



St John's
CE Primary School

Isaiah 40:31 'They will soar on wings like eagles'

Head Teacher: Mrs T. Cansdale

Deputy Head: Mrs M. Milne

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we look ahead to the 2026–2027 academic year, I am pleased to share with you the class structure and staffing arrangements for St John's.

Our aim, as always, is to ensure that every child is supported, challenged and nurtured through high-quality teaching and well-planned provision. EYFS and KS1 classes (Nursery through to Y2) have teaching assistants - TAs - in class all day. KS2 classes (Y3-Y6) have TAs in class in the mornings. In the afternoons our TAs in KS2 are providing tailored support to children who have additional needs which can be academic, social and emotional or sensory. Many children benefit from these catch-up/keep-up groups and your child does not need to be on our Special Educational Needs register to work with a TA in this way.

We are pleased to welcome new teachers: Miss Kennett, Miss Clarke and Mr Daniels. They will be mentored by experienced staff members to help them settle into class. We are sure you will make them feel welcomed as our parent/carer community – we have told them what a great place St John's is to work!

Mrs Knight and Mrs Kennedy will be working across school teaching in classes whilst teachers have planning time. Mrs Milne will be teaching across Y4/5/6 in the mornings.

Class Structure 2026–2027

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant	Teacher's Planning time covered by:
Nursery	Miss Kennett	Miss Slater + an additional TA we are recruiting	Mrs Knight
Reception	Miss Hall*	Miss Leggett	Mrs Knight
Year 1	Mrs Wood	Mrs French	Mrs Knight
Year 2	Miss Weatherburn	Miss Sem	Mrs Knight
Year 3	Mrs Thompson	Mrs Kennedy (am)	Mrs Kennedy
Year 4	Miss Clarke	Miss Roe (am Tues-Fri)	Mrs Kennedy/Mrs Milne
Year 5	Mr Daniels	Miss Karim (am)	Mrs Kennedy/Mrs Milne
Year 6	Miss Cope (full time) Mrs Milne (English - am)	Mrs Chesters (am)	Mrs Milne

**Miss Hall is getting married in the summer and changing her name – but will still be teaching in YR – but with a new name! Congratulations Miss Hall.*

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Rainbow Room and Calm Quarters Provision

Mrs Campbell will continue to lead Calm Quarters where we offer social, emotional and well-being support to individuals and groups who need additional input in this area. This includes play therapy. Children are referred to Mrs Campbell by class teachers/teaching assistants.

We are delighted that alongside covering planning time in EYFS and KS1, Mrs Knight will be leading Rainbow Room, which will operate as a dedicated art-based resource space. Rainbow Room will provide a supportive, creative environment where children can experience success and build confidence through Art. It will also continue to be available at set times as a sensory space, to meet the needs of identified pupils.

Looking Ahead

We are confident that this structure will enable us to continue providing a rich, inclusive and well-supported learning environment for all children at St John's. As always, we are grateful for your partnership and trust. We have an Open Afternoon on Wednesday 8th July at 3.30pm when you can come into school and meet next year's staff and chat more. Children will have had their move up morning on Tuesday 7th July so will be able to show you their new classroom. Reception children have already begun a longer move-up programme and are already getting used to being in their Y1 classroom and getting to know Mrs Wood, so they will be experts by July!

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of next year's arrangements, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Tracey Cansdale
Headteacher