

4th December 2025

Year 5 Update - Greenbank

Dear Year 5 Parents,

We are writing to inform you that, due to an unexpected career opportunity in a different sector of education, specialising in Special Educational Needs, Miss Jones has made the difficult decision to leave us at the end of this term. This was not an easy choice for her, and she has taken considerable time to reflect before reaching her decision. Miss Jones has been part of our school family for many years, starting with us as a student and growing into the wonderful teacher she is today. We are incredibly grateful for all she has contributed and we wish her every success in her new role.

Due to this mid-year change, recruitment can be challenging; therefore, we will be utilising experienced staff from the Castle Hill team to ensure continuity and high-quality teaching. All these colleagues are talented, dedicated members of staff who are already well known to the class. In January, Miss Cocker, an experienced teacher who has worked at the school for many years and taught Year 5 last year, will teach for two days each week (Thursdays and Fridays). She will work alongside Miss Mould, our Assistant SENDCo and Mrs Munde, a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)/Pastoral Lead. Together, they will cover the remaining three days. They will make a dynamic team and they are very much looking forward to starting in 2026.

We also have some exciting news to share. By April, Mrs Spencer will be returning from maternity leave. She knows the children very well, having been their Head of Year for part of Year 4, and she will be teaching alongside Miss Cocker from April.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards

The Castle Hill Team