



Silsden Primary School

26th June 2026

Dear Parents and carers,

Tuesday 30th is our school transition day, a very exciting day for all the children and teachers at school. This is when the children will be meeting their new teachers, visiting their new classrooms and finding out about some of the things they will be learning next year.

Today the children will have been told who their teachers will be next year. We have done this before the transition day to help some of our children who struggle with changes to become informed beforehand, hopefully making the transition day more enjoyable and successful for them.

In the morning children will come into school and register in their current classes as normal. They will then move to their new classrooms with their new teachers before returning to their current classrooms for the end of the day. The end of the day routine for collection will be unchanged.

There are two new teachers joining our staff in September, and I am pleased that they have all been able to make arrangements to be here for our transition day, meaning that no classes are missing out on meeting their new teachers. Parents should note that we will not be making changes to any of the class groupings for September.

The class teaching structure in September will be;

Nursery	Miss H Keenan		
Reception	Miss A Roberts	Mrs C Kenyon	Mrs A Travers
Year 1	Miss N Bonham	Miss V Law	Miss H Nicholson
<i>Will Teach</i>	<i>YR Jenner</i>	<i>YR Nightingale</i>	<i>YR Seacole</i>
Year 2	Miss G Kirkby	Mrs H Watson	Miss A Nixon
<i>Will Teach</i>	<i>Y1 Stephenson</i>	<i>Y1 Brunel</i>	<i>Y1 Whittle</i>
Year 3	Mrs B Carter	Miss J Hudson	Miss H Turner
<i>Will Teach</i>	<i>Y2 Baird</i>	<i>Y2 Berners Lee</i>	<i>Y2 Bell</i>
Year 4	Mr L Thompson	Miss F Dixon	Mrs R Hazlehurst
<i>Will Teach</i>	<i>Y3 Elgar</i>	<i>Y3 Holst</i>	<i>Y3 Lloyd Webber</i>
Year 5	Mr J Coates	Miss B Moore	Mr S Daykin
<i>Will Teach</i>	<i>Y4 Hawking</i>	<i>Y4 Turing</i>	<i>Y4 Anning</i>
Year 6	Miss G Reynoldson	Miss Knight	Mr B Bolland
<i>Will Teach</i>	<i>Y5 Pankhurst</i>	<i>Y5 Churchill</i>	<i>Y5 Wilberforce</i>

In September Mrs Carling, Mrs Walker and Mrs Clifford will be working across the school from Year 1 to Year 6 to provide PPA cover for our teaching staff. They will be teaching Music, R.E. and Scientific Skills. Mrs Eames will be providing PPA cover in our Nursery and Reception classes.

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is in school for this important day. If you feel that your child is feeling worried about this, reassure them and emphasise the positive and exciting day that they will have at school with their friends finding out lots of new things.

You will have noticed that there are some staff missing from the list next year.

Miss Gregson will be leaving us this July. She has been successfully appointed to an Assistant Headteacher role at a school near Southampton!!! This is a fantastic achievement and I know you will all want to congratulate her on this appointment. She has worked at Silsden for the last five years in Year 1, and has also been one of our school SENDCos for the last two years. She has been a fantastic teacher and SENDCo and her dedication and hard work for our school will be greatly missed. Along with Mrs O'Hara, she has made a real difference and improvement to the provision in school for our SEND pupils.

Mrs Holmes will be leaving us to give birth to her second child over the summer and will then be taking her maternity leave. We wish her well, and hope that the new arrival is well behaved and sleeps lots!

To cover these two positions, we have appointed two new teachers to school. Miss Moore and Miss Reynoldson. I was very impressed with both of them during their interviews and I am very excited about the energy and ideas they will be bringing into our school. I know that they will be a huge success, and I hope that you will all make them feel welcome.

Finally, parents should note that the decisions made round staffing and classes through the school from Nursery to Year 6 are done so taking many different factors into account. These decisions are made in the best interest of the different groups of children and individual needs.

The staffing structure and pupil groups are my responsibility. They are not influenced by parent choice at any time. Requests for changes of classes and teachers are never accommodated. Please do not approach teaching staff and question them on the rationale behind any staffing or class grouping. I am aware that this has happened on a number of occasions this week in EYFS which has caused upset to members of teaching staff. Many hours of time and effort goes in to arranging class grouping and the rational and reasons behind the final decision do not have to explained to parents.

Please only send positive vibes to your children about transition to their new year groups and their teachers next year. What you say and how it is said makes a real difference to their confidence and excitement about the new school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

K.S.Russell
Headteacher