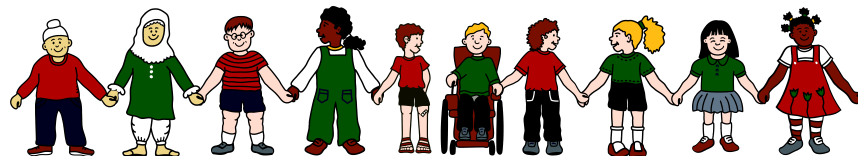


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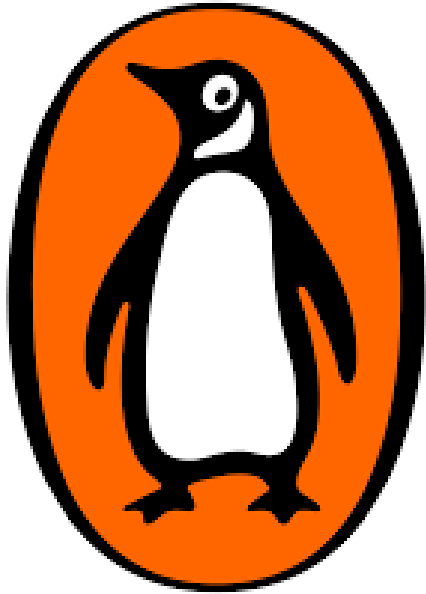
Year 2 parent information session

The Giles Nursery and Infants' School

September 2026



The Year 2 team



Penguin class:
Mrs Peace



Puffin class:
Miss Wright



Pelican class:
Mrs Humphrey
Miss O'Regan

Cover teachers: Mrs Owen and Mrs Edwards

Year 2 Lead: Mrs Humphrey

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 8:55am.

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.



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 in advance.

If a child isn't collected by 3.30pm and we haven't been informed of exceptional circumstances, they will be put into chargeable care by the school.



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.



Attendance



Regular school attendance helps children to:

- Achieve stronger academic outcomes.
- Build friendships and develop social skills.
- Strengthen emotional wellbeing and resilience.
- Establish positive habits for future education and employment.
- Engage fully in school life and activities.

Children attending school over 95% are almost twice as likely to meet the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics at the end of Key Stage 2.

Please visit the [Attendance](#) section on the school website for more information.

Absence



If your child is anxious about school, we are here to help. Please speak to your child's class teacher for help and advice.

- We understand that children get poorly, especially in the wintertime.
- Please refer to the Public Health Agency guidance for advice on when to keep your child at home.
- Minor ailments can usually be treated with children's paracetamol. Unless your child has a fever, we recommend bringing them to school, as they often brighten up during the day.
- School staff are happy to administer medicine if needed and will always contact you if we believe your child is too unwell to be in school.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, please call or email the school office before 8.45am on each day they will be absent.

Attendance

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

Term-time holiday

All schools must follow the Department for Education's statutory guidance relating to school attendance. The guidance makes it clear that parents are not allowed to take their children out of school for holidays during term time.

Holidays should be taken during the 13 weeks that school is closed. During term, children must be at school.

If you wish to request leave of absence during term time, a request form must be completed three weeks prior to the absence.

Please note that, by law, Headteachers are not permitted to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are very exceptional circumstances.

Healthy school

Breakfast:

- Children are no longer offered a piece of bagel due to the free breakfast club starting.

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. Please label your child's medication with their name and class.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ If your child has a diagnosed allergy to food or non-food substances that requires active management whilst in school, please inform your class teacher who will arrange a time to complete an individual healthcare plan with you. This does not include dietary preferences or intolerances however it is still important to share this with your child's class teacher.



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.



Example of the Year 2 timetable

Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon
Register / Activities / Emotional Regulation				
Phonics Guided Reading/Spine	Phonics Guided Reading/Spine	Phonics Guided Reading/Fluency	Phonics Guided Reading/Fluency	Phonics Guided Reading/Fluency
Mathematics	English	Mathematics	English	Mathematics
Morning break and snack/emotional regulation				
English	Mathematics	English	Mathematics	English
Fluency	Handwriting and spellings	Handwriting and spellings	Handwriting and spellings	Spelling
Lunch break / Sensory circuit 2 and 3				
Register / emotional regulation				
PE	Computing	Science	RE	PE
Class Star Sp&L				
Golden Time / Library	PSHCE	Geography History	Art DT	Speaking and listening Music Spine
Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly	Assembly
Home prep	Home prep	Home prep	Home prep	Home prep

Homework

- ▶ Fortnightly tasks and spellings (learnt in class)
- ▶ Numbots
- ▶ 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 28th September.
- ▶ 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.

