



# Christ Church C.E. (VA) Junior School

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RE: September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of term, I just wanted to write to you to communicate plans for September with regards to classes. I have previously written to you with the class structure for the year, as follows:

| Class                                                                                                                                               | Year Group    | Teacher          | Support Staff                                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Willows                                                                                                                                             | EYFS/Year 1   | Miss K. Crawshaw | Mrs T. Fletcher<br>Mrs R. Hughes                                     |
| Junipers                                                                                                                                            | Year 1/Year 2 | Mrs L. Chapman   | Mrs N. Marshall<br>Mrs C. Pigott<br>Mrs J. Stimpson<br>Ms T. Cromack |
| Chestnuts                                                                                                                                           | Year 2/Year 3 | Miss R. Larkin   | Mrs J. Murphy<br>Ms S. Taylor                                        |
| Maples                                                                                                                                              | Year 4/Year 5 | Mr G. Dow        | Mrs M. Mudd<br>Ms S. Smith                                           |
| Sycamores                                                                                                                                           | Year 5/Year 6 | Miss E. Mor      | Miss B. Woodhead                                                     |
| Miss Firth will be teaching Year 4 mornings for English, Maths and Science<br>Mrs Stewart will be delivering teachers' PPA sessions in all classes. |               |                  |                                                                      |

You will notice that Miss Botterill is not on the list. This is because she will be absent for the majority of the year.

We have planned carefully so that children will experience as little change to the curriculum as possible. Children from Year 1 - Year 3 will access the year group curriculum for core subjects in the morning (Phonics/spelling, Literacy and Maths). In addition, Years 4,5 and 6 will also be taught in the same way, with Year 4 being taught by Miss Firth in the mornings. Year 5 and Year 6 will be taught by Mr Dow and Miss Mor respectively. So whilst there are officially only 5 classes, the children will be taught with their year group peers every morning, unless there is a significant SEND need which requires a bespoke approach to curriculum access.

In the afternoon, everyone will then return to their mixed age classes for teaching of the rest of the curriculum. The children will then all receive the same subject/topic content, challenged and stretched according to the age of the children. This will mean that no child will either miss any curriculum content, or duplicate learning from a previous topic. Class teachers will work closely together to ensure that the curriculum is delivered seamlessly for all classes.

In addition to our enriched curriculum, Mrs Piggott will continue to run our fabulous Forest School throughout the year, expanding the provision to 2 sessions per week. This will enable all year groups to receive Forest School sessions at some point during the year.



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We have finalised the class splits for all the children from September, ready for Transition Day on Friday. This has been done according to individual need, taking into consideration gender splits, class dynamics, maturity levels and friendship groups. We have also made sure no siblings are in the same class. The children will have various opportunities to be together with all their year group peers at other points during the day. The children have brought home a slip tonight informing you which class they will be in.

We are so excited to have everyone in one place in September and can't wait to start the exciting next step of the journey.

Thank you for your ongoing support,



Miss Embleton  
Headteacher



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