



Yardley Wood Community Primary School

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Staffing for September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, parents and children will be keen to know who their new teachers will be. I'm pleased to say that we can finally let you know the classes for September. We have several teachers who won't be with us next year and new teachers who are joining the team.

Mr Trueman was successful in his application and interview for a promotion. He will be leaving Yardley Wood at the end of this term and starting his new job as English Lead at Cofton Primary School in September. Mr Trueman has been a big presence at our school - children have enjoyed having him as their class teacher and loved their time in Forest School too. He joined us in January 2020, just before the Covid pandemic and has worked in Y5, Y4, Y2 & Y3. We all wish Sam the very best for next year and his further career in school leadership.

In other news, both Mrs Mistry and Mrs Thornley will both be starting their maternity leaves at the end of this term. Mrs Mistry is cutting it fine, with her official due date just a few days after we break up. Mrs Thornley will be following close behind. We wish them both the very best for the coming months and look forward to meeting Mistry Jnr and Thornley Jnr soon. They have done a brilliant job in Y2 & Y4 this year and will be equally brilliant mums. Teaching is not easy at the best of times, but they have coped really well, and with the heat too. All the best Mayuri and Rachel.

Also, in other news, Mrs Bennett is also starting maternity leave this year, but a little later than her colleagues. She is due to have her baby in October and will hopefully take some time to rest over the summer – easier said than done with other children at home. Mrs Bennett should be back in September, but will not be taking a class.

Another September change – Mrs Tsintas has reduced her school-working week to 3 days a week. So, after a very long stint in Nursery, she will be coming out of EYFS1 and joining the cover team in 'big school.' Jen has done an amazing job in Early Years and has provided a warm, friendly and loving start to school for literally hundreds of our pupils, right up to Y6 (and beyond).

Several new staff are coming to us in September. Miss Anisa Begum is joining us in Y2, to cover Miss Mistry's maternity leave. Also joining us, Miss Fatima Johura will be covering Mrs Thornley in Y4. Both Miss Begum and Miss Johura are Early Careers Teachers embarking on the start of their teaching careers. Both ran the gauntlet of an interview process spread over two days, that involved a short-listing exercise and a day of interviews and observations - both will be welcome additions to the team.

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Also joining the teaching team is Mr Zak Smart. Mr Smart is a very experienced teacher who has recently relocated his family to the West Midlands from Devon. He will be teaching in Y2 next year and we look forward to giving him a big Yardley Wood welcome in September.

Finally, I'm really pleased to let you know that in Reception we will be re-united with Miss Becky Joyce. Miss Joyce began her teaching career with us way back in 2012 as a newly qualified teacher. After working here in EYFS and Y1 for four years she took on a role as Early Years Lead, followed by another leadership role a couple of years after that. Miss Joyce is returning to work following her maternity leave and I am very pleased to say that she applied for the post here. Miss Joyce will be working 4 days a week in Reception from September. Welcome back!

Miss Burton is due to return from her maternity leave in December and will take over in Y3. Until then, I'm very pleased to say that Miss Jamieson will move up with the class until then. She knows the class really well, having brought them on in leaps and bounds since February. She will give them the stability that they need.

Attached to this letter is the staffing list for class teachers. The TAs are not finalised yet, but will be by the end of next week. We are currently recruiting for two Teaching Assistant positions, with the closing date tomorrow, midday on Friday 4th July – so if you're interested, it's not too late! Once we have interviewed next week, I'll re-send the staff list, with TA's included.

Parents of children in the current Nursery class, moving into Reception, already know who their teachers are from their induction packs.

The current Y5 classes, moving into Y6, will be receiving a separate letter tomorrow, telling them which class teacher they will have. The two classes in Y5 are being mixed next year and will also have groupings for Maths and Writing to help them get ready for their move into Y7 in September 2026.

Please, as always, contact the school office or speak to senior staff if you need clarification or want to discuss anything.

Thank you for your continuing support,

Yours faithfully,

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Classes:	Teachers:	Teaching Assistants: (to be confirmed next week)
Nursery	Mrs P Eggerton	
RK	Miss G Kelly (4 days) Miss E Weight (Fridays)	
RJ	Miss R Joyce (4 days) Miss E Weight (Weds)	
Year 1J current RK	Mrs L John	
Year 1W currently RE	Mrs R Williams (4 days) Mrs J Tsintas (Mondays)	
Year 2S current 1J	Mr Z Smart	
Year 2B current 1W	Miss A Begum (ECT)	
Year 3H current 2J	Miss V Jamieson - end Nov Mrs S Burton – Dec to July	
Year 3S current 2M	Miss C Spittle	
Year 4P current 3T	Miss N Parker	
Year 4J current 3S	Miss F Johura (ECT)	
Year 5K current 4T	Miss G Kentish	
Year 5M current 4P	Miss S Mullen	
Year 6B	Mr R Hopkins	
Year 6F	Miss S Fryer	

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