



Staffing

As we approach the end of another academic year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the incredible efforts of our staff and the positive impact they have had on our children – thank you.

It is also a time for us to share some important updates regarding staff changes that will take effect after the summer break.

Firstly, Mrs Stevens will sadly be leaving our team. She has decided to take up an exciting opportunity within a special school that is closer to her home. Mrs Stevens has dedicated herself immensely to the children here at River, both as a class teacher and Maths Leader. We are incredibly grateful for her passion, hard work, and the positive influence she has had on so many young lives. She will be missed hugely, and we all wish her the very best in her new role. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Tyler, who joins the teaching team in Year 3. She is an experienced teacher from a local primary school.

We also say goodbye to teaching assistants - Miss Stephenson, Miss Donovan, Miss Atkins and Mrs Kemp. We thank them for the contributions they have made to our school during their time working with us. Their support has enabled many children to thrive, and they will certainly be missed.

We are delighted that Miss Bawtree will be stepping up to join the teaching team in Year 6. Having worked as a teaching assistant with us for a number of years, Miss Bawtree has built strong relationships with the children and is now taking the next step in her career. She is not only familiar with the curriculum but also deeply passionate about Year 6, making her the perfect fit for this role.

In addition, we would like to inform you that Miss Gilyatt will not be allocated to a specific class next year. She will be taking on a new role that involves working across the school, where she will be able to contribute her expertise in different capacities.

You may also notice some changes to the allocation of teaching assistants. Next year, they will be working more flexibly across a year group instead of being allocated to specific classes. This approach will allow them to utilise their skills in more varied ways and provide support to different groups of children as needed.

Transition

We always support children in the move to their new class, by planning transition sessions. The children have their first session on the morning of Tuesday 24th June. They will then have an additional, longer opportunity, where they will spend the majority of the day with their new teacher on Thursday 3rd July. The children will work in their new classrooms, talking about the expectations and things to look forward to in the next year group. Following these sessions, transition booklets will be available on our school website [Transition Booklets | River Primary School](#). These will contain photos of key staff and their new environment. These are useful to support any conversations with your children over the summer holidays. Please note – children should go to their existing classes as normal for registration.



Class Names

We know that each year you eagerly anticipate class placement for children next year. We are now able to confirm the new classes for the academic year 2024/2025. From September, the classes will be inspired by musicians. Music resonates with children throughout the school and we hope this theme will spark their creativity.

Name of current class	Name of new class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant Team
New YR	Swift	Mrs Gosling/ Mrs Veen	Mrs Ashman Miss Marsh
New YR	Perry	Mrs Collins	
YR Woody	McFly	Mrs Lewis	Mrs Kerr Mrs Jones
YR Buzz	Lennox	Miss Gower	
Y1 Lennon	Sheeran	Mrs Scrivener/Mrs Churchill	Mrs Beal Miss Lee
Y1 McCartney	Wonder	Mrs Diamond	
Y2 Dory	Fleetwood	Mrs Smith	Mrs Kukaj Mrs Coulter
Y2 Marlin	Diamond	Mrs Tyler	
Y3 Gromit	Queen	Mrs Mercer/Mrs Veale	Miss Scott Miss McVie Miss Robinson Mrs Goldsmith
Y3 Wallace	Coldplay	Miss Chambers	
Y4 Scott	Goulding	Miss Hamilton	Mrs Warren Miss Shanahan Miss Blown Miss Hartopp
Y4 King	Bastille	Miss Downey	
Y5 Granger	ABBA	Miss Bawtree	Mrs Smith/Mrs Read Mrs Kesby
Y5 Weasley	Gaga	Mrs Donovan	
SRP Warner	Williams	Ms Ward	Mrs Watson

Kind regards,

Mrs Victoria Alliston