



St. Peter's Anglican/Methodist VC
Primary School

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"All things are possible." Mark 9:23

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you of the classes across the school for the next academic year, as agreed by the governing body. The structure has been led by many factors, these include the school budget, the numbers of pupils on roll in each year group, ability to maintain the capacity for new pupils to join our school, and the need to continually develop the quality of teaching across the school.

In September we will continue to have 5 classes in the school (not including Nursery class). There will continue to be 2 classes across EYFS/Reception and KS1. This will mean there will be a pure Reception class and a pure Year 1 class.

There will be 3 mixed aged classes from Year 2 to Year 6. This will see a mixed Year 2 and 3 class (the majority of these children are in the mixed Year 1/2 class this academic year) a mixed year 3 and 4 class and a mixed year 5 and 6 class. The classes will be of normal size in a primary classroom with between 26 and 30 children in each class. The mixed aged classes in year 2 and 3 and year 3 and 4 will be allocated based on the chronological age of the children for fairness. This methodology is applied to all our mixed aged classes as per our Admissions policy (which can be found on the school website). You will be informed in due course which class your child will be placed into.

Within the new mixed classes, the children will continue to be taught the learning objectives which have been specified for the core subjects in English and Mathematics in their year group. The other subjects within the curriculum are already based on a key phase. Therefore, the wider curriculum teaching will not change or be affected. We will also be flexible with the groupings of pupils to ensure they receive the teaching they need and deserve to enable them to meet the national age-related expectations.

We believe we can continue to improve the quality of teaching with mixed-year classes ensuring all children are working at their age-related expectations. The classes will have the benefit of working with experienced teachers, the children will be supported by an experienced team of teaching assistants. With this strong team in place, it will be possible to adapt learning to meet the children's particular needs.

The two biggest factors that influence a child's educational success are, firstly, the amount of support, involvement and aspirations of a child's parents, followed by the quality of the teaching they receive each school day. We are confident that, with our new structure in place, all children at St Peter's Primary will receive the best teaching possible every day. Over the rest of this term, the children in current classes will have opportunities to start to build those friendships with children in the other class they will be mixed with whilst working collaboratively to complete tasks.

We will of course prepare the children for the changes that will come in September. For all pupils there will be time and opportunities for them to meet their new teachers and settle into the classrooms they will be in. If we feel that children will be more anxious then, we have greater transition programme with information sent home to support over the summer holidays. All children

will move into their new classrooms with their teachers on Wednesday 8 July. We will hold the Meet the Teacher sessions for parents in early September.

As usual, we are more than happy to discuss any queries you may have regarding the class structure for next academic year. We want to work together to ensure every year is the best it can be for your children.

There will be teaching staff changes, in September, as we will be saying goodbye to Mr Paul Truan, who is relocating to south Somerset after being at St Peter's for a long time. We will also be saying farewell to Miss Weronika Bagienska who is leaving teaching to open her own coffee shop in Bristol. We wish them both the very best for the future.

This will be the class structure and staffing for the next academic year.

Class	Class teacher (s)	Teaching assistants
Reception	New class teacher	Miss Catherine Daly
Year 1	Miss Harriet Houlford and then Mrs Megan Bell after returning from maternity leave	Mrs Emma Tucker Mrs Katie Cole
Year 2 and Year 3	Mrs Liz Cannock	Mrs Mandy Cole Ms Clare Wright
Year 3 and Year 4	New class teacher	Miss Abi Welsh
Year 5 and 6	Mr Nic Baykaa-Murray and Miss Sarah McKenzie	Mrs Wendy Lewis

We will be conducting interviews over the next two weeks for the teaching vacancies. Once these have been completed, I will inform you of the updated staffing list along with letters as to which class your child will be in.

Best wishes



Mr Paul D Smith
Executive Head Teacher