



10th July 2026

Re: School Organisation 2026-27

Dear Parent/Carers,

I am now in a position to share with you the new staffing arrangements for the new school year. As we look ahead to September, there are a number of staffing changes to make you aware of.

Firstly, Mr Walmsley, (Pipits Class teacher), will be leaving Barden at the end of the summer term. We would like to thank him for his hard work and the support he has provided to pupils during his time with us. He has made a positive contribution to our SEND provision, and we are grateful for the care he has shown to our children. We wish him every success for the future.

Miss Jackson (Jays 5 Class Teacher) will also be leaving us at the end of the year as she prepares to emigrate to Australia. Her dedication to sport, fitness and physical development has been a real strength within our school and we are extremely grateful for everything she has brought to Barden. We wish her all the very best as she begins this exciting new chapter.

We are pleased to share that we have four brand new teachers joining our team in September. Mrs Bradbury will be taking on the role of Key Stage 1 Lead (Years 1 & 2). In addition, Mrs Ahmed, Mrs Powers and Mrs Horner will be joining our SEND (The Nest) and Inclusion provision. We are delighted to welcome them to Barden and look forward to the experience, enthusiasm and care they will bring to our children and families.

We are also pleased to officially welcome Mrs Asif to our Year 6 team. Mrs Asif has been teaching with us on a supply basis for some time now, and we are delighted that she will be joining us as a permanent member of staff. She will be teaching in Year 6 for part of the week, and we know she will continue to bring her calm, consistent approach and strong relationships with pupils.

In addition, we are delighted to welcome Miss Sturgeon, who joins us in the new role of Pupil Counsellor. This is an important addition to our pastoral offer and will further strengthen the support available to pupils across the school. Having a dedicated counsellor will help children develop strategies for managing emotions, build resilience and feel confident seeking support when they need it. We are very pleased to be able to offer this enhanced provision for our pupils and families.

If you have any questions about the staffing arrangements or would like to discuss anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

C. Holgate

Mrs Holgate, Headteacher

Class	Teacher	Support staff	
Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)			
Owlets	Mrs Worthy EYFS Lead	Mrs Sultana Mrs Brock Mrs Johnson	
Eaglets	Mrs Asad		
Chicks	Mrs Rashid		
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2)			
1 Sparrows	Mrs Bradbury Key Stage 1 Lead	Miss Collins (HLTA) Mrs Khatun	
1 Robins	Miss Huntley	Mrs Greenwood	
Pipits	Mrs Ahmed	Mrs Green Mrs McGlynn	
2 Wagtails	Mrs Stansfield	Mrs Hamzic	Miss Wright (M, T, W)
2 Swallows	Mrs Fielden (M,T,W,Th) Mrs J Horner (F)	Miss Hayhurst	
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4)			
3 Doves	Miss Cregg	Mrs Kauser	
3 Skylarks	Miss Millington	Miss Lynch	
4 Woodpeckers	Mr Waris	Mrs Hart	
4 Blackbirds	Miss Barker Lower Key Stage 2 Lead	Mrs Ahmed	
Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6)			
5 Starlings	Miss Fallows	Mrs Shan Miss Begum	
5 Puffins	Mrs Sudders	Mrs Hodge	
5 Jays	Mr Cranston - M, T, Wed AM & Mr Holland (Assistant Head) Wed PM, Th, Fri	Mrs Akhtar	
6 Eagles	Mrs Arshad (Assistant Head) Upper Key Stage 2 Lead Teaching: M, T, Wed AM & & Mrs Asif- Wed PM, Th, Fri	Mrs Younis	Mrs Townend (Forest School)
6 Kestrels	Mrs Booth	Mrs Hameed	
THE NEST (SEND Unit)			

Mrs Brandwood (Assistant Headteacher & Inclusion Lead)		
Cygnets	Mrs H Horner	Mrs Ogden Mrs Wilkinson Miss Bulling Mrs Barnes Mrs Nolan Miss Coates (M, T, W)
Swans	Miss Nelson	
Herons	Mrs Powers	
Other Roles in School		
Mrs Taylor (PE Lead / Teacher)		
Mr Cranston (PPA Teacher) - Thursday, Friday		
Mrs Barlow (PPA Teacher) 3 days – M, T, W		
Mr Coombs (DHT)		
Mrs Hindle (SENCO)		
Mr Dowling (Senior Learning Mentor)		
Miss Sturgeon (Pupil Counsellor)		
Mr Collins (IT Lead)		
Mr Fairclough (School Business Manager)		
Mrs Rawcliffe (Attendance Lead & School Admin)		
Miss Hussain & Mrs Hussain (School Administrators)		