

Parent/Carer Workshop on Transition to Key Stage 2

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Welcome to Key Stage 2!



What we are doing this half term to prepare your children for joining Key Stage 2

- 27th June- Year 2 had a tour of KS2 with Mrs Dowdall
- 7th July- children met their new class teachers and parents are invited into school after pick up to visit their child's new classroom for September
- From this week, children in Year 2 join the KS2 playground once a week for part of their lunchtime play. They will be accompanied by their current TAs.
- From next week, Year 2 children will also join KS2 for morning play times on Mondays. They will be accompanied by their current TAs and class teachers.

Dropping off in the morning and picking up in the afternoon

Children in KS2 arrive and depart from school via the KS2 playground.

Just like in KS1, the gates to the KS2 playground are opened at 8:45am. Children can enter their classrooms from 8:50am- the doors will be closed at 8:55am.

In the afternoons, the gates will be open from 3:15pm. Children will come down to be collected at 3:25pm from the KS2 playground.

I am always on the playground in the mornings and afternoons to answer any questions!



Key adults for Year 3 in Key Stage 2

Kate Dowdall- Assistant Head KS2

Ben Tull- Head Teacher. He is usually on the drive (KS2 side) in the mornings and afternoons

Year 3 class teachers- these will be announced shortly to parents/carers and you can meet them on 7th July at the meet the teacher afternoon.

Playtimes and lunchtimes

- Playtime is always on the front playground at 11:30am. Children in KS2 do not get free fruit- we suggest you send your child in with a fruit snack.
- Lunchtime is on the KS2 playground or on the school field. Year 3 go for their lunch just before 1pm.
- There are lots of activities and clubs on offer at lunchtimes for children to enjoy.



Free school meals

- In KS1 all children are eligible for free school meals- this changes when children go into KS2.
- Some children will be eligible for free school meals- if you think you may be eligible please follow the link on our school website:

Arbury Primary School - School Meals (including Free School Meals application)

- School lunches cost £2.60 per day.

LUNCHTIME CO!

WEEK 1 MENU

WEEKS: 15/05, 06/05, 13/06, 20/06, 15/07, 16/01, 07/02

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

MAIN MEAL

Homemade Beef Lasagne served with Garlic and Roast Bread and Fresh Salad

Mild Chilli Beef served with Mexican Rice, Tortilla Chips and Sweetcorn

Margherita Pizzas served with Potato Wedges and Fresh Salad

Roast Pork Loin with Roast Potatoes, Carrotte and Broccoli, Stuffing and Gravy

Fish Fingers served with Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans and Tomato Ketchup

MEAT FREE

Vegetable Lasagne served with Garlic and Roast Bread, and Fresh Salad

Fire Bean Chilli served with Mexican Rice, Tortilla Chips and Sweetcorn

Margherita Pizzas served with Potato Wedges and Fresh Salad

Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Stuffing and Gravy

Vegetable Nuggats served with Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans and Tomato Ketchup

PASTA & JACKETS

Chicken Potatoes with Jacket & Beans served with Fresh Salad

Pasta Twists with Homemade Tomato and Vegetable Sauce served with Chunky Bread

Jacket Potatoes with Chicken & Beans served with Fresh Salad

Pasta Twists with Cheddar Cheese Sauce with Fresh Salad and Chunky Bread

Fillet Burgers with Chips, Garden Peas and Baked Beans and Tomato Ketchup

DESSERTS

Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts
Chocolate Cracklet
Fruity Jelly
Fresh Fresh Pot

Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts
Vanilla Sponge
Nat. Yogurt & Toppings
Fresh Fresh Pot

Choose One Dessert
Tofee Apple Crumble
with Custard
Fruity Jelly
Fresh Fresh Pot

Choose One of Our Fabulous Desserts
Iced Chocolate Cake
Nat. Yogurt & Toppings
Fresh Fresh Pot

Choose One Dessert
Vanilla Ice-Cream
& Fruit Sauce
Fruity Jelly
Fresh Fresh Pot

Making lunchtime the highlight of your day

Reading in Key Stage 2



- Most children in Year 3 will be using Accelerated Reader. This is a computer based reading scheme. Your child will bring home a book each day that is at their level. They should be reading for at least 30 minutes a day- we do give them some time in school but it is very important this happens at home too.
- Every time a child finishes reading a book they can do a little online multiple choice quiz. Your child will be given a username and password to access Accelerated Reader where they can complete quizzes and track their reading. We still ask that Reading Records are filled in every day.
- Some children who may require a little extra support may continue with phonics as a small group intervention called Rapid Catch Up. If your child is taking part in an intervention, this will be communicated with you.

Times Tables in Key Stage 2

- We use Times Tables Rockstars to support our children to learn their times tables. They hopefully should be familiar with this from Year 2.
- We ask that children do 5 minutes or so of TT Rockstars at home every evening.
- By the end of year 4 we expect children to know all their times tables up to 12×12 and that can they recall these with ease. In Year 4 children across the country take the 'Multiplication Check'.



Questions