



WESTWOOD NEWS

Summer Term (2) 2023



Dear Families,

Here we are, at the end of another fantastic year with so many things to look back on and celebrate. The children have enjoyed excellent outcomes in all formal assessments: EYFS GLD, phonics screenings, multiplication checks and end of key stage SATs tests. We are so proud of all they have achieved but, more importantly, we are incredibly proud of all the personal achievements every child has had this year both in school and out in the community.

Throughout the year, we have enjoyed welcoming families in to school to celebrate and showcase the children's learning in a range of subject areas and look forward to developing this further next year with the launch of our Community Hub which includes a calendar full of parent forums and coffee mornings.

We have held some very successful fundraising events throughout the year and we are pleased to share the outcomes of the final two held this half term. The red & blue day we held in memory of Harry Elmy raised £580 across Westwood and Grove which was split between Great Ormond Street Hospital and Gunton Primary Academy's memorial play area. Our Tombola Tuesday events raised a grand total of £155.50 which will be spent on activities for the children during next year.

It is at this time of year we have to say a sad goodbye to members of our Westwood family. Our wonderful **Year 6 children** enjoyed a fabulous send off with their leavers party and assembly after treating us to an amazing performance of The Wizard of Oz. We wish them all the very best at their high schools and look forward to hearing how they get on when they come back to visit us during September. We are also saying farewell to some members of our teaching team: **Miss Lynes** is moving to a school closer to her new home where she will be the Nursery class teacher, **Miss Goldsmith** is going to develop her childcare practice as a nanny which may see her travel overseas. **Mr Stent** will be joining the team as a Specialist Provision as their Sports Instructor and **Mr Taylor** will be pursuing his dream of teaching abroad by moving to Hong Kong. We would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for everything they have done for the children, families and staff at Westwood and wish them all the very best for the future.

As you are aware, we work in partnership with Grove Primary School and this means we are in the fortunate position of staff being able to transfer between the two schools. Therefore, next year **Mr Moore & Miss Willeard** will be based at Grove while **Miss Spry, Miss Bailey & Miss Fayers** will be joining the team here at Westwood. We will all still be working together in terms of planning and training so it isn't a goodbye just a see you soon!

Our Academy Trust provide teacher training and we are pleased to tell you that **Mrs Ball** will be completing her Initial Teacher Training with us next year along with Miss Shuffle and Miss Bayes from Grove. Finally, as many of you know **Miss Bircham** is expecting her second child in October so she will be with us for a little while in September before beginning her maternity leave.

Once again, thank you for your continued support of our school, it really is our pleasure teaching your children and working with our local community.

We are so Proud to be Westwood!

Enjoy the Summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on

Wednesday 6th September

Mrs Aldous, Mrs Barnes & Ms Creed





Nursery & Reception



Nursery

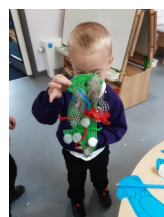
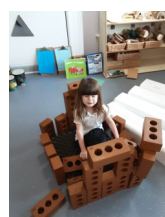
We have had another busy half term in Nursery, looking at the topic of 'Pirates'. The children have enjoyed many books about this topic and we particularly enjoyed the dress up element! We have explored floating and sinking, boat making, flags and map design, exploring colour and looking for treasure as well as experimenting with lots of sensory experiences.

In Phonics we have started to look at the sounds S, A, T, P, I, N and in Maths we have consolidating our number work, counting and recognition. We have also been weighing comparing heavier and lighter.

We have enjoyed a visit from Tami Evans. From the Co-Op central who taught the children about healthy eating, portion sizes, 5 a day and finished by making fruit kebabs with Nursery. It was fantastic to see so many parents/carers and families join the Nursery Children for their sports share and join in with all the different sporting experiences we had on offer.

The Nursery children have been getting ready to move on in their school journey to their reception classes, we have been talking to the children about expectations for next year and there has been lots of opportunities to ask questions and visit their new classrooms.

We finished off our term with a fantastic pirate party, where the children where invited to dress up and enjoyed pirate games and party food, lots of fun was had by all!



Reception

This half term Reception have enjoyed hearing all about our weekend friend Winston traveling to different places around the world on his 'Great Big Adventure!'

At each destination the class have received a postcard from Winston explaining where he is, what items he needed to take with him and what he can see and do in these different countries. This gave us the opportunity view maps and atlases to find out more information about these wonderful places including what animals we may see in Australia, Antarctica and Africa.

We have been exploring real life Australian artefacts and aboriginal art. Using these as inspiration we have made our own boomerangs, didgeridoos and aboriginal artwork

We practiced packing for a trip to Antarctica and tried on all the different layers of clothes we would need to keep warm. T

he children have also created their own pictures and models of animals that can be found around the world. We have written fact files with lots of information for others to read about including facts about how Islands are formed.

We enjoyed responding to Winston and posting our postcards in the local post-box on Westwood Avenue and we very much look forward to the end of year activities we have coming up! Including meeting our new teacher and the water fun session on Friday.



All of the EYFS team would like to thank the children and families for a wonderful year in, we wish you all the best for your next year at school.



Years 1 & 2



Key Stage One

For our final half term this school year in Key Stage 1, the children have been exploring the history of the Wrights brothers.

We have had lots of enrichment opportunities this term, going to the Transport Museum and our Sports Shares.



During woodland, we have been making new interventions using natural materials working in teams. We had lots of fun!



The children designed and created our own puppets using running stitch, which they are incredibly proud of. Thank you for all that joined us in our DT Share session.



Years 3 & 4



This term our topic was The Romans. We kicked off the term with a Roman Day- we carried out lots of activities such as learning Roman numerals, and creating shields. Once we had made our shields we practiced some of the Roman formations. It was amazing to see so many brilliant costumes!



Thank you to the parents that came to our Parent Share Sports event. There was some excellent parent participation and so good to see so many people. The parents may have got more competitive than some of the children!



Year 3 went to play the ukulele at London Road Baptist Church alongside other schools in the local area- a great opportunity for them all.

Thank you so much for all of your support this year it really has been great to see the children have their chance to shine. Have a wonderful summer!



Years 5 & 6



This term in Year 5 and 6 we have studied the Ancient Greeks. We created our own versions of myths and learn about what the first Olympic Games would have been like.



An enormous thank you to all who attended our Parent Share Sports event. It was great to see so many attending and getting involved with the children.

We were so proud of the Year 6 children and their performance of Wizard of Oz. They performed it twice- to their parents and the whole school. Well done it takes great guts to perform on stage.



Finally, a farewell to our Year 6's. It has been a magnificent year and you should be proud of all you have achieved in your time at Westwood. Good luck with your next steps and remember you are always Westwood.



Sporting Success



Tournaments

What an amazing half term to finish the school year! The half term started with a top 2 finish in the NSSP event at the Denes Oval. The UKS2 team then attended the annual Terry Butcher Cup hosted by Red Oak. Both teams secured 2nd place and impressed our special visitor. We then took part in the first Grove Play Leader event in which we won both the A league and the B league. Next we went to the first Dance Festival for Westwood and what an experience! The girls selected were incredible and to experience this was amazing! We finished the half term with the ALT Running Championships, for some of our children it was their first event and they ran amazingly!

Sports Clubs

We have had another busy half term in our sports clubs with full attendance in majority and also Reception to Year 6 covered across all clubs. We look forward to many more clubs in the new year and also possibly many more new sports clubs coming!

Upcoming Fixtures & Events

We have signed up to take part in The Active Learning Trust Schools' Events as well as the North Suffolk Sports Partnership events again next year so we will be taking teams of children from across the school to many different fixtures and tournaments throughout the year. More details will be shared as soon as we receive the finalised fixtures list.

Sport Share Sessions

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for our Sport Share sessions, it was so lovely to see the children and their families working together on the activities and having lots of fun. Doing something active is a great way to spend time together and we hope you find lots of opportunities for this throughout the summer break!

Inter House Sports Events

It was fabulous to see every child joining in and representing their house team in our annual inter house sports events. After combining the scores for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, the final results were:

4th Place:	Sapphire	1518
3rd Place:	Ruby	1560
2nd Place:	Diamond	1608
1st Place:	Emerald	1638

Therefore, our Sports Day trophy will be decorated with green ribbons and proudly displayed in our trophy cabinet!

#BETHEBESTTHATYOUCANBE

Diary Dates

There will be more events taking place and we will let you know as soon as possible!
Events in purple are the ones we would love families to join us in school for.

Wednesday 6th September	Children return to school
Monday 11th to Friday 15th September	Book Fair in school
Tuesday 12th September	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: Meet the Team
Wednesday 13th September	15:30-16:30 Years 1 & 2 Meet the teacher event
Monday 18th September	15:30-16:30 Years 5 & 6 Meet the teacher event
Tuesday 19th September	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: Safeguarding & Online Safety
Wednesday 20th September	14:00-15:00 Parent Support Coffee Meet-SEND focus
Wednesday 20th & Thursday 21st September	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 21st September	15:30-16:30 Years 3 & 4 Meet the teacher event
Friday 22nd September	Individual School Photographs
Tuesday 26th September	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: How we teach Phonics
Tuesday 3rd October	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: How we teach Reading
Wednesday 4th October	Year 6 at Creative Transition Workshops at Pakefield High
Thursday 5th & Friday 6th October	Steve Clifford (author) visit
Tuesday 10th October	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: How we teach Maths
Wednesday 11th October	Years 3 & 4 at Carlton Marshes 14:00-15:00 Parent Support Coffee Meet-Pastoral focus
Tuesday 10th October	9:00-10:00 Community Forum: School in Action tour
Friday 20th October	Last day of the half term
Monday 23rd to Friday 27th October	October Half Term Holiday
Monday 30th October	Children return to school

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Every term we offer a range of different after school clubs
A new timetable will be shared in September and clubs will start from
Monday 11th September

If you have any feedback on our clubs offer from this year, we would love to hear what went well and any suggestions for improvements or requests for clubs we could offer.
Please get in touch with the school office and we will see what we can do!

HOUSE POINTS

The totals for this half term are:

Emerald = 1502

Ruby = 1514

Diamond = 1375

Sapphire = 1498

Congratulations Ruby your house captains are busy organising your treat!

ATTENDANCE

22.05.23	Year 1	92.3%
05.06.23	Reception	98.1%
12.06.23	Year 4	99.1%
19.06.23	Year 2	96.4%
26.06.23	Year 5	98.1%
03.07.23	Year 1	97%
10.07.23	Year 5	98%

This half term we have seen a big improvement in attendance. **THANK YOU** for your support in ensuring your children attend school each day!

A new term means a new lunch menu.
We start back on **WEEK 2** of this menu and it will run until October half term.

Westwood Autumn Menu 2023		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 18/09/23 09/10/23	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Beef Burger in a Bun with New Potatoes	BBQ Chicken with Rice	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Burger in a Bun with New Potatoes	BBQ Quorn with Rice	Crunchy Top Vegetable Bake	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 3 & 4	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans Ham Sandwich Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna Cheese Sandwich Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato with Cheese or BBQ Beans Ham Sandwich Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna Cheese Sandwich Packed Lunch	Fishfinger Wrap
	Dessert	Fruit Jelly and Ice Cream	Chocolate and Mandarin Brownie	Syrup Snap Biscuits	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Oaty Cookie
	Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily					
Week Two 04/09/23 25/09/23 16/10/23	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Meatballs with Pasta	Roast Turkey with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Macaroni Cheese	Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Pasta	Vegetable Wellington with New Potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 3 & 4	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans Ham Sandwich Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna Cheese Sandwich Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato with Cheese or BBQ Beans Ham Sandwich Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna Cheese Sandwich Packed Lunch	Fishfinger Wrap
	Dessert	Fruit Jelly and Ice Cream	Chocolate Shortbread	Summer Lemon Cake	Peach Crumble with Cream	Vanilla Shortbread
	Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily					
Week Three 11/09/23 02/10/23	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Kebab with Seasoned Wedges	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Quorn Kebab with Seasoned Wedges	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 3 & 4	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Beans Ham Sandwich Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna Cheese Sandwich Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato with Cheese or BBQ Beans Ham Sandwich Packed Lunch	Jacket Potato with Cheese or Tuna Cheese Sandwich Packed Lunch	Fishfinger Wrap
	Dessert	Peaches with Ice Cream	Chocolate and Apple Sponge	Flapjack	Chocolate Crunch	NEW Cornflake Tart
	Or a choice of Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit available daily					

Vegan
Wholemeal

Available Daily:

- Freshly cooked jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross contamination.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have a strict School Uniform Policy. Please ensure your child is dressed in the following named school uniform:

Daily Uniform

Black tailored trousers/shorts/skirt/dress
Purple Summer checked dress
White polo shirt
Purple school cardigan/jumper/fleece
Black shoes (no boots or trainers)
Black tights or white/black/grey socks
Purple school book bag

PE/Sports Kit

White T-shirt
Black shorts
White socks
Plimsoles or trainers
Black jogging bottoms
Black sweatshirt
PE bag

All items are readily available from high street stores or their internet shopping websites. Sweatshirts/cardigans/book bags/PE bags/water bottles with the school logo are available from Screens. We have a large range of new & used school uniform items available at no cost in our Community Hub—please pop in and take what you need.

Jewellery, hair & make-up

On health and safety grounds, we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school except plain stud earrings and/or an inexpensive watch—these must be removed for P.E. Extreme haircuts or colouring are not permitted. Hairbands & clips should be discreet designs in colours compatible with school colours. No make-up or nail varnish may be worn.

WEBSITE

Please keep an eye on the school website as we update this regularly.

The address is: www.westwoodprimary.org

You can also follow us on:



Twitter: @Westwood School



Facebook: Westwood Primary School



Instagram: westwoodprimary

CONTACT DETAILS

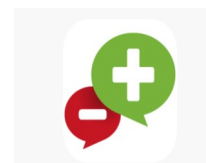
Please ensure we have your up to date contact details. This includes current address and telephone numbers.

We MUST have two contact telephone numbers in case of an emergency.



PARENTMAIL

Please ensure you sign up to ParentMail, this is how you will receive ALL means of communication.



ALLERGY INFORMATION

As you will already be aware, we are a nut-free school - we have children who have allergies to a variety of different nuts as well as peanuts—and ask that parents check the ingredients of items in packed lunches, avoiding anything that states it contains nuts.

Please speak to the school office, if you have any problems - paper copies may be available upon request.



Reading




Summer is fast approaching and it can be a time when it is challenging to keep your children occupied. One of the hardest things can be keeping them interested in reading. Here are some ideas of how to keep your children interested in reading over the summer holiday.

Keeping children reading over the summer

1. Keep a loose schedule: Keep a regular time for getting up in the morning and going to bed (even if it is slightly more relaxed than during school time) and set aside 15-20mins a day for reading time.
2. Don't present reading as a chore: Reading shouldn't be something your child has to do; it should be something they want to do. As a parent you could model being an active reader and show your child that reading is fun to encourage them to join in. For example, you could share why you loved some of your favourite children's books or read aloud with your child somewhere nice outside, you could also read a favourite grown-up book next to your child whilst they read their own book.
3. Go outside: reading doesn't have to be at a desk. Go somewhere where there is no TV or computer to distract so your child can really focus and be comfortable as they read.
4. Role reversal: You might typically read aloud to your child before bedtime. Try occasionally reversing roles and getting your child to read the story to you.
5. Make Summer reading a shared family experience: One of the most effective ways to get your child into the swing of summer reading is by getting everyone involved. You may even find your own joy in the books they're reading. Some of the richest, sweetest, and most challenging stories are middle grade stories written for primary age children.
6. Dive into a series: there are plenty of great book series out there and as your child reads them they will build their background knowledge and have a better understanding of plot, setting and characters.
7. Try a summer reading challenge. The library service runs an excellent reading challenge every year and it is very easy to get involved online or at the library.



The summer reading challenge is free to sign up for and lots of fun. You can sign up and find out more information here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>




How it works

Welcome to the Summer Reading Challenge! Take part online or at your local library.


Online

At your library




1. Sign up

Click 'Join now' to create your account.



2. Read books

Set your reading goal and read anything you like! Each time you finish a book, add it to your profile and leave a review.



3. Earn digital rewards

Unlock special online badges and a certificate to print at home when you reach your Challenge goal!*

*Physical rewards like medals are only available when taking part at select libraries.



Inclusion Quality Mark



Over the past 4 years, we have worked tirelessly to embed inclusivity into our practise, including the incorporation of the No Outsiders programme, which celebrates diversity and inclusion.

This project has culminated in our school being given an Inclusion Quality Mark (IQM) and being named a Centre of Excellence.

The assessor spent a day at Westwood undertaking a tour of the school validating the comprehensive report submitted. The assessor spoke with members of staff, completed informal observations, had conversations with parents and carers and spoke to the children and staff throughout the days.

Comments from the report:

'The school expects everyone to show each other that they are noticed, cared for and that they appreciate each other. Westwood is an inclusive school where everyone is welcomed, whatever their ethnicity, religion, disability, behavioural needs...'





Safeguarding & Mental Health



LOWESTOFT 2023 ACTIVITIES

ULTIMATE BOXING 8-16yrs
contact ultimateboxing@sky.com
or call 07889731717

Marina Theatre
12-16yrs book via
community@marinatheatre.co.uk

Suffolk Wildlife Trust 6-11yrs book on
<https://www.suffolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/events>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Catch22
Suffolk Positive Futures
9-16yrs
book in via 07717290573

Ipswich Town Foundation
6-12yrs book via
<https://www.participant.co.uk/itfcfoundation/searches/17593/791.aspx>

Suffolk Libraries The Blank Page Project
10-16yrs
<https://eequ.org/experience/3919>

Inspire 5-11yrs
Coville House
book via website
inspiresuffolk.org.uk

Topcats SEND Specialist Provision
5+yrs book via
annemarie@topcats.org.uk

This holiday period all schools have been asked to issue HAF codes to eligible children in order to access space on HAF activity. Please speak with your child/children's school in the first instance about gaining a HAF code



LOWESTOFT 2023 ACTIVITIES

Leading Lives 13-19yrs (learning
difficulties/autism) book via
yp.referrals@leadinglives.org.uk

Everyone Active
5-11yrs Waterland Leisure Centre
phone 01502 532540 to book

YMCA childcare provider book 01502 585882

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Abbycroft Leisure family
cooking sessions 5+yrs book
via HAF ac@leisure.com

Suffolk Libraries The Blank Page Project
10-16yrs
<https://eequ.org/experience/3919>

Re-Utilise Arts n crafts
5-15yrs 209 Wapload Rd,
book admin@re-utilise.com

The PE Shed, 6-12yrs
Grave Primary School book via
info@thePEShed.co.uk or
07964094433

Offshoot Foundation Theatre & activities
8-13yrs Carlton Coville book via
<https://www.theoffshootfoundation.com>

All schools in Suffolk should have received HAF codes in which they've been asked to pass them onto those receiving free school meals in their school. These codes will be requested when booking onto programmes. If you have any questions around HAF codes, please contact HAFenquiries@suffolk.gov.uk

GOOD REASONS to put down your PHONE



SUFFOLK DOMESTIC ABUSE FREE 24/7 HELPLINE

0800 977 5690



Having difficulties with your
mental health?

NHS



Call 111
Option 2

Mental health advice available in Welsh, Irish & Cantonese
available 24/7 to all ages via NHS 111



Beach & Open Water Safety Tips

Many of us travel to the beach in the warm weather - how fun!
Make sure to follow these tips to ensure that everyone stays
safe near the beach and/or ocean!



1 Never leave kids unsupervised near ANY body of water, and ALWAYS ensure there's a Water Watcher on duty.

2 Remind children they're NOT to go near any body of water without permission from an adult.

3 DO NOT rely on water wings or any other inflatable flotation device to save a child in a water emergency.

4 Have children wear a properly-fitting life jacket if needed.

5 DO NOT allow your children to engage in any horseplay, breath-holding games or dunking in the water.

6 Only swim in designated areas with a lifeguard present, and avoid areas with high waves or rip currents.

7 Adhere to all posted rules, warnings and flags, which may indicate the presence of unsafe swimming conditions or deep water.

8 Enter the water feet first - DO NOT dive in!

9 Always swim with a buddy, who can signal for help if you need it.

britishswimschool.com/water-safety

Enjoy your kids!

THEY'RE PRETTY AWESOME

In the event that you are concerned that a young person is at risk of serious harm you should call Customer First on: **0808 800 4005** or call **999** to report your concerns to the police.

Other useful numbers:

Suffolk Police: 01473 613 500

CHILDLINE: 0800 11 11

Emotional Wellbeing Hub: 0345 600 2090

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

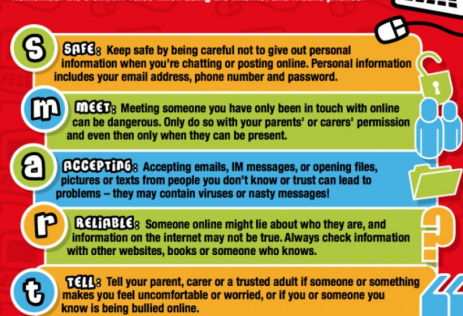
The Source: www.thesource.me.uk

CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk

All of the above agencies have a website with other contact details on.

Stay safe online

Remember the 5 SMART rules when using the Internet and mobile phones.



Find out more at Childnet's website ...

www.kidsmart.org.uk

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People who can help

In addition to your child's class teacher, who should always be your first point of contact, the following people are readily available to help you with any issue, if needed.



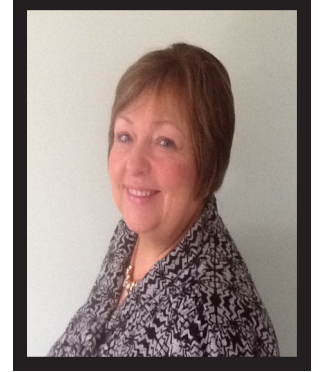
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Executive
Headteacher



Mrs Lauraine Barnes
Westwood
Head of School



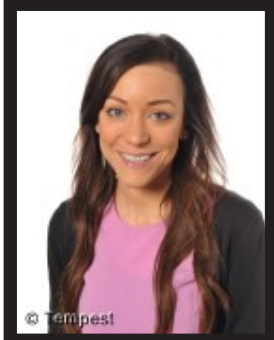
Ms Louise Creed
Grove
Head of School



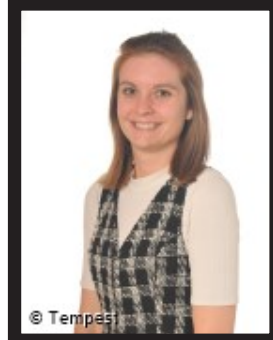
Mrs Jackie Cutchey
Chair of Governors



Mrs Danielle Gillings
Assistant Head
EYFS Lead



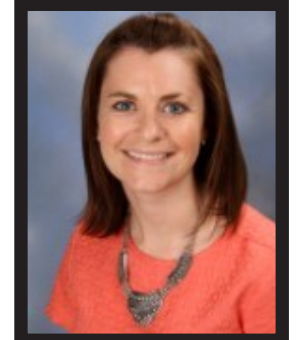
Miss Beth Jones
Assistant Head
KS1 Lead



Mrs Rachel Kounnas
Assistant Head
KS2 Lead



Mrs Kate Grey
Assistant Head
Pastoral & SEND



Mrs Kelly Hough
Assistant Head
Staff Development



Miss Natalie Taylor
Family Support
Worker



Mrs Chloe Kippen
Family Support
Worker



Mrs Sarah Bayfield
SENDCo



Mr Stephen Clarke
Safeguarding
Governor