

Special Edition Newsletter

Meet the Team at St Mark's

Each year it is a real highlight to see pupils moving up to their new class: prepared, ready and excited to face the challenges and adventures of a New Year group and curriculum. As you read through this booklet, you will be able to get to know the staff who will be working with your child, a little better. We look forward to strengthening our continued partnership with you in your child's education throughout the coming year.



Mrs Coulthard - CEO

Before becoming the CEO of The Wings' CE Trust, I previously worked as Head teacher at Atherton St George's, one of our partner schools in our Multi-Academy Trust. I can quite honestly say that working with the wonderful children in our schools say is the best job in the world. It is an honour watching them grow into happy, confident and talented children which makes the job even more worthwhile. When I am not working, I like to go for spa days, countryside walks and engaging in all types of art and design which was what my degree was in.



Mrs Ferguson - Headteacher

It has been an absolute privilege to be Headteacher of St Mark's CE Primary over the last year. After many years of teaching across the Primary curriculum, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work alongside such a loving team that are dedicated to providing the best possible education for your children. When asked why I chose to work as part of the WINGS' CE Trust, my answer is simple; to make a difference and provide endless opportunities for our children and families within the local community. Next year, I am looking forward to developing the school further, working alongside the church, our families and the community, to provide a better future for our children.

In my time away from school, I love nothing more than spending time with my family and loved ones, long distance running and reading fiction novels. My proudest achievement was in October last year when I ran a marathon in under four hours, supporting and raising money for the MS Society; a charity very close to my heart.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know you better over the coming year!

Headteacher Mrs K Ferguson



Changes to Staff This Year

At the end of the year we will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Meadwell, Mrs. Shaw, Ms. Desimone, Mr. Laithwaite and Ms. Blakeley. Although we will be very sad to see them go, we wish them all the luck in the world as they embark on their new adventures. I know they will be back to visit as often as they possibly can.

In September, we will be welcoming Mr. Walsh our new Cover supervisor and also Ms. Duncalf who will be supporting Year 1, I am sure you will join me in offering them a very warm welcome to St Mark's.



Administrative Staff

Mrs Winstanley – Chief Finance Officer

Hello my name is Mrs. Winstanley, I am Chief Finance Officer for the Wings' CE Trust. I am really lucky to work across both schools which are wonderful places to work. I started at The Wings' CE Trust in March 2018 and have really enjoyed getting to know the children and staff at both schools. Outside school I love spending time with my family which includes my husband, 15 year old daughter and twin 7 year olds.



Mrs Hilton – HR/Operational Effectiveness Manager

My name is Mrs Hilton, I am the HR/Operational Effectiveness Manager for the Wings' CE Trust. I am lucky that I have the opportunity to see all the wonderful staff and children at all of our schools as I spend my time working between them all. I started working at Atherton St Georges in 2014 and have seen St Mark's flourish under The Wings' CE Trust. I enjoy cycling, walking my little dog Archie and spending time with my family and friends.



Miss Kelly-Ince – School Office Coordinator

Miss Kelly-Ince is our School Office Co-ordinator, she is currently on Maternity leave after having a beautiful baby girl. We look forward to welcoming her back when she returns to work.



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Mrs Ashcroft – School Office Coordinator

Hi my name is Mrs Ashcroft, and I work in the school office at St Marks, and you will probably meet me whilst visiting the office where we deal with the many school queries. I have enjoyed getting to know all of the children this year and I am looking forward to meeting all of our new Reception children.

I am married and have two lovely children, and a new puppy, so most of my time at home is taken up running the children around and walking the dog.



Mrs Ormshaw – Clerical Officer

Hi, my name is Mrs Ormshaw and I work in the school office. I feel myself very lucky to have the opportunity of working at St Mark's and getting to know the friendly and welcoming staff and pupils. I am married with two young boys aged 7 and 4 - both like to keep me on my toes! In my spare time I love to spend time with family, I also enjoy painting and refurbishing old furniture.

You will no doubt see me popping in and out of class throughout the day!!





Teaching Staff



Mrs Booth – Assistant Head & Reception Teacher

Hello, I am Mrs Booth,

This is my fifth year at St Mark's, before that I worked at St George's. This year I will be working with the Reception children, I will also be working alongside Little Lions, Year 1, Year 2, Nurture and the Pastoral Team and sometimes across the Trust.

I love spending time with my family and going for walks down the canal with my husband, my little girl Poppy and my little dog Joe. I also have a season ticket for Liverpool Football Club so I like to go to Anfield.

I am so excited to carry on working with the families we already know and getting to know our new children and families. Have a lovely Summer and we will see you soon!



Mrs Heyes – Reception Teacher

Hello, I'm Mrs Heyes. I have been at St Mark's for four years now, but have been a teacher for 26 years. I have taught every year group from Y1 to Y6, but up to now, never Reception!

I am so excited to have the opportunity to teach Reception along with Mrs Booth, and I'm really looking forward to meeting all our new intake and getting to know them.

I love teaching all subjects but have a special love for R.E. and Music. I also have a passion for supporting children with additional needs, and I am the school SENCO. Outside school I love all things 'crafty' including sewing and baking. Music is a huge part of my life, whether it's making, listening to or writing music!

During the holidays I like to visit different parts of the country, camping with my husband and two children. I am a very active member of St Aidan's Church in Winstanley.



Mrs Maylor – Year 1 Teacher

Hello, I'm Mrs Maylor and I am really looking forward to going into my third year at St Mark's as the Year 1 teacher. I thoroughly enjoy being part of the St Mark's family. I enjoy all aspects of teaching and am looking forward to seeing your children reach their potential through challenging, engaging activities.

I enjoy spending my free time with my husband, sons and dog. Family time is very precious time.

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Mr Penning – Year 2 Teacher

I have been teaching at St Mark's for 15 years now and time has flown by! I have taught Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 and I have also spent time in Reception class. I am looking forward to teaching Year 2 again. I enjoy all teaching but especially like Science and Maths.

Outside of school I love listening to music and watching bands. I also enjoy going on holiday, especially to The Lake District where I go walking, cycling and hiking up hills and mountains with my wife, 11 year old son Sam and 8 year old daughter Molly.



Mrs Ensor-Smith – Year 3 Teacher

I'm really excited to be teaching Year Three next year alongside Mrs Balmer. I have been teaching now for around twenty years, nine of which have been at St Mark's. Every year has been unique. I take my role very seriously and believe as a teacher you never stop learning. We never stand still and are always striving to provide the best possible education for the children in our class. When I'm not at school I enjoy working on my Down Dog in yoga, swimming and growing flowers in my garden. I spend my free time with my husband and my teenage son. We can often be found walking our dog Mickey through the fields. I hope everyone has a lovely Summer and I look forward to getting to know the new Year Three class in September.



Mrs Balmer – Year 3 Teacher

I have been teaching here at St. Mark's for 29 years (scary!) so I guess I must like this place and all who are in it! I'm really looking forward to teaching Year 3 next year along with Mrs. Ensor. I'm sure we'll get off to a flying start and we have high hopes for a fantastic year. I love to teach art so I'm hoping to discover some budding artists in Y3. Outside of school I have three children who STILL manage to keep me very busy even though they are quite grown up! I look forward to seeing you all after a lovely summer.

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Mr Rathbone – Year 4 Teacher

Hi I'm Mr Rathbone, I have been at St Marks for 1 year now working alongside Mr Penning in year 3, while qualifying as a teacher with Teach First. Having qualified this term I am looking forward to teaching year 4 next year, watching my current class grow and develop even further. Outside of class I am renovating a house with my partner and also enjoy playing music.



Mr Broadstock – Assistant Head and Year 5 Teacher

Hi, I'm Mr. Broadstock, Year 5 teacher and Assistant Head teacher at St. Mark's. I've been teaching now for twenty-something years, most of which has been in Year 6. I love watching children progress in all aspects of life, and my aim is to ensure that each child achieves their potential in all areas. Outside of school, I enjoy all sports, especially football and cricket. I am a scout For Wigan Athletic, recruiting potential professional footballers from the age of 6 through to 18. I also enjoy walking my dog, cycling (especially into work early in the morning before school) and holidaying in the Tenerife sunshine.



Miss Hayward – Year 6 Teacher

Hello, my name is Miss Hayward. I have worked within the Wings' CE trust for 4 years and this will be my second year here at St Mark's. I am delighted to be the Year 6 teacher again and I am really looking forward to the adventures we will have next year.

I love all aspects of being a teacher, but I particularly enjoy Maths, Science and Computing. I've got lots of fun activities planned for next year and can't wait to share them with the children.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending my time at the gym, keeping fit and active, and spending time with my family and fiancé.



Pastoral Staff

Mr Finch – Pastoral Manager

I joined St Mark's as Pastoral Manager in June 2018 and love working with a great team of dedicated staff. Our role is to support our children and their families when difficulties arise, in any way that we can. We are very friendly and approachable and you can always get in touch with us no matter what it is that you'd like to share.

Before joining St Mark's I was a teacher for 12 years in various primary schools in the Wigan Borough. I am a father of two children who keep me and my wife very busy with music, football and taxi services. In my spare time (ha! ha!) I enjoy watching football, running and holidays on beaches (preferably hot, sunny ones)!



Mrs Murphy – Pastoral Support

My Name is Mrs Murphy I have worked here at St Marks for over 5 years now. I have spent the last 2 years working as part of the Pastoral team, paying special attention to promoting positive behaviour throughout school. I also do healthcare plans throughout school so it is me you will see if your little one has any medical needs.

I can honestly say supporting children and their families is one of the highlights of my job.

Out of school I enjoy socializing and spending quality time with my love ones.



Miss Watmough – Pastoral Support

My name is Miss Watmough, I work as part of the St Marks Pastoral Team. I am based in the nest, a safe comfortable place for any of our pupils and families to come to for any kind of support.

My role is Pastoral Support Officer. I work with the families of St Mark's offering support in any way I can.

I love working as part of the pastoral team and feel very lucky to work with such wonderful children and families.

When I'm not in school I really enjoy spending time with my family and making lovely memories.



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Mrs Hurst – Nurture Lead

I live locally with my husband and 3 boys who I am extremely proud of. All the boys attended St Mark's and have gone on to primary teaching and sports teaching. St Mark's has always been a part of my life as it was my primary school, then as a parent and now working here. The changes over the years have always been to benefit all the children and I am looking forward to the new academic year and the new challenges it will bring. It is a pleasure to lead the Nurture Room.





Teaching Assistants



Mrs Sanders – Cover Supervisor

It is a pleasure to work here at St Mark's and to cover classes throughout the school. I enjoy using a great array of tools to help develop emotional, social and educational well-being.

Outside of school I have a cheeky 7 year old son and a 9 month old.

This school year I am looking forward to getting to know all of the children more.



Miss Davenport – Little Lions Toddlers Base

I am looking forward to working in Little Lions Toddlers room next year! This past year I have bought my first house and moved out. So in my spare time now I have been doing lots of painting and decorating. I also enjoy seeing my friends, going out with my fiancé and spending time with my family.



Mrs Morrison-Skett - Reception Base

Hi, I'm Mrs Skett and I'm going to be one of the TA's in reception, I love working with young children and helping them achieve their potential. I have two young children of my own and in my free time I am a Beaver Scout Leader. I am really excited about working in reception, I'm sure we will all have lots of fun.

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Mrs Hitchen – Year 2 Base/ Nurture Support

I have really enjoyed working in Reception and I am looking forward to being a TA in Year 2 and moving up with the class.

I enjoy watching football and especially Wigan Athletic.

I like all sorts of crafts and make Teddy Bears, dolls and cards.



Miss Wilkinson – Year 5 Base

I am looking forward to working in Year 5 next year.

In my spare time I enjoy walking my dog and going horse riding. I also enjoy spending time with family and friends.



Mr Kelly – Year 1 Base and Cover Supervisor

This September will now be my fifth year at St Marks, working alongside the joyful, dedicated and enthusiastic team. I graduated university back in 2011 with a BA Joint Hons Degree in Creative Writing and English Language & Literature; since then accumulating over five years of teaching experience. Next year I will be continuing as a Cover Supervisor, providing cover teaching for various classes. However, I will also be supporting in the Year one class as well as continuing to support phonics teaching. In my spare time my hobbies include football, badminton, horse racing and chess. I love reading classical literature from 1700 - 1900 and I myself am a passionate writer of fiction, short stories, poetry, stage plays and movie scriptwriting.

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Mrs Whittle – Year 2 Base

I have worked at St. Marks for 20 years , mainly in KS1, so I was thrilled to learn I will be working in Y2 as well as supporting Phonics in KS1. When I'm not at work I love to go to the gym and spend time with my grandchildren. Here's looking forward to a fun filled, exciting year.



Mrs Ivanusca – Year 5 Base

Hi my name is Mrs Ivanusca and this is my 9th year as a teaching assistant at St Marks School. I am married and have 2 children age 16 and 13 who both attended St Marks.

I am looking forward to another year supporting the children and watching them develop and grow. I thoroughly enjoy being involved in their learning.

In my spare time I teach dance and I enjoy days out with my family and our dog Derek.



Miss Huete-Proffitt – Year 6 Base

In my spare time I like to listen to music, read and cook. At work I love to help the children progress; especially with maths and English. Having lived in Palma, I am a fluent Spanish speaker; which enables me to help to teach the language and culture. Changing year group to year 6 in September is an exciting opportunity which I am very much looking forward to.



Nursery Staff



Mrs Hill – Nursery Manager

Hi my name is Mrs Hill and I am the manager of Little Lions' nursery at St Marks'. The nursery is well established within the school now and I can't believe that we are about to enter our third year, how time has flown. I'm passionate about early years and love to watch the children grow and develop and most of all become confident in their learning.

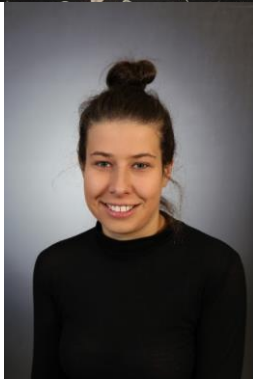
Outside of school my family are really important to me, my husband, four teenage children and our two dogs, Jasper and Winnie. We spend most of our spare time caravanning in the Lake District.

I'm looking forward to another exciting year in Little Lions'.



Miss Highton – Deputy Nursery Manager

I have really enjoyed working in Little Lions' and being part of a great team. It has been fantastic to watch the children grow and learn so much this year. In September I am looking forward to working with our existing nursery children as well as meeting our new children.



Miss Malley – Nursery Assistant

My first year at little lions has been great and I have enjoyed being a part of the school. I am excited to see all our new children in September and see what next year brings.

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Ms Loveday – Nursery Assistant/ Afterschool Assistant

I really enjoy my role within Little Lions toddler's room and supporting the Afterschool Club. The children are wonderful and keep us very busy but the opportunity to watch them grow and thrive is very rewarding.



IT Support



Mr Ashurst – IT Support

Hi, I'm Mr Ashurst

I am the IT support within the Wings' CE Trust and I work across all 3 schools which includes St Marks.

I have a great sense of humour, like to help out the best I can and as you may have guessed, love working with IT.

Computers aside, I enjoy cooking, talking with friends across Europe via voice call and going to the gym.



Lunchtime Staff



Mrs Stoneley – Cook

Hi my name is Wendy. I am the cook in school and look forward to seeing the children's smiley faces each day. I do my best to cater for the children and they must love their dinners as they clear their plates each day! In my free time I like to go running and spending time with my family.



Mrs Naylor – Assistant Cook

Hi my name is Deb, I am a general assistant in the kitchen and love being kept busy in there feeding all the children each day. I think having a healthy and nutritious lunch is very important. Outside of work I like biking and going to the gym.



Mrs Walker – Assistant Cook

Hello my name is Olivia, I am a general assistant in the kitchen. I love working in the school as I get to see the children enjoying their school life, every day, and to be a part of it! My hobbies are gardening, walking my dog and eating tea and cake!

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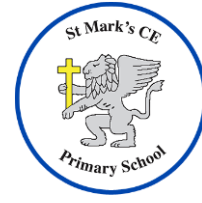
Mrs Benson – Lunchtime Supervisor

Hello my name is Sue, I am a lunchtime assistant in the dinner hall. I make sure all your little ones are eating their dinner and not making too much of a mess! Which of course they never do. In my spare time I like going to the gym.



Mrs Birmingham – Lunchtime Supervisor

Hi my name is Anne, I am a lunchtime assistant in the dinner hall. Although we can get very busy and hectic in the hall I'm there to reassure anyone and make sure everything runs smoothly. In my spare time I like socialising with my friends.



Premises Staff



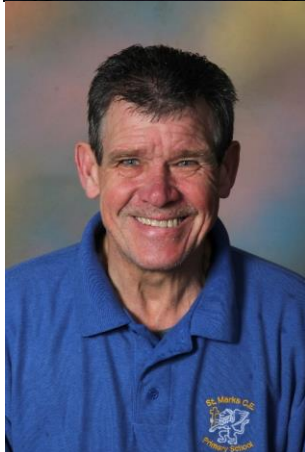
Mr Young – Site Manager

I am the Site Manager for the Wings CE Trust which incorporates St George's, St Mark's and Leigh CE. I love working with all staff and pupils across the trust, especially the St Mark's gardening club which I created and is now blooming. In my spare time I like gardening, fishing and keeping fit. I will always be on hand to help!



Mrs Minchin - Cleaner

I'm a cleaner in school at St Mark's along with my husband. I really love reading in my spare time and spending time with my grandchildren.



Mr Minchin- Cleaner

For many years I was the caretaker here at St Mark's and now I am a cleaner. I have enjoyed working at St Mark's for a long time.

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Ms Kimberley Crossland – Cleaner

It is a pleasure working at St Mark's School and I have been made to feel very welcome by all staff and pupils.



Mr Robert Shaw – Caretaker

I am thoroughly enjoying my new role as caretaker at St Mark's School and am enjoying getting to know the staff and pupils. The job is very varied and certainly keeps me on my toes!!