



MERIDIAN COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
AND NURSERY  
Learning for Life



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### Our new classes and teachers!

Dear Parents and Carers

As you will now be aware, the children have met their new teacher and visited their new classroom.

#### New classrooms

Recently I shared with you that there would possibly be a move around of year groups to different parts of the school. I can confirm that this is now happening. Here is where the year groups will now be within the school:

**Reception** – these classrooms are going to be where the current **Year 4** classes are. We have made the decision to have **Reception next to our Nursery** to support an Early Years Foundation Stage Unit. This will support smooth transitions for the children as well as support team working across Nursery and Reception. The new outdoor area will be at the side of the Nursery for Reception to access outdoor learning. Over the summer holidays, new fencing and gates will be installed to keep the children safe. We are also going to have this area re-developed in the autumn term, starting during October half-term holiday to install new ground surface and shelter. Exciting times!

**Year 1** – these classrooms are going to be where the current **Year 3** classes are. This will mean that our Early Years team and Key Stage 1 team are altogether.

**Year 3** – these classrooms are going to be where the current **Reception** classes are.

**Year 4** – these classrooms are going to be where the current **Year 1** classes are

**Years 2, 5 and 6** – no change

**Ocean Rooms** – over the summer holidays we will be installing **new fencing and gates to extend the outdoor area** for the children who attend our Ocean Rooms. This will now include the current Reception outdoor area which will be for Ocean Rooms children only. In addition to this, the

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current entrance gate at this side of the school, will be the drop off/pick up point for Ocean Room children only to support a calm start and end of the day.

### New drop off and pick areas

In September, there will be new drop off and pick up areas to support moving the classrooms around.

**Nursery** – we are having new gates installed in the summer holidays at the side of the Nursery along the pathway straight ahead from the main gates. This will be the new drop off and pick up entrance for Nursery children

**Reception** – at the front of the school near the school office where Nursery parents currently access the Nursery (down the steps or ramp)

**Year One** – drop off at the doors at the side of the school opposite the field and pick up on the large playground

**Year Two** – drop off at the doors at the back of the school opposite the large playground and pick up on the large playground

**Years 3 and 4** – drop off on the small playground and collect on the small playground

**Year 5** – drop off at the side single door opposite the field and pick up on the large playground

**Year 6** – drop off at the side single door opposite Ocean Rooms and pick up on the small playground

**\*\* Please note that the current gate that parents can access via the side of the school near the Annexe/Music Room will no longer be available for parents/children to use. This gate is going to form part of the Ocean Rooms and is for these children/parents only\*\***

Don't worry if you cannot remember all of this, there will be staff available at the start of term to support you with this!

### Teacher, Teaching Assistant and classroom information for September 2026

Year Group	Teachers	Teaching Assistants	Class Name
Nursery	Mrs. Pentland-Lee	Channon Smith Holly Marsom Melissa Manthorpe Rebecca Davies (Lisa Harris on maternity leave)	Blue Tang Clownfish
Reception	Mr. Bridgford	Teresa Edgeler Gemma Colby Sarah Ticehurst Becky Davies	Octopus
	Miss. Simpson		Starfish
Year One	Mrs. Mackay	Vivien Lorincz Vicky King Lusy Marano	Seahorse
	Mrs. West		Shrimp
Year Two	Miss. Dor	Aimee Elphick Niki Dunley	Turtle
	Miss. Timms		Seal
Year Three	Mrs. Sagar/Mrs. Orr	Jackie Williams	Shark
	Miss. Roache		Dolphin
Year Four	Ms. Kaur/Mrs. Passingham Smith	Diane Roe	Jellyfish
	Miss. Spencer		Squid

Year Five	Miss. Griffin	Emma Lye	Cormorant
	Mrs. Middleton		Kittiwake
Year Six	Mr. Berry	Nicky Staples	Pipet
	Mrs. McGrath/Miss. Hales		Puffin
Ocean Rooms	Miss. Miles	Gemma Fossey/Alfie Robbie Michelle Fleet Beth Thomas Jade Weston	Ocean Rooms

The following teachers will be/remain on maternity leave from September:

Mrs. Yates Malone  
Mrs. Smiles  
Miss. Caesar  
Mrs. Martin  
Mrs. Beeching  
Miss. Stringer  
Miss. Harris

### **Saying goodbye!**

We are saying goodbye to Mr. Clayton and Mrs. McLeod who are both retiring. I am sure you join me in wishing them both well in their retirement – how exciting! We will miss them both.

### **Transition Booklets**

We will be adding additional transition booklets and information on the website very soon. I will notify you when this information is available.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's current class teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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