



# BANWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

## **CLASS AND STAFFING UPDATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2025**

I am writing to provide all families with key updates about staffing and class structures for the 2025-26 academic year.

### **Staffing Changes**

As you are already aware, I will be leaving my post as Headteacher of Banwell at the end of this year. Mrs Kate Evans will be taking up the position of Head of School at Banwell with Mrs Roxanne Simpson being the Executive Headteacher across Banwell and Locking Primary Schools. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Evans and Mrs Simpson well in taking the leadership of Banwell School forward.

The following members of staff will also be leaving at the end of the school year: Mr Andrew Venn, Mrs Lin Dale, Miss Amie Trego and Miss Lily Bartlett. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of these people for their hard work, dedication and commitment to Banwell during the time they have worked here. I know that they will all be missed by the children and staff here.

I am pleased to inform you that Miss Rosy Wyatt and Miss Rebecca Shield have been appointed as new teachers to join the Banwell team in September. Rosy will become the Y3/4 teacher and Rebecca will teach the Y4/5 class.

We will be having a move up morning on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June where the children will spend time with their classes and teachers for September. Miss Wyatt and Miss Shield will be joining us for the whole day and we will also ensure that a thorough handover is carried out between current and new teachers across the school.

Mrs Amy Jones will be taking on the role of SENDCo at Banwell in the new academic year. She is an experienced SENDCo and currently carries out this role at Locking school. She will also have a handover with our SENDCo, Claire. I would like to thank Mrs Claire Hardwidge for covering the SENDCo role here during the summer terms.

## Classes September 2025

We will be continuing with the current class structure in September 2025.

As a school we now have lots of experience in planning for and managing mixed year classes. We are seeing many positives from working in this way and it also provides an opportunity to mix groups of children up. This often means new friendships are established which ultimately leads to wider circles of friends. As we are a small school our teachers already plan closely together but having mixed age classes only strengthens this collaborative work.

The class structure and staffing for next year will be as follows:

Class	Teacher	Class Name	Classroom
Mixed Reception & Year 1	Mrs Bevan	Sunflower	Current YR / Y1 classroom
Mixed Year 1 & Year 2	Miss Dockerty	Buttercup	Current Y1 / Y2 classroom
Mixed Year 3 & Year 4	Miss Wyatt	Bluebell	Current Y3 / Y4 classroom
Mixed Year 4 & Year 5	Miss Shield	Tulip	Current IT Suite
Year 6	Mr Farmer	Foxglove	Current Y6 classroom

We have named the classes after flowers / plants that grow in our school this year. Having class names helps the children to identify as a group rather than just a year group number.

Where year groups are split - September 2025 Y1 (current YR) and Y4 cohort (current Y3), parents will receive a separate email informing them which class their child will be in. Teachers looked at the best way to split their classes using a range of factors including friendship groups, social and emotional development, academic capability, date of birth...etc.

The reception, Year 1 & Year 2 children will continue to do a lot of learning together, just as they have done successfully for the last few years. This will include all children having access, at times, to the play based provision.

As always, if you have any questions please get in touch.

Best wishes,



Claire Pocock  
Headteacher