

# Spire Junior School

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Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we move further into the summer term and closer to our transition days, we would like to share the following information with you regarding key dates and staffing for next year.

## Staffing:

At the end of this academic year, we shall be saying goodbye and good luck to Miss Kay Jackson. Miss Jackson joined us in 2022 and has become a valued member of the Spire team over recent years. Miss Jackson is looking forward to following her favourite football team closely over the next year (it is Sheffield United, isn't it, Miss Jackson?!) and enjoying her adventures all over Europe. Miss Jackson has taught across a range of year groups during her time here, and I know she is fondly thought of and will be dearly missed. We are grateful for all she has done to help and support our children and families.

At the same time, we are delighted to announce that Miss Bernie Tynan, who has been working here on supply since May, will also be joining the Spire Team officially from September 2025. We have been so grateful for her hard work and support so far and look forward to working with her going forward.

We have also welcomed Miss Nicole Croser to our Teaching Assistant team this term. Miss Croser will be working across school to support teaching and learning. We are delighted to have been able to welcome her to the team.

## Classes:

Our **Year 3/4 class teachers** for September 2025 will be:

- Mrs Watkinson and Miss Sharman (3/4WS)
- Miss Sedgwick (3/4CS)
- Miss Oldfield (3/4SO)

As you may have seen or read in the news, there is a current national trend of low birth-rate years and our cohorts reflect this. Therefore, due to fewer children entering in Year 3 compared to the number of children leaving in Year 6, we will be having three, mixed Year 5 and 6 classes. This has been an expected change as we have tracked the smaller year



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groups over the last four years. We are excited to let you know that our **Year 5/6 team will be made up of:**

- Miss Carter and Mr Burbidge (Y5/6CB)
- Miss Thompson (Y5/6AT)
- Miss Horton (Y5/6CH)

As having mixed-age classes in Years 5 and 6 will be new for our school, we appreciate there may be some questions around these changes. Therefore, Mrs Vernon and Mr Burbidge will be available from 2:30 p.m. – 3:00p.m. on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in the School Hall to answer any questions about what this means for your Year 5 and 6 children.

## Transition:

This week, our SENCo, will be meeting with the SENCo at Spire Nursery and Infants School to handover information for upcoming Year 3 children. The teaching staff for Year 3 / 4 classes next year will also be attending Spire Infants for a meeting with Year 2 staff regarding transition.

Until we have met with Spire Infants staff, we do not yet know which class teacher your child will be with next year. **Therefore, information about individual classes will be sent out the week commencing Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.**

Our transition days in school for **our current Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5** children will be on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025.**

Year 6 children moving to Parkside will have their transition days on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

Year 2 children joining our school in September will be here for transition days on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

We look forward to working with you in the upcoming academic year.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Vernon

