

## Meet the team



**Mrs Gillings**

I am Assistant Head and Nursery Teacher. I lead the Early Years Foundation Stage. I enjoy Dancing and cooking. I love glitter and shoes. I am always enjoying chocolatey treats!



**Mrs Andrews**

I am the Nursery Teacher. I love family days out with my Husband and 18 month old daughter and holidays in the sunshine!  
At school I like messy play and getting creative with loose parts.



**Mrs Eccleston**

I am an EYFS practitioner based in Nursery. I love reading, especially in the sunshine in the garden. I enjoy getting messy, making delicious mud pies, digging for worms and getting caught in the rain.



**Miss Goldspink**

I am a Teaching Assistant who works in Nursery, and Year 3 in the afternoons. My favourite things are baking and spending time with my family. I also love animals, especially Rabbits!



**Miss Lynes**

I am the Reception class teacher. I love everything Disney and spending time with my friends and family. I enjoy cooking, swimming and reading. When at school I like to get messy and be creative.



**Miss Dennant**

I am a Teaching Assistant in Reception and love exploring in the garden and the woods. I also enjoy spending time in the creative area, helping you to make new things. In my spare time I love going to the theatre and spending time with my family.



### What we are learning

During this half term we will be learning all about about ourselves and others in our 'Marvellous Me' topic.

We will be learning,

- **as Geographers**, to talk about our local area which we live in.
- **as Writers**, to write our names and practise our graphemes in Phonics.
- **as Scientists**, to explore our bodies, and the similarities and differences between ourselves and others.
- **as Mathematicians**, to explore numbers in a variety of different ways.
- **as Artists**, to draw self portraits.
- **as Religious experts**, exploring different cultures and families.
- **as Athletes**, to develop our gross motor skills and listening skills to play group
- games.



### Welcome sessions

Join our Key Stage team on w/c 3rd October Nursery and w/c 10th October Reception for our in class parent share session.

We are holding daily sessions throughout each week and invites will be sent out via parent mail.



Each week we look forward to a 'mystery reader'.

If you, or any other members of your family would like to be a mystery reader please sign up by emailing your child's class teacher or on the sign up sheet outside classes. Your child will be SO excited that you participated, but remember to keep it "top secret" until your big day arrives!

More information to follow on Welcome sessions.



EYFS homework is provided through a homework menu. Children will be required to pick one task a week to complete as part of their weekly homework, alongside their daily reading. More information to follow on this at Welcome sessions.

### PE days

**Reception** children will be taking part in one indoor PE session per week this half term. Children do not require a P.E kit at this point in the school year. After half term children will have one woodland and one indoor PE session per week.

**A reminder that PE kits should contain: a white t shirt, black shorts, black/grey jogging bottoms, plimsolls and/or trainers.** For woodlands sessions particularly during the winter, both **Nursery** and

**Reception** 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 in a book bag each day.

**Please ensure all items including all uniform are clearly named.**

Children's reading books will be changed in line with where they are on the reading scheme, please check children's reading records to see more information on this.

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 changed.

### 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.

**Mrs Gillings** - Key stage lead/Nursery

**Mrs Andrews** - Nursery Teacher [kandrews@westwoodprimary.org](mailto:kandrews@westwoodprimary.org)

**Miss Lynes**- Reception Teacher [hlynes@westwoodprimary.org](mailto:hlynes@westwoodprimary.org)

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

Mrs Gillings- Assistant head, EYFS lead [dgillings@westwoodprimary.org](mailto:dgillings@westwoodprimary.org)

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

