



Ribbleton Avenue Infant School and Nursery

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Staffing for 2026-2027

Dear parents and carers,

Mrs Cove (Owls) and Mrs Shaw (Doves) have now both taken maternity leave. We wish both teachers all our best for their new arrivals! We welcome Mrs Gaskell (Owls) and Miss Rogers (Doves) to our team from September.

Mrs McGrath (Kingfishers) is taking her retirement and will leave at the end of this term. We have appointed a new teacher, Mr Bollington, to our team. Mrs Hartley (Owls teaching assistant) is also taking her retirement at the end of this term. Mrs Kalang has now joined our team as a result. Mrs McGrath has worked at our school since 2007, and Mrs Hartley since 2012. They have been dedicated and loyal to our school and our community for many years and we wish them both well as they embark on their new adventures! Mrs Deedat from our Welfare Team is also leaving our school at the end of this term. We wish her all the very best too and thank her for her commitment to supporting our lunchtimes over the years!

I would also like to mention some other staff that have been working here on long term supply who will be leaving: Miss Robinson, Mrs Martin, Mrs Gangat, Mrs Bashir and Mr Elahi. These staff have made a huge difference to the children in TreeTops and in Reception classes and we thank them for choosing to work here and make a difference to our children! Miss Ramshaw, who also works in TreeTops however, will be staying with us in September and joining our team!

On **Monday 6th July**, our children will be taking part in our **'Move Up' morning** where they will spend some time with their new teachers in their new classes. Our Year 2's will also be moving up across to the juniors to spend some time with their new teachers! I am sure all our children will have a great time!

Staffing for September is as follows:

- Mrs Bailey will continue to be our Co-Deputy Head Teacher – Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
- Mrs Gaskell will be Co-Deputy Head Teacher – Thursday/Friday (to cover Mrs Cove)
- Mrs Agnew will be our interim Key Stage 1 Lead (to cover Mrs Cove)
- Mrs Eastham will continue to be our SENCO
- Miss Yates will continue to be our Family Support Worker
- Mrs Patel will continue to be our Higher-Level Teaching Assistant





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Nursery	Robins - Reception	Sparrows - Reception	Nightingales - Rec/Y1
Miss Kitt with Mrs Qureshi & Mrs Jeal	Miss O'Hara with Mrs Mitha, Mrs Smith & Mr Becksantea	Mrs Schofield with Miss Ekins, Mrs Smith & Mr Becksantea	Mrs Nagy with Mrs Duncan
Doves - Y1	Wrens - Y1/2	Owls - Y2	Kingfishers - Y2
Mrs Finnigan (M/T/W) & Miss Rogers (T/F) with Mrs Seedat & Mrs Watkinson	Mr Bollington with Miss Slee & Mrs Watkinson	Mrs Gaskell (M/T/W) & Mrs Lingard (T/F) with Mrs McDermott	Mrs Agnew with Miss Harvey & Mrs Kalang
TreeTops Provision			
Miss Ebison with Miss Ramshaw & Miss Bankcroft (currently on maternity leave)			

In addition to staffing, I am pleased to share with you that from September, we will be offering our children the opportunity to leave and store their scooters on school site each day. From September, the shed on the front playground will be open from 8:45am - 9:05am to store scooters. It will be locked all day (children will NOT be able to play on them during the school day). The shed will be opened again at 3:05pm. Please be aware that **scooters are left at owner's risk!** Please can I also ask that children are prevented from scooting around the playground unsupervised. It is dangerous at a busy time of the day to allow your child to do this, and in the past, we have been made aware of some near misses where children have ridden into other children and parents. Please be aware of safety on school site so we can all get into school in one piece!

We look forward to welcoming all our new families and children joining us in September – I am sure we are set for another fantastic year at Ribbleton Avenue Infants!

warmest wishes,
Mrs Bishop
Head Teacher

