



26<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move towards the end of a year and plan for the next, it is time to inform you of our teaching staff structure changes and class transition arrangements in preparation for September.

We are lucky that our experienced teaching team continues to be stable with no new teachers for September. It has, however, been the year of Dowson babies and this continues as we will wish Miss Capper a wonderful maternity leave when she finishes for this at the end of the summer term. Mrs Crapper will be the teacher in charge of Nursery next year, assisted very capably by the existing Nursery Team.

As you know, we are holding our transition evenings for you to meet your child's new teacher over the next couple of weeks. These meetings allow you to hear the 'need to know' information for the upcoming year group, how you can support your child to prepare for transition and be successful across the next chapter of their academic journey. You can also ask the teaching team any questions you might have about the 'next chapter'. Mrs Lawrence and I will also be around should anyone need to discuss anything with us.

Your children will be able to meet their new teacher on a whole school transition morning in school, where they will spend time with their new teacher in the classroom they will be housed in next year. Due to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July being a day on which some teachers are striking, we will now be holding our transition morning on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

The staffing for next year is outlined at the end of this letter, including which classes are moving to which teachers. Nursery and Reception parents, you will be informed of which teacher your child will be having in Reception and Year 1 respectively in a separate communication due to our usual process of mixing up the cohort to create new classes at the end of the Nursery and Reception years.

Please also note that Mrs Hancock is not a new member of staff but that Miss Danaher will be a married lady when we return - congratulations to her! Our Pastoral Lead, formerly known as Mrs Bradley, will now be known as Miss Morris.

If you have any questions or queries around any of the content of this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind Regards,

Mrs K. Thornburn  
Principal





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## TEACHING STAFF 2023-2024

**PRINCIPAL:** Mrs. K. Thornburn

**VICE PRINCIPAL:** Mrs. C. Lawrence

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL and SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES (SEND) LEAD:** Mrs. R. Douse

YEAR GROUP	TEACHING TEAM
Nursery	APPLE - Mrs. M. Crapper PLUM – Mrs. M.Crapper
Reception	ALDER – Mrs. R. Preece ASH – Mrs. K. McLaren
Year 1	BIRCH – Mrs. L. Walkden OAK – Mrs. A. Killeen
Year 2	1 BIRCH will move to MAPLE – Mrs. D. Dewsnap 1 OAK will move to HOLLY – Miss. L. Thomas
Year 3	2 HOLLY will move to HAZEL – Mrs. R. Hancock 2 MAPLE will move to HAWTHORN – Mrs. N. Ellerton
Year 4	3 HAZEL will move to WILLOW – Mr. L. Turner 3 HAWTHORN will move to POPLAR – Mrs. J. Priest
Year 5	4 POPLAR will move to BEECH – Mr. J. Shanks 4 WILLOW will move to ROWAN – Miss. R. Hodgkinson
Year 6	5 BEECH will move to PINE – Miss. K. Shaw 5 ROWAN will move to SYCAMORE – Miss. C. Maddocks

TEACHING ASSISTANT TEAMS		
EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE	LOWER SCHOOL	UPPER SCHOOL
Mrs. J. Cartwright Mrs. N. Houghton Mrs. D. Hill Mrs. J. Sparham Mrs. N. Latham Mrs K. Hargreaves Mrs. C. Bond	Mrs. L. Shearing Miss. Z. Mitchell Mrs. S. Wibberley Mrs. J. Ekin Mrs. S. Monks Miss. C. Hoatson Ms. J. Layfield Miss. A. Collier	Mrs. J. Hayes Mrs. K. Minton Mrs. C. Feakes Miss. L. Samuels

**SPECIALIST SEN SUPPORT:** Mrs. J. Taylor-Riley

**PASTORAL MANAGER:** Miss. M. Morris

**INCLUSION COORDINATOR:** Mrs. M. Ashley