



## Staffing Update Spring 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As some of you will have noticed Mrs Womersley and Miss Ramon are expecting babies imminently – we're all really excited. They will be in school for a week or two after Easter – working alongside the staff who will be covering their roles so that we can have a smooth handover.

- Mrs Butler and Mrs Mance will be teaching in 2W
- Miss Greenwood will be taking on Miss Ramon's teaching in 3RW
- Mrs Nguyen will be taking on Miss Ramon's SENCO work

The good news is that Miss Ramon and Mrs Womersley will be back with us after Christmas.

Sadly, we also have some people leaving our team. Miss White and Miss Mogridge will be leaving at the end of the school year – moving on to new places and new challenges. They are going to be very sorely missed – and we will all need to make sure we give them a good send off in the summer!

I am very grateful that they gave me so much notice. As you may be aware, recruitment in schools can be rather tricky at the moment. We are in the fortunate position of having recruited three new teachers to join our team in September: Miss Anderson (who did a placement with us in Year 4) Miss Wenham and Miss Hughes. They are going to be a great addition to our team and we're looking forward to welcoming them into the St Mary's family.

We also have some Teaching Assistants leaving at Easter. Mrs Morrison, who was a teacher at St Mary's when I first got here before moving abroad (but has been working for us as a TA for many years since her return) is returning to a teaching role in Limpsfield school after Easter – and will be returning to St Mary's as a part-time teacher in September. Mrs Barker, who has been a member of our year 3 team, will be joining her daughter's company. Mrs Mander, who is one of our ELSAs and currently based in year 3, is retiring – having been with us for 17 years! I thank them both for all their work for our school and wish them every success and happiness in their new challenges. We have two new TAs joining our team: Laura Shackleton is returning to us for 3 days a week after a period working at other schools, and Lydia Yuzva for 2 days a week. I know everyone will make them very welcome.

There is still quite a stretch of the school year to go so I may well still need to do more recruitment! If you are interested in joining, the St Mary's or Limpsfield teams please get in touch and we can put you on our 'priority' list for contacting should opportunities arise!

Best wishes

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