



5th July 2024

Staffing Arrangements for 2024-25

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am now in a position to be able to share our staffing arrangements and updates for September 2024. I have a number of updates for you below. Apologies that it is a lengthy letter (more like a book!) but I feel that it is important to keep you up to date 😊

Congratulations to Miss Bodill Miss Bodill is getting married in the summer holidays. We wish her lots of luck and happiness for this special time. When Miss Bodill returns, she will be called Mrs Sudders.

Goodbye to Miss Darcy Miss Darcy will be leaving Barden at the end of the school year. She has been an amazing Sports Lead for our school, and I am sure you will join me in wishing her lots of luck for her next adventure. In the time that Miss Darcy has been with us, she has helped to promote and embed PE and Sports at Barden and create a wonderful sporting community. She has introduced Opal Play, which has revolutionised our playtimes and she has established 'Elevate', our Active Schools working party. Many of your children will have benefited significantly from her hard work, dedication and commitment to ensuring that we all stay fit and active. Good luck Miss Darcy and thank you for all your hard work – you will be greatly missed by children, staff and parents alike 😊 We have undertaken a very thorough recruitment process, with some excellent candidates, to find Miss Darcy's replacement and we have appointed Mrs Taylor to take on this exciting role. You can read more about Mrs Taylor below.

Goodbye to Mrs Bate Mrs Bate will be leaving at the end of the summer term. Mrs Bate started her teaching career at Barden and has successfully completed her teacher training whilst with us. I would like to thank Mrs Bate for all her hard work at Barden and wish her lots of luck in her new post.

Congratulations to our new Key Stage Leads – Congratulations to Mr Holland and Mrs Hill who have been appointed as Key Stage Leads. Mr Holland will lead Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) and Mrs Hill will lead Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4). Mrs Arshad will continue to lead Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 & 6). They are your first point of contact after your class teacher if you would like to discuss any matters.

Welcome to our new teachers! We have two new teachers starting in September. Miss Fallows and Miss Jackson. **Our new Physical Activity Lead** will be Mrs Taylor. We have also appointed a new **school business support officer**, Miss Hussain. I know you will join me and everybody at

Barden in wishing all our new team members the warmest of welcomes. Please say hello to them if you see them around 😊

Miss Jackson (new Year 5 teacher)



Hi, my name is Miss Jackson, and I am very excited to start my journey at Barden in September. It was lovely meeting the staff and children during my interview day, and I can't wait to integrate myself into the Barden community. I currently teach at a large primary school in Accrington where I have just completed my teacher training years. I am passionate about making a difference to every child and ensuring every child's needs are met. I have a personal interest in reading and my classroom is always full of books and promotes a love for reading. Outside of school, I love learning new things. I have recently learnt to ski and have begun a monthly trip to a climbing wall. I also love walking with my beautiful Bedlington Terrier Maisey and spending time with my mum, brother, grandma and partner.

Miss Fallows (new Year 4 teacher)



Hello! I'm Miss Fallows and I'm thrilled to be a part of the Barden Primary School community as a primary teacher. With a passion for art, design technology, and outdoor learning, I strive to create a vibrant and engaging classroom environment where every pupil feels inspired and excited to

learn. For over a decade, I have been growing my own fruit and vegetables on my allotment. This hands-on experience has not only deepened my love for nature and sustainability but also allows me to bring unique, real-world insights into the classroom. I believe that learning extends far beyond the four walls of a classroom, and I provide my pupils with a holistic education that encompasses both academic and practical life skills. I look forward to a wonderful year filled with growth, exploration, and plenty of hands-on activities. Together, we'll create a nurturing and dynamic learning environment where every child can thrive.

Miss Hussain (School Business Support Officer)



Hi everyone, I am Miss Hussain, and I am the new school business support officer. However, you may have seen me around since January as I have been offering support to the office! I have recently graduated in Criminology and Criminal behaviour and found I enjoy working in a school environment, supporting staff, students and parents. Outside of work, I have a passion and love for baking and decorating cakes which takes up a lot of my free time! I look forward to meeting you all and working in Barden Primary School.

Mrs Taylor (new Physical Activity Lead)



Hello, my name is Mrs Taylor, and I am going to be joining your wonderful school in September as the new PE Lead. I am very excited to meet your children and join them on their active journey at Barden Primary School. I have 20 years of experience in teaching a variety of sports and fitness across many schools and in my current role I have been teaching the PE curriculum and school

sports for 5 years. I am excited to share this experience with the Barden team and become part of your school community.

Here are the staffing arrangements for next year

Class	Teacher	Support staff	
EYFS			
Owlets	Mrs Worthy EYFS Lead	Mrs Sultana	Mrs Hussain (am) Miss Begum (am)
Eaglets	Mrs Asad	Mrs Kauser	Ms McGlynn (pm)
Chicks	Mrs Hindle (am) Mr Cranston (pm)	Mrs Shan	
KS1			
1 Sparrows	Mr Holland Key Stage 1 Lead	Mrs Ahmed (HLTA) Miss Hart	
1 Robins	Mrs Stansfield	Miss Greenwood Mrs Hameed Mrs Sadiq	
2 Wagtails	Miss Rawstron	Mrs Hamzic Miss Hayhurst Mrs Wright (M/T/W)	
2 Swallows	Mrs Fielden Mrs Horner		
LKS2			
3 Doves	Miss Cregg	Miss Collins (HLTA) Mrs Akhtar Miss Lynch	
3 Lapwings	Mrs Hill Lower Key Stage 2 Lead		
3 Skylarks	Mrs Sudders (previously known as Miss Bodill)		
4 Kingfishers	Miss Fallows	Ms Younis (0.5) Mrs Hodge	
4 Woodpeckers	Miss Lingard		
UKS2			
5 Puffins	Miss Barker	Mrs Townend (also Forest School Lead) Mrs Driver	
5 Jays	Miss Jackson		
6 Eagles	Mrs Arshad Upper Key Stage 2 Lead Mr Coombs Pupil Support Lead	Mrs Khatun Miss Nadeem (HLTA)	
6 Kestrels	Mrs Booth		

Extra Year 6 teaching Group	Mrs Asif - Year 6 are split into three groups for mornings only	
THE NEST (our SEND Unit at Barden)		
Cygnets	Miss Nelson	Mrs Wilkinson Mrs Ogden Mrs Bullen Mrs Ali Miss Coates Mrs Johnson
Swans	Mrs Thomas	
Other teachers		
Mr Cranston Miss Barlow		

Transition Day – Transition Day will be held on FRIDAY 12th JULY. On this day, children will ‘move up’ to spend the day in their new class. We will be telling the children which class they will be in on Friday (5th July). On Friday 12th July, please bring your children to their usual classroom in the morning as they will register in their usual class. At the end of the day, please pick your child up from their usual class as they will return to this class before the end of the school day.

If you have any questions about the staffing arrangements for next year, please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, you can always catch me on the yard before school each day.

Last day of term School will finish at 3.05pm as usual on the last day of each term from now on. I appreciate we have previously finished at lunchtime, but I feel that it is important to maximise all learning sessions for the children in school.

Thank you for your continued support as always.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Holgate

Headteacher, Barden Primary School