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Thursday 26th June 2025

Dear Families,

We are pleased to be able to write to you with information on teaching staff deployment for the coming academic year (September 2025-July 2026).

We are delighted to be welcoming Mr Wilcox back to Fir Tree in September. As some of you may know, Mr Wilcox has spent almost a year travelling as part of a sabbatical. Alongside his role of Assistant Headteacher, he will be teaching Cherry class (Year 6).

While we will be welcoming Mr Wilcox back to Fir Tree, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Jordan who, after joining the team in 2022, will be leaving to travel around South America. Her enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to our school will be greatly missed. It goes without saying we wish her well for whatever the future holds.

Mrs Durman joined our team, initially on a temporary basis, in January of this year. I am pleased to say she will be joining us permanently from September 2025. She will be teaching Maple during the academic year 2025/6.

In other staffing news, I am very pleased to say that Mrs Somarakis will be taking on the role of Apprentice Teacher from September. Mrs Somarakis will be known to many of you as one of our Teaching Assistants, and currently works in Year 5. During her time at Fir Tree she has developed knowledge, skills and experiences which mean she is very well placed to embark on a successful teaching career. She will be well supported by Miss Hutchings in Ash class next year. Under the guidance of Miss Hutchings Mrs Somarakis will, as the year progresses, slowly and gradually take on more responsibility for delivering teaching in Ash class. She will have considerable opportunities to tap into the expertise of experienced colleagues in other classes, too.

In the spring term this year, Miss Hutchings (Lower Key Stage 2, Y3/4) and Miss Lloyd (Upper Key Stage 2, Y5/6) took on Phase Leadership roles. They will continue in these roles as we move towards the transition from Junior to Primary. Further information around what their roles will look like day-to-day will be shared with you in September.

Mrs Coleman, who has been working part-time in Y5 this year will be moving on at the end of the current academic year. She has found a new role closer to where she lives. We thank her for her efforts and wish her well for the future.

Year 3 from September 2025

Cedar Class

- Mrs Giles (Monday – Thursday)
- Mrs Downs (Friday)

Willow Class

- Mrs Fairbairn (Monday)
- Miss Raheem (Tuesday – Friday)

We are committed to delivering education of the highest quality that supports and challenges all pupils to learn and progress in a secure and happy environment.
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Year 4 in September 2025

Pupils currently in **Cedar** class will move to **Maple**

Pupils currently in **Willow** class will move to **Ash**

Maple

-Mrs Durman

Ash

-Miss Hutchings and Mrs Somarakis

Year 5 in September 2025

A separate email explaining the configuration of these classes has been sent to current Year 4 parents

Chestnut

-Mrs Ash (Monday -Wednesday)

-Mrs Tremlett (Thursday – Friday)

Sycamore

-Miss Lloyd

Year 6 in September 2025

Pupils currently in **Sycamore** class will move to **Silver Birch**

Pupils currently in **Chestnut** class will move to **Cherry**

Silver Birch

-Mrs Downs (Monday/Tuesday/alternate Wednesdays)

-Mrs Jackson (Alternate Wednesdays/Thursday/Friday)

Cherry

-Mr Wilcox

We are all very much looking forward to Thursday 3rd July, when children will get to spend the day with their new teacher(s) in their new classroom. We will be striving to set up other less formal opportunities for children to get to know the adults they will be working with next year. We look forward to working in partnership with you to make sure that 2025/26 is a great success.

With warm regards,

Mr Knight and the school team