



Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

*Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high –
celebrating difference – enriching community*

Transition Newsletter Summer 2025

Moving On . . .

Transition is the experience children have when they move to a new setting, this might be a new school or a new class. Transition is an important learning experience as one of the many changes that occur in our children's lives. We recognise the importance of careful planning for children's transition experience.

Transition at Haytor View is focussed upon building strong and trusting relationships between children, adults and parents/carers, through effective communication, as well as supporting the consistent transfer of existing relationships and relevant information.

At Haytor View we support transition through a range of opportunities both across the year and as the children get closer to 'moving on'.

- Spending time in different spaces around the school;
- Meeting a range of school adults in day to day opportunities such as assembly;
- Having conversations and interactions with different children and adults;
- Having regular discussions throughout the year focused on children's well-being, learning and development;
- Teachers share with each other children's unique motivations, strengths, attitudes, skills, knowledge, understanding and learning dispositions, as they move classes;
- We think about the support each child requires

*"Strong relationships
feature throughout the
school."*

*"Pupils personal
development is at the
heart of Leaders' work."*

Ofsted 2023

An opportunity for parents/carers to 'drop in' and have a chat with your child's Learning Leader for next year - Weds 23rd July 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

In the transition process we ensure children have a voice, providing them with the opportunity to ask questions, seek explanations and express their views.

Children will spend time new classes for the first learning session of the day on Tuesday 22nd July.

You will know from previous letters that we are also hosting an after-school opportunity for you to catch up with your child's current teacher today **Wednesday 16th July and Thursday 17th July**

Whilst Mr Franklin is very much part of our teaching team, he is still on long term sick.

To create continuity after an unstable period for children due to staff illness across the spring and summer term, children across years 3, 4, 5 will be returning after the summer break to familiar teachers. Our aim is to ensure that your child has a smooth transition which will enable each child to continue their learning and development in a supported and uninterrupted way. Should you have any queries regarding transition please feel free to discuss them with your child's current or future teacher, or Miss Butler

Best wishes for a successful transition.

Mrs Cousins – Year 4 Learning Leader

I have been part of the Haytor View Primary School community for 13 years, currently working as the Year 3 teacher and Phase Leader for Years 2–4. More recently, I have stepped into the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher.

I'm excited to continue working with my current class as we move from Year 3 into Year 4, building on the strong relationships and progress we've made together so far. I'm very much looking forward to teaching alongside Mrs Russell as we continue to support our children moving into their new year group.

Outside of school, I live in Dawlish with my husband, James, and our two children: Luca (7) and Rosaleigh (5). Much of my free time is spent as a proud 'football mum,' cheering them on from the side lines! I also love family walks and days at the beach, especially when the sun shines.

I'm passionate about fostering a supportive and inclusive learning environment, where every child feels valued and encouraged to reach their potential. Having spent over a decade at Haytor View, I feel privileged to keep contributing to our wonderful school community and helping our children thrive.

Debbie Russell - Year 4 Learning Leader

Hello, I'm Mrs Russell, Learning Leader at Haytor View. This year I'm excited to be teaching in Year Four, three days a week, sharing the class with Mrs Cousins. I live in Torquay with my husband Simon and our cat, Benny. We have four grown-up children and two amazing grandchildren, Toby and Henry. Outside school, I teach exercise classes for over 60s, and I enjoy coastal walks, keeping fit, and family time.

As a former Milber Primary pupil, I'm proud to be part of the school community and look forward to bringing creative learning experiences to the children.

- Sharon Minney – Year 4 Learning Partner

School Staff Structure 2025

Senior Leadership Team

- Acting Headteacher **Miss Butler**
- Acting Deputy Head **Mrs Cousins**
- SENCo **Miss Shopland**
- Senior Leader – **Mr Hankins**
- Business Manager – **Mrs Brown**

Teaching Structure

- Nursery **Mrs Penn** (2 days) / Miss Drennan (4 days) with Mrs Heeks and Mrs Gubby
- Reception **Miss Jacob** with Miss Farrow
- Year 1 **Miss Dennis** with (TA to be confirmed)
- Year 2 **Mrs Brown** with Mrs Coleman
- Year 3 **Miss Cameron** with Mrs Bunce and Miss Blank
- Year 4 **Mrs Cousins** (2days) and **Mrs Russell** (3days) with Miss Minney
- Year 5 **Miss Manley** with Mrs Pavledis
- Year 6 **Mr Hankin** with Miss Wicks