



Yardley Wood Community Primary School
"Learning Through Life"

Monday 13th July 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the end of another school year, it is time to say goodbye not only to our brilliant Year 6 cohort, but also to four members of our staff.

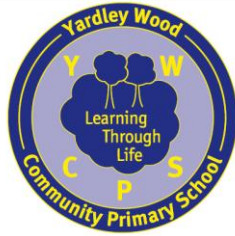
Mrs Nayyar has come to the end of her year with us as a teaching assistant. She has worked alongside staff and pupils in Y4J. We wish Yamini all the very best for the future in her new school as she branches out to the world of secondary education. It will be a big change from working in a primary school, but I'm sure it will be a positive move.

Mrs Passenger has been with us a little longer, working as a part-time teaching assistant here since January 2024. After some initial trepidation, Emma took the step to work in Y6, and has been a brilliant TA 'up there.' Emma also works part-time in another primary school and unfortunately for us, they offered her a full-time post last week. Our loss is definitely their gain – all the best Emma!

Ms Marshall has been working in our school office for 4 years. She joined us with a background in the NHS and has been 'the voice of Yardley Wood' for many of the early morning calls. Sam has shown parents and staff a friendly welcome every morning. Now she is off for a new school-based role, this time as a teaching assistant. We wish her success in this change of career, which I'm sure she will find very rewarding.

Mr Price has been here for an incredible 17 years. As our Building & Services Manager, Mr Price has worked hard to ensure that the school is secure, safe and maintained. Some parents may remember that this used to be a very open site – and not in a good way. During Mr Price's years here, pedestrian access has been massively improved, the perimeter fences and electronic gates have all gone in and the school is almost totally double-glazed, with the hall windows being completed this summer.

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All these works need overseeing, close liaison with contractors, safety checks and maintenance. There is a whole list of other regular behind the scenes work that is carried out – ranging from keeping the water systems safe to keeping us on our toes with fire evacuation drills, managing the cleaners, dealing with deliveries and keeping the paths clear in the snow. We would like to thank Dave for his dedication and hard work over these years and we wish him all the best for his future.

The rest of us will be back here in September, ready to go again.... well, almost all of us.

We will also be saying 'goodbye' to our Year 6 children at the end of the week. This year's cohort have been absolutely delightful. They really have. Their behaviour has not only had a positive impact upon each other and the staff who work with them directly, it has also set the tone for the rest of the school. This has permeated playtimes and lunchtimes, movement around school and the general 'vibe.' Like all of us, they are not perfect and, like all of us, they have made mistakes, but they have learned from them and they have moved forwards. They are definitely 'secondary ready' and I'm sure I speak for the whole staff in wishing them, and our other leavers, a fantastic future beyond Yardley Wood Community Primary School.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ben Turner".

Ben Turner