



25th June 2025

Staffing Update for the next Academic Year - 2026-2027

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. Now that we have all settled into the final term of the school year, I would like to take this opportunity to update you on some important staffing changes for next year.

As we come to the end of another school year, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ms Garton as she retires after 18 years of dedicated service at Woodlands Primary School. Her contribution to our school community has been greatly valued. We wish Ms Garton every happiness in her well-deserved retirement and hope this new chapter brings her many wonderful opportunities to relax, travel and enjoy time with family and friends. Thank you, Ms Garton, for everything you have done for our school community.

We are delighted to welcome Mr Mawdsley back to Woodlands for his third tour of duty, this time as our Year 4 class teacher. Returning with a wealth of teaching experience and a deep understanding of our school community, Mr Mawdsley is a fantastic addition to the team once again. Alongside his classroom role, he will also take on the responsibility of PE Leader, where his enthusiasm, expertise and commitment to promoting high-quality physical education will help inspire pupils across the school. We are thrilled to have him back and know he will make a wonderful contribution to Woodlands.

We are also delighted to share some wonderful news with you. Mrs May is expecting a baby and is due to welcome her new arrival during the second half of the Autumn Term. We are absolutely thrilled for her and know that you will join us in congratulating her on this exciting news.

I am also pleased to share that we have appointed Mrs Murtagh to teach Year 5 from September 2026 and throughout the duration of Mrs May's maternity leave. This will ensure a smooth transition for the children and continuity in their learning. Mrs Murtagh is very excited to meet the class during their Bump-Up morning on Wednesday 1st July.

All your children will be meeting their new teachers on Wednesday 1st July (for Key Stage 2 Bump-Up Day for next year's Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) and Wednesday 8th July (for Oaktree Nursery Pupils, Reception and Year 1).

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Matthew Kitley
Headteacher

Please see the following page for next year's staffing structure.





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Year Group	Class	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
EYFS 1	Oak Tree Nursery	Mrs H Hollands (Mon-Weds) Mrs K Scott (Thurs-Fri)	Mrs V Acton Miss A Glover Mrs L Jairaj
EYFS 2	Acorn	Ms N Melbourne	Mrs V Acton Mrs A Giles Mrs L Jairaj
Year 1	Ash	Mrs B Singleton	Mrs K Upshall Mrs J Harding
Year 2	Cedar	Mrs K Wright Mrs C Sammons	Mrs Z Bogdanova
Year 3	Hazel	Mrs J Roderick	Mrs J Swindlehurst
Year 4	Willow	Mr M Mawdsley	Mrs J Petty Mrs L Collis Mrs Michael
Year 5	Beech	Mrs S Murtagh	Mrs S Johnson Mrs Payne Mrs J Swindlehurst (Tues pm)
Year 6	Maple	Miss L James	Mrs Z Stokes Mrs Payne
Mrs Bradberry will continue to teach across the school, covering PPA and providing leadership cover.			

