



Draycott & Rodney Stoke

C of E First School

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Tuesday 9th June 2026

Dear Families,

As we begin planning for the next academic year, I am pleased to share our staffing structure for September.

Class:	Lead Practitioner(s):
Willow (Pre-School & Reception)	Mr Edwards (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs) Mrs Cullen (Fri)
Chestnut (Year 1 & 2)	Mrs Brabbins (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs) Mrs Lukins (Fri)
Oak (Year 3 & 4)	Mrs Cottee (Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs, Fri)

Our priority is always to ensure that every child receives the highest quality education and support, while also making the best use of the expertise and leadership within our school and the wider Wessex Learning Trust.

One of the key changes for September is that Mrs Gray will be moving to Shipham First School. As the EYFS Lead for the Wessex Learning Trust, Mrs Gray brings a wealth of experience and expertise in Early Years education. To make the very best use of this expertise, we have taken the decision to move Mrs Gray to Shipham, where she will play a key role in strengthening the team at our partner school.

We would like to reassure families that Mrs Gray will remain in close contact with the team at Draycott & Rodney Stoke. As the Trust's EYFS Lead, she will continue to work across all Wessex Learning Trust schools, supporting staff, sharing best practice and helping to drive continued improvement in Early Years education.

We are also pleased to confirm that Willow Class will continue to be led by Mr Edwards for four days each week. Mr Edwards remains committed to providing the high-quality teaching, care and support that children and families value so highly.

On Fridays, Willow Class will be led by Mrs Cullen. Mrs Cullen has many years of experience at Draycott & Rodney Stoke, particularly within Early Years, and is a fully qualified Higher-Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA). She brings a wealth of knowledge, experience and enthusiasm to the role, and we are delighted that she will be working with our youngest children each week.

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We understand that any staffing changes can raise questions for families. However, I would like to reassure you that these decisions have been carefully considered. We are confident that the children will continue to thrive, supported by familiar faces, strong relationships and experienced practitioners who know them well.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited about the year ahead and the opportunities these changes will bring for our children.

Kind regards,

Sarah Netto
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