

Winhills Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of another successful school year, I would like to update you on our class structure for September 2025 and share some important staffing news. The children have met their new teachers today.

Staffing Updates

We are sadly saying goodbye to several valued members of our Winhills team at the end of this academic year.

- Mrs Dickinson will be leaving Winhills to take up a new position in a local school. She joined us in January 2016 as a trainee teacher within the Trust and has been an integral part of school life ever since. From supporting learning in the classroom to taking part in the Grafham Water residential and even showing off her moves at PTA discos—Mrs Dickinson's dedication and energy have made a lasting impression. She will be missed by pupils, staff and families alike, and we wish her the very best in her next chapter.
- Ms Booler will also be moving on at the end of this academic year to take up a teaching post in a specialist SEN school—an area she is deeply passionate about. Since joining us in September 2018, Ms Booler has been a much-loved teacher who has championed high expectations and a belief that every child can succeed. We are incredibly proud of her and wish her every success in her new role.
- Mrs Passan, our Trust supply teacher who has been working with us two days a week, will no longer be at Winhills from September. However, she will remain teaching within the Trust. Her super organisational skills, positive presence, and bright smile have been a real asset to our team, and she will be greatly missed by staff and children alike. We wish her all the very best in her next steps.

We also say farewell to two long-standing and deeply cherished members of our team who are retiring this summer.

- Miss Smith is retiring after an incredible 34 years at Winhills, having started in January 1991. Her passion for teaching, especially English, has inspired generations of children and colleagues. Miss Smith has a unique talent for bringing learning to life and has been a constant source of support to staff. I personally feel privileged to have worked alongside such a dedicated and gifted educator. We all wish Miss Smith a very happy and fulfilling retirement—filled with long walks in the North of England!

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- Mrs Woodward, who has been a Teaching Assistant at Winhills since January 2003, is also leaving this summer. For over 21 years, she has been a constant and reliable presence in our school, supporting countless children with care, patience and dedication. Whether helping children build their confidence in class or offering a listening ear to colleagues, Mrs Woodward's positive attitude and professionalism have left a lasting legacy. She will be missed immensely, but we fully support her decision to enjoy a well-deserved retirement—and plenty of term-time holidays! Thank you, Mrs Woodward, for everything you have given to Winhills.

Class Structure for September 2025

We are excited to share our new class organisation for next year. Please note, this may be subject to some adjustments depending on staffing returns from maternity leave:

- **Nursery Team:** Mrs Barnes, Mrs Bray, Mrs Grantham, Mrs Aujila and Mrs Rawlinson
- **Reception - Einstein Class:** Mrs Knott, Mrs McManus, Mrs Youlden and Miss Cox
- **Year 1 - Coleman Class:** Mrs Willison and Mrs Knox
- **Year 2 - Rashford Class:** Mrs Worth and Mrs Goodey
An additional Teaching Assistant in KS1 will be Mrs Carter
- **Year 3 - Nightingale Class:** Mrs Chalkley (Mr Nelson when Mrs Smith returns from MAT leave) and Mrs Stokes
- **Year 4 - Attenborough Class:** Mrs Burns and Mrs Lee
- **Year 5 - Armstrong Class:** Mr Nelson (Mrs Smith when she returns from MAT leave), Mrs Myers and Mrs Bailey
- **Year 6 - Jordan Class:** Mrs Luzzeri and Mrs Brockborne
Additional Teaching Assistants in KS2 will be Mrs Joss and Ms Kaye

This structure ensures continuity and provides a strong foundation for all our learners moving forward. Over the coming weeks, the children will begin transition sessions with their new class teachers. These sessions will take place weekly, helping to ensure a smooth and positive start to the new academic year.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Luzzeri as our new Year 6 teacher at Winhills. She is an experienced Year 6 practitioner, joining us from a school in Stevenage, and brings with her a strong track record of supporting pupils through their final year of primary education. We look forward to the energy, knowledge, and commitment she will bring to our team. In addition, we welcome Mrs Peckham, who has been appointed as the new Executive Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Peckham will work closely with Mrs Besant, Mrs Worth, and Mr Nelson to continue driving forward school improvement and ensuring the very best outcomes for all our children.

As many of you know, I will also be leaving Winhills at the end of this academic year. It has been an absolute privilege to lead such a warm, vibrant, and caring school community. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our wonderful children, supportive families, and dedicated staff. Winhills will always hold a very special place in my heart. The handover process to Mrs Besant, your new Executive Headteacher, is already well underway. We are working closely together to ensure a smooth and seamless transition, so the school continues to go from strength to strength. Thank you all for your kindness and support during my time here.

Kind regards



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On behalf of Winhills Primary Academy (Part of the DLPT)