



Lydgate Junior School

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Dear parents and carers

New classes and teachers

The children will be told the name of their new teacher(s) and the names of their new classes today. We will also notify parents by email today.

On **Wednesday 1 July** we will be holding our whole school **Transition Day**, when your child/children will spend the day in their new class. On this day, the current Y3 pupils will enter school through the top gate on Manchester Road and go straight to their new classrooms. Y2 pupils will also be visiting from their Infant schools. Y3 pupils will spend the day as Y4s, Y4s will be Y5s and Y5s will be Y6s. The majority of our Y6 pupils will be attending the Tapton School Transition day, with the remaining Y6 pupils coming into school to take part in fun activities.

On Monday 29 July, Y4 will also take part in an internal Transition Day where the children will work with a Y4 teacher in their new class groups. This allows them a chance to work and play with their new classmates before they spend the full day as a new class with their new Y5 teacher on the whole school Transition Day (Wednesday 1 July).

Staffing changes

Mrs Purdom will transition out of her leadership position in September, but will continue to be an integral part of the school's development through her focus on classroom teaching and the wider curriculum. Mrs Purdom has been a committed Team Leader for 13 years in school and has been a vital part of schools development. May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Purdom for all her hard work and commitment to the children of Lydgate Juniors.

Mrs Drury – we are delighted to say that after an internal recruitment process Mrs Drury was been appointed as the new Y4 Team Leader.

Ms Grimsley – we are delighted to say that we have appointed Ms Grimsley to teach one day a week in Y5 – Nuthatch with Mrs Holden.

Mrs Stonewood - We wish Mrs Stonewood a wonderful maternity leave and time spent with her family.

Miss Staykovska has been appointed the new teacher of Y4 Violet. Miss Staykovska has been working at Lydgate Junior School since January 2023 and has now completed her teacher training to become a qualified teacher.

Mrs Hopkins will be returning to school after the Summer holiday briefly before she commences her maternity leave in September.



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Miss Sweet who has been with us temporarily to support individual pupils in school, will be leaving us at the end of term. We wish her all the best in her future adventures.

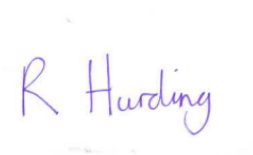
Miss Hawson who many of you will have spoken to and met in her administration role in the school office, will be leaving us on 2 September to train to become an accountant. We wish her all the best in this new chapter.

Teachers 2026/27

Year Group	Class	Teacher(s)
3	<i>Grasshopper</i>	Mrs Rougvie (Year Leader) & Mrs L Smith
	<i>Diving Beetle</i>	Mrs Coles & Mrs A Smith
	<i>Mayfly</i>	Mrs Phillips
	<i>Pond Skater</i>	Miss Ahmed
4	<i>Bluebell</i>	Mrs Drury (Year Leader)
	<i>Daisy</i>	Ms Hayden & Ms Ridsdale
	<i>Snowdrop</i>	Miss Lee
	<i>Violet</i>	Miss Staykovska
5	<i>Goldfinch</i>	Mrs Dutton (Year Leader)
	<i>Nuthatch</i>	Mrs Holden & Ms Grimsleyt
	<i>Robin</i>	Mrs Purdom
	<i>Wren</i>	Ms Reasbeck
6	<i>Cherry</i>	Mrs Shaw (Year Leader) & Miss Wall
	<i>Oak</i>	Mrs Watkinson & Mrs Jones
	<i>Holly</i>	Mr Bradshaw
	<i>Maple</i>	Mrs Wymer

Thank you for everyone's support and for helping your child with the changes ahead.

Kind regards



Mrs Rachel Hurding

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