

# Welcome to Upper Key Stage 2

## Meet the team



**Mrs Kounnas**

I am Assistant Head and I lead Key Stage 2. My favourite things to do are watch Norwich City play football and cooking up special treats for my family.



**Miss Bircham**

I am the Year 6 Teacher and can't wait for all the fun and exciting things we have planned for Year 6. Outside of school I love exploring new places with my daughter, visiting the beach and reading.



**Mr Taylor**

I am the Year 5 teacher and heading into my 4th year here at Westwood! Outside of school i enjoy cooking, going to the gym and watching football.



**Mrs Grey**

You will find me teaching year 6 on a Monday. I am responsible for inclusion, safeguarding and SEND across Westwood and Grove. I spend my free time with my three children (mostly at their clubs and visiting theme parks) and looking after a variety of pets!



**Mrs Longthorne**

This is my second year as the Teaching Assistant in Year 5. During the summer, I enjoy spending time in my caravan but don't tend to go too far. I have two grown up children who both attended Westwood and a crazy cockapoo called Duffv.



**Mrs Egan**

I have been a Teaching Assistant for 19 years and work in Year 6. I enjoy making our school a happy and safe place. I enjoy watching motorbike racing and spending time with my family, in particular my grandson who I adore. I am looking forward to the year ahead!



**Mrs Goodyear**

I have been a Teaching Assistant at Westwood for a (very) long time and I work in Year 6! It really makes my heart swell when a child realises that they can solve a problem/ complete a challenge. I love to read, go to new places and have adventures with my grandson.



### What we are learning

During this half term we will be learning all about our local environment in our topic 'How can we make a difference to our world?'

We will be learning:

- **as Geographers**, we will be looking at ways in which we can help protect the planet, by looking at where our energy comes from.
- **as Writers**, we are going to be creating our own mystery short story based on 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick'.
- **as Scientists**, we will look at properties of materials, particularly dissolving in solutions.
- **as Mathematicians**, we will explore the place value of number
- **as Artists**, use mark-making techniques to create their own work using Hundertwasser as inspiration
- **as Religious experts**, we will look at the reasons why people choose to/not to believe in a God.
- **as Athletes**, we will be creating our own dances



### Welcome sessions

Join our Upper Key Stage 2 team on Tuesday 13th September for our welcome session and a chance to meet the teachers. We are holding 2 sessions, one at 3.30pm and one at 5.30pm.

### Homework

- Children will get a Homework Menu to choose an activity linked to our curriculum - please choose one each week. We will be having half-termly galleries of what the children have completed!
- Please practice Times Tables with your children- they have TTRS logins in their reading record book.
- Children will be asked to read daily (10 minutes each night). Please make sure that children bring their books in every day.
- Spellings will be available to practice on Spelling Shed with lots of games. Logins for these will be in their reading record book.

### PE days

The children will be taking part in one Woodland and one indoor PE session this half term. Please ensure kits are in school so that your child can fully participate.

A reminder that PE kits should contain: a red t shirt, black shorts, black/grey jogging bottoms, plimsolls and/or trainers. For Woodlands sessions particularly during the winter, children need to bring a spare pair of clothes, welly boots and/or wet weather gear.

**Please name all items of clothing to avoid any mix ups and items going missing.** Any earrings will need to be removed on these days or covered with tape. Please also ensure hair is tied back.



### Routines

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with their water bottle, reading book and reading record book. **Please ensure all items including all uniform are clearly named.**

Each week, children will visit the library and bring home a book of their choice. Please make sure this is in their book bags on their library days to be changes. (See reading record book for a class timetable)



### Contact information

If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Your first point of call is to contact your child's class teacher either on drop off or pick up at the beginning or end of the school day or alternatively email them on the contact details below.

**Mr Taylor**- Year 5 [jtaylor@westwoodprimary.org](mailto:jtaylor@westwoodprimary.org)

**Miss Bircham** - Year 6 [abircham@westwoodprimary.org](mailto:abircham@westwoodprimary.org)



If you require any further support please contact **Mrs Kounnas** who will be happy to assist you with any queries you have on the email address below.

**Mrs Kounnas** - Assistant Head, Key Stage 2 Lead [r.kounnas@groveprimaryschool.org](mailto:r.kounnas@groveprimaryschool.org)

We look forward to working alongside you to support your child's education this year.