform



▶ School uniform:

- ▶ Black or grey skirt, dress or trousers
 - ▶ White, red or bottle green polo shirt
 - ▶ Red or bottle green jumper
 - ▶ White or grey socks
 - ▶ Black shoes
 - ▶ Warm, waterproof jacket
- ▶ *No jewellery, apart from one pair of stud earrings or for religious reasons.*
- ▶ *No make up (including nail polish and lip balm) or hair dye please.*

▶ PE kit (to be worn on Monday and Friday):

- ▶ Dark grey, black or navy-blue shorts
- ▶ Dark grey, black or navy-blue jogging bottoms
- ▶ White, red or bottle green polo shirt or t-shirt - school logo acceptable
- ▶ Red or bottle green jumper
- ▶ Black trainers
- ▶ Earrings should be removed unless newly pierced, when they should be covered with micropore tape.

Attendance



In the morning, classroom doors open at 8.45am and close at 9.00am.

If you arrive after this time, you will need to take your child to the office, and they will be marked 'late' on the register.

After 9.10am, it will be marked as an 'unauthorised absence' for the morning session.



In the afternoon, classroom doors open at 3.15pm.

If someone else is collecting your child, please let the class teacher or the office know.

If a child isn't collected by 3.30pm and we haven't been informed of exceptional circumstances, they will be taken to After School Club, which is chargeable.



Good attendance is essential for your child to access all areas of the curriculum and make the most progress.

In line with government statutory guidance, we cannot authorise holidays during term time.

Persistent absence may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the Local Authority.

For further information, please visit the 'Attendance' section of the website.



Healthy school

Breakfast:

- Children are offered a piece of bagel on arrival each morning.

Named water bottle to be brought to school each day:

- Please ensure bottles contain water only.

Morning break:

- Government funded fruit or vegetable snack.
- Milk can be arranged via the school office for a small fee.

Lunch time:

- Free school meal options - meat/fish, vegetarian, jacket potato, roll - or home packed lunch.

Afternoon snack:

- You are welcome to provide a healthy snack for your child to have in the afternoon.

Birthdays / celebrations:

- No sweets or treats.



Medication

- ▶ If your child requires medication on a regular basis, for example an asthma inhaler, you should speak with the class teacher to set up an Individual Medical Care Plan.
- ▶ Medication that needs to be taken on a short-term basis should be taken to the school office, where you will be asked to complete a form.
- ▶ Short-term medications include lip balm, nasal sprays and hand creams. These should not be left in your child's possession, in case of allergies.
- ▶ All medications are stored safely away from the children.



Staying safe on the school site

No dogs including puppies in arms.

Children are not allowed to use the climbing frame before or after school.

Children should dismount scooters and bikes at the gate.

Scooters and bikes should be stored in bike sheds.

The school is a no smoking / vaping site.

Avoid walking across the car park.

Parking permits need to be renewed at the office.

Behaviour

Our School Rules

We are gentle and kind to everyone in our school.



We always try our best.

We always listen to all adults and follow instructions straight away.



We always look after:

*Our property

*Other children's property

*Property belonging to adults and the school



We always try hard to be honest at all times.



Playground Licence

This playground licence has been awarded to _____

for following the playground rules.



Signed: _____


Penguins Class Promise

We promise to:

- Be careful and kind.
- Listen and look when someone is talking to us.
- Look after each other's things.
- Put our hands up to talk.
- Sit nicely at our tables.
- Keep our hands to ourselves.
- Do what an adult asks us.



History


Guy Fawkes: 

- Investigate pictures,
- Conduct research to answer questions,
- Compare how Guy Fawkes lived with how we live today.

Remembrance Day
Castle life:

- What was it like to live in a castle?
- How is life different today?


Geography

Countries of the United Kingdom. 

Examine the features of Stevenage.
Examine the features of a contrasting location (Isle of Col).


Compare human and physical features using Google Earth.

Art and Design

Draw lines and patterns. 

Still life painting and observational drawing – the work of Paul Cézanne.
Collage crocodiles.
Use shading to create a Guy Fawkes portrait.
Learn about pointillism – artists and techniques.


Mathematics

Place value including using a place value chart, partitioning numbers to 100, using a number line to 100, and counting in steps of two, five, ten and three. 

Addition and subtraction including fact families, adding and subtracting ones, adding three one-digit numbers, and adding and subtracting two-digit numbers.
Shape including exploring sides and vertices of 2D shapes, faces, edges and vertices of 3D shapes, patterns and symmetry.

English

Fiction:
The Enormous Crocodile, Roald Dahl – write instructions.
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, CS Lewis – write a diary entry.
Katie Morag, Mairi Hedderwick – write character profiles.


Poetry:
Fruit and vegetable poems – adjectives and alliteration.
Rain poems – onomatopoeia. 

Non-Fiction:
Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot – use non-fiction books to find information.


Life in the UK – then and now

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Science

Healthy lifestyles: 

- Group foods and the healthy food plate,
- Importance of exercise and types of exercise,
- Importance of dental hygiene,
- Health and hygiene including washing hands and hair, keeping clean, gems.

Electricity: 

- Electrical objects,
- Safety,
- Making a simple circuit.


The environment: 

- Climate change,
- Reduce, reuse, recycle,
- Energy experts.

Design and technology


Design a healthy, balanced food plate.
Design and prepare a healthy salad using a range of peeling and chopping techniques.
Investigate, design, make and evaluate a castle.

Religious education

Nature and God 

The importance of nature across religions, including the Christian Creation story, the importance of harvest to Christians, and stories from Buddhism and Islam which highlight the importance of looking after nature.

Computing


Staying safe online. 

Coding
Create an algorithm, use collision detection, use a timer, different object types, include buttons in a program.


Making music
Explore, edit and combine sounds digitally, add sounds to a tune to improve it, create tunes which depict feelings, record and upload own sounds.

PSHCE 

- Being Me in My World
- Celebrating Difference

PE 

- Fitness
- Team building
- Games
- Dance

Music 

How does music help us to make friends?

Autumn topic web

Homework

- ▶ Weekly task and spellings (learnt in class)
- ▶ Numbots - certificates
- ▶ Reading - certificates and Elmer



Extra-curricular activities

- ▶ Mountfitchet Castle*
- ▶ Festive Journey
- ▶ Great Fire of London workshop
- ▶ Woburn Safari Park*
- ▶ Sports workshops
- ▶ Dance workshops
- ▶ Theatre visits

** Parent donation requested*



Parent consultations



- ▶ Week beginning 22nd September 2025.
- ▶ Booking forms will be available shortly.
- ▶ *Please note on the booking form if you would prefer a Zoom or telephone consultation.*

Thank you for joining us.

We look forward to seeing you at
parent consultations.

