

## Transition Newsletter 2023

### Goodbyes

Goodbye, good luck and a HUGE thank you to staff members who are moving on... we're going to miss you all!

**Ms Jenna Brown** is leaving us on maternity leave on Friday 14th July and will be returning.

**Mrs Amanda Joyce** will be spending more time with her family.

**Ms Rachel Parish** will be spending more time with her family.

**Mrs Angie Cutts** will be retiring.

**Ms Lucy Twigg** will be taking an exciting teaching opportunity closer to home.

**Mrs Julie Kew** will be retiring.

**Ms Harriet Jenkins** will be leaving us to spend more time with her family and pursue a different career!

**Ms Lesley Evans** will be retiring after 20 years at James Wolfe!

**Ms Fernanda Mantesso** will be leaving us to train as a secondary school language teacher!

### Welcome to this year's Transition Newsletter

As you will know, a smooth transition is extremely important and so transition is planned very carefully at James Wolfe in order to support the children and ensure it is a positive experience. The purpose of this newsletter is to share our plans for next year with you in a timely way. However, if there are particular concerns or worries (or even ideas) that you wish us to consider, please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher directly.

As many of you know, we like to have a series of opportunities for the children to meet their new class teacher and we call these Transition Afternoons. The children will welcome their new teacher to their new classroom on Monday 3rd July and again on Wednesday 12th July. During these sessions, the teacher will do activities which support them in getting to know the children. As always, current teachers and new teachers will all have dedicated and thorough handover meetings, where every child in every class is discussed ready for September. Our new teachers will also be joining the team to plan for our exciting Autumn curriculum!

We are extremely sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 classes. They have been such a brilliant group of children, who have bonded and worked extremely hard this year – their learning behaviour has been fantastic. Despite the challenges that they have faced over previous years, the children are more than ready for secondary school, both academically and emotionally. They have been fantastic role models for the rest of the school – I know that there will be a few tears, not only from the children but also the members of staff who have loved teaching them. We wish them all the very best in their new schools and will always welcome them back to share their news with us. Please be reminded about the Year 6 upcoming events [here](#).

We are very aware that the jump from the Early Years Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1 is a big one. Therefore, our Reception teachers will be supporting their current classes by being on hand in Year 1 during the afternoons of the first week of term in order to work with the Year 1 teachers (before we welcome our new Reception classes in for full days). This will mean current Reception children will get to spend some time with both the teacher they know well and their new Year 1 teacher. The first half of the term for Year 1 is a gradual adjustment to a more formal way of learning.

Below, you can find information about which teachers will be teaching which classes in the next academic year. As we did this year, we will be organising 'Meet the Teacher' sessions for parents on Wednesday 13th September.

You may also notice that Mr Armson and Mrs Price (nee Herbert) have been appointed as Assistant Headteachers. They are both fantastic assets to the school, and I look forward to working alongside them in the Senior Leadership Team.

*Victoria Gallagher, Headteacher*



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## Class Teachers for 2023 2024

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Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Price

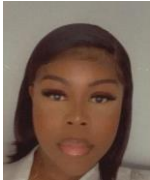
Nursery

Apple Class  
Sophie Clipsham



Reception (Year Group Lead: Mrs Griffin)

Lime Class  
Ms Seruti



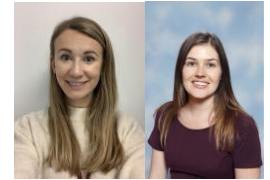
Cherry Class  
Ms Syrocki



Peach Class  
Mrs Price and Ms Renouf



Mango Class  
Mrs Griffin and Ms Lind



Key Stage 1

Assistant Headteacher: Mrs Curtis

Year 1 (Year Group Lead: Mr Chaplin)

Silver Birch Class  
(formerly Peach Class)  
Mr Chaplin



Hazel Class  
(formerly Mango Class)  
Miss Smith



Willow Class  
(formerly Cherry Class)  
Mr Large



Fir Class  
(formerly Lime Class)  
Ms McGuire



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### Year 2 (Year Group Lead: Ms Nutley)

**Beech Class**  
*(formerly Silver Birch Class)*  
Ms Nutley



**Rowan Class**  
*(formerly Fir Class)*  
Mr Cooke



**Maple Class**  
*(formerly Willow Class)*  
Ms Cambridge



**Elm Class**  
*(formerly Hazel Class)*  
Mrs Richardson



### Lower Key Stage 2 Assistant Headteacher: Mr Armson

### Year 3 (Year Group Lead: Ms Ablett)

**Oak Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Mistry



**Poplar Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Thompson



**Ash Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Ablett



**Cedar Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Khorami



### Year 4 (Year Group Lead: Ms Burnett)

**Venus Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Parry



**Pluto Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Mr Phillips



**Mercury Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Burnett



**Sun Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Fagg and Ms Bell



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Upper Key Stage 2

Assistant headteacher: Mrs Simpson

Year 5 (Year Group Lead: Mr Cowley)

**Earth Class**  
*(formerly Pluto Class)*  
Mrs Cameron



**Neptune Class**  
*(formerly Mercury Class)*  
Ms Brinkman



**Jupiter Class**  
*(formerly Venus Class)*  
Mr Cowley



**Mars Class**  
*(formerly Sun Class)*  
Ms McKenna



Year 6

**Uranus Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Cope



**Galaxy Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Bedding and Ms Alba



**Saturn Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Britton



**Moon Class**  
*(mixed across year group)*  
Ms Edgington








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### Senior Leadership Team

We have a few exciting changes!

<p><b>Stephen Harris</b> Executive Headteacher</p> 	<p><b>Victoria Gallagher</b> Headteacher</p> 	<p><b>Cheryl Raithby</b> Deputy Headteacher</p> 	<p><b>Gill Sax</b> Business Manager</p> 
<p><b>Jena Price</b> Assistant Headteacher</p> 	<p><b>Siobhan Curtis</b> Assistant Headteacher</p> 	<p><b>Joe Armson</b> Assistant Headteacher</p> 	<p><b>Helen Simpson</b> Assistant Headteacher</p> 

### SEND Team

<p><b>Carol Minkoulou</b> SENDCo</p> 	<p><b>Astrid Yeranossian</b> Deaf Centre Lead &amp; Teacher of the Deaf</p> 	<p><b>Fiona Gray</b> Teacher of the Deaf</p> 
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