



**Willow Lane CP School**

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**Re: Staffing updates for 26-27**

Dear all,

We say a warm farewell to Mr Heap and Mrs Lewis at the end of this year. Mrs Heap is moving down to London to carry on his teaching career, and Mrs Lewis is leaving to be closer to her home and gorgeous little boy. We wish Mr Heap and Mrs Lewis good luck with their careers and future and thank you for all you have done. They have been absolute assets to Willow Lane Community Primary School, and we will miss them dearly.

We have recruited two experienced Key Stage 2 teachers to replace Mr Heap and Mrs Lewis. They are Mr Roberts and Miss Windle. Mr Roberts is an experienced year 4 teacher who has worked in Preston for the last six years and Miss Windle, another experienced teacher, joins us after six years teaching in schools across London and Warwickshire.

We would also like to congratulate our very own Mr Webster, who has recently been successful in the appointment of Headteacher of Trumacar Nursery and Community Primary School. Mr Webster will be leaving us in January 2027. Trumacar are very lucky to be getting him! We will keep you updated as to the senior leadership team changes as they are decided.

**2026-2027 Staffing**

Teaching Staff for 2026 – 2027 Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Reception (Red Class)	Mrs Frankland	Mrs Archer, Ms Morgan and Mrs Philips
Year 1 (Orange Class)	Mrs Smalley and Miss Berry	Mrs Goacher
Year 2 (Yellow Class)	Mr Miller	Ms Skarbek and Mrs Evans
Year 3 (Green Class)	Mrs Hillyer	Ms Marsland and Ms Markham
Year 4 (Blue Class)	Mr Roberts	Mrs Miller
Year 5 (Indigo Class)	Miss Laurens	Ms Newton
Year 6 (Violet Class)	Miss Windle	Miss Baines/ Mrs Tylee-Birdsall
PPA cover across school	Mrs Noakes/ Mr Webster/ Mrs Birdsall	
Pupil Support Team	Mrs Banks (Pupil Support Manager), Helen Powell (TA), Kirsty Birdsall (SENDCO)	

Transition days will take place on Tuesday 30th June until Thursday 2nd July. This is when each class moves up to their next year group for the full three days. They will then go back to their current class for the rest of term. This is an exciting opportunity for children to meet their new teaching staff, see their classroom and get to know the routines and expectations ready for next year. It is also a chance to ask any questions or share any worries they might have and so feel better prepared for the change of year group.

Children will arrive in school as normal but go straight to their new classrooms. Teachers will be around to help direct anyone who is unsure where to go. At the end of the day, parents and carers should collect their child from their new classrooms.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another great year.

*Lucy Naylor*  
Headteacher