



Thursday 3rd July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Class Transition and Oak Class Teacher update

Following on from my letter regarding staffing on Monday, we are still working hard to recruit a teacher for the Year 6 Oak class.

In the meantime, Mrs Sidhu will be teaching the class. Mrs Sidhu is an experienced Year 6 teacher and has done the transition sessions with the children this week, and is working closely with Mrs Cameron to ensure a smooth handover.

I will keep you updated with the recruitment process. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

As you already know, Ms Karen Cameron will be retiring at the end of term.

As is typical this time of year, several teachers are moving on at the end of the summer. Mrs Hannah Kerslake, Mrs Carla Hooper and Mrs Chantal Watson will be leaving us at the end of term to take up opportunities at other schools. Mrs Julie Keane will also be leaving us. Ms Kennedy Bays will also be leaving us to take up a position as a trainee teacher.

We would like to thank them for their dedication and the positive impact they have made to our pupils. Their hard work and commitment has meant so much to our school community. Wishing them all the best in their next chapter - they will be missed!

Mrs Helen McAllister will move back into class (Year 6) and Mrs Emma Blackford will become our new Special Needs coordinator (SENDCo).

Ms Chloe Hodge and Mrs Sophie Fitz are still on Maternity Leave until the spring.

Following my letter on Friday about the recent staffing restructure, a number of Teaching Assistants will also be leaving us at the end of term.

I am pleased to say that Mrs Suhk Sidhu will be joining us as Deputy Head Teacher, and Mrs Hazel Hothi and Mrs Veenu Khanna will be joining us as class teachers.

Ms Kim Winslade will become a HLTA (cover teacher) and Mrs Jen Chick will become an unqualified/trainee teacher.

We are currently working hard to secure a permanent teaching position for Year 6, Reception and our Special Resource Base (Willow Class).

All staff will be in school for their induction and will be available to meet the children and be part of their transition.



The current class teachers have worked very closely together to ensure each class has a good mix of boys, girls and abilities. They have also asked the children to choose at least two friends that they would like in their class next year. We have tried to ensure that at least one of these friends will be in their class. Another important rationale for mixing the classes is to broaden the children's friendship groups and purposely give the children these transition experiences to build up their resilience, which will help them as they get older. We fully appreciate this can cause worry for some children and we will work with them now, and in September to make this transition as smooth as possible.

Once classes have been announced, there is no appeal process.

Transition booklets will be available on the website in a few days.

'Welcome to Year Group' Meeting

Parents will be invited to an information evening in the Autumn term to learn about the new curriculum, timetable and expectations and to also ask any questions. Dates will be available soon.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Dillon

Headteacher

Early Years	Key Stage 1	Lower Key Stage 2	Upper Key Stage 2
<p>Nursery/Dawn: Becky Giles (Teacher)</p> <p>Reception: Cottonwood: Vacant Cucumber: Miss Molly Archer</p>	<p>Year 1: Yew: Mrs Victoria Perrin Birch: Mrs Jo White</p> <p>Year 2: Maple: Mrs Hazel Hothi Cedar: Mrs Karen Pratt</p>	<p>Year 3: Chestnut: Mrs Shirley Moore Pine: Mrs Jen Chick</p> <p>Year 4: Spruce: Mrs Veenu Khanna Douglas Fir: Miss Bryony Callaghan</p>	<p>Year 5: Sequoia: Mrs Sam Russell Wellingtonia: Mrs Lianne Shakespeare & Mrs Helen Davis</p> <p>Year 6: Oak: Vacant Beech: Mrs Helen McAllister</p>
Willow class: Vacant			

