



Meet The Teacher

SEPTEMBER 2024

Welcome back to a new academic year!

- ▶ I am really pleased to welcome you back to a new academic year at Culverstone Green.
- ▶ This year we are focusing on the strengths of our amazing school and making the improvements started last year following Ofsted.
- ▶ We hope the Meet The Teacher Event gives an opportunity for you to meet your child's new class teacher, provide some useful information and allow you to ask any questions you have.
- ▶ We look forward to seeing you at the BBQ on Friday at 3.30pm.
- ▶ I am always available on the gate or by e-mail if you have any questions.

James Bernard, Headteacher

**Welcome to Culverstone
Green Primary School!**



Term Dates

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| TERM ONE | 2nd September - 25th October |
| TERM TWO | 11th November - 20th December |
| TERM THREE | 6th January - 14th February |
| TERM FOUR | 24th February - 4th April |
| TERM FIVE | 22nd April - 23rd May |
| TERM SIX | 2nd June - 22nd July |
| INSET DAYS | |
| 4th-7th November 2024, 23rd July | |
| BANK HOLIDAY | |
| 5th May 2025 | |

Staff at Culvestone Green Primary School

- ▶ Headteacher - James Bernard
- ▶ Senior Leadership Team
 - Mrs Blunderfield - SENCO
 - Mrs Guy - Assistant Headteacher and Year 5 Class Teacher
 - Mr Burbeck - Key Stage Leader
- ▶ Office Team
 - ▶ Mrs Wahed - School Business Manager
 - ▶ Mrs Sherress (M, T, W) and Mrs Rice (W, Th and Fr) - Admissions and Reception



| Class | Teacher | Teaching Assistant |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Elmer – Reception | Mrs Armstrong | Mrs Mole |
| Gruffalo – Year 1 | Mrs Vickers | Mrs Ryan/Mrs Selvajith |
| Paddington – Year 2 | Mr Ashford | Mrs Luxford |
| Varjak – Year 3 | Miss Ash | KS2 TA Team: Mrs Du Plessis |
| Hedwig – Year 4 | Stuart Elrick | Mrs Holden Mrs Osborn |
| Aslan – Year 5 | Mrs Guy (M, T, W) | |
| Wolf – Year 6 | Mr Burbeck Mr Bernard (1 day) | Mrs Osborn (Mondays) / Mrs Ridout (Rest of the Week) |

Who will be working with your child?

- ▶ Mr S Elrick - Class teacher

I have been a class teacher here at Culverstone since 2013 and have taught in Years 1, 5 and now (for the second time) Year 4.

I am the school's subject lead on both Science and Design & Technology but enjoy teaching all areas of the curriculum.

- ▶ Mrs D Holden - Teaching Assistant

- ▶ Miss C Francis - P. E. coach

What does the term look like?

- ▶ Core Value - Resilience
- ▶ Geography - Why are the Rainforests so important?
- ▶ Science - Digestion and Food
- ▶ Computing - Collaborative Learning
- ▶ Art - Drawing - Power Prints
- ▶ D & T - Mechanisms - Making a Slingshot Car
- ▶ P. S. H. E. - What Strengths, Skills and Interests do we have?
- ▶ R. E. - Are all Religions Equal?
- ▶ Music - Body and Tuned Percussion
- ▶ P. E. - Football and Basketball
- ▶ French - Portraits

What Maths looks like at Culverstone.

- ▶ For Maths we follow the White Rose Maths scheme.
- ▶ Lessons are practical, focused on small steps and teachers adapt lessons as needed.
- ▶ Year 4 students take the Multiplication Check at the end of the year.
- ▶ Times table practice is a focus of every year group.
- ▶ The school uses Times Table Rockstars and Ninja Maths to support this.

What Reading and Writing looks like at Culverstone.

- ▶ In Key Stage 2 children have Guided Reading sessions daily focusing on the key skills of reading.
- ▶ Each term carefully selected texts are used in English lessons.
- ▶ Children have a weekly session in the library.

- ▶ *Reading is prioritised. Regular assessments in phonics ensure that pupils receive lessons tailored to their different abilities. Access to reading books that are matched to the sounds pupils know helps them to become fluent readers. For pupils who need extra support to keep up with their peers, staff provide extra sessions, using a range of different approaches to address gaps in their learning. More widely, pupils benefit from a carefully curated selection of books. This exposes them to different authors and genres and encourages them to develop a love for reading. Ofsted 2024*



What the Wider Curriculum looks like at Culverstone.

- ▶ For many of our Foundation Subjects we are using the KAPOW scheme of learning this year. More information for parents will be sent home about KAPOW.
- ▶ We have chosen KAPOW as it is engaging, practical and covers a wide range of knowledge and skills.
- ▶ Our new website will have more information so you can see exactly what your children will be covering this year.

The logo for Kapow Primary, featuring the word 'Kapow' in a large, blue, handwritten-style font, with 'Primary' in a smaller, blue, handwritten-style font below it, and a small trademark symbol (TM) to the right of 'Primary'. The logo is set against a white background with a thin grey border.

Kapow
Primary™

P.E. Days

| Year Group | Day of the Week |
|------------|------------------------|
| Reception | Tuesdays |
| Year 1 | Wednesdays and Fridays |
| Year 2 | Mondays and Thursdays |
| Year 3 | Thursdays |
| Year 4 | Fridays |
| Year 5 | Wednesdays |
| Year 6 | Tuesdays |

Please ensure ear-rings are taped or removed on P.E. days - we are unable to tape ear-rings for children.

Year 5 will have swimming on Thursday afternoons.

Woodlands School

- ▶ Each term the children will have a day a week in the Woodlands School.
- ▶ It will also be used when appropriate to support the learning in certain areas.
- ▶ It is our focus to develop the area and pond area over the course of the year.
- ▶ Parents will be invited to help at Woodlands School days.

- ▶ Year 4's Woodlands School session for Term 1 will be advised in due course.



Behaviour

- ▶ Each class has a rainbow, and children start on green every day. The aim is to move up the rainbow and reach gold!
- ▶ Our behaviour strategy is focused on positives and rewards. However, children can move down the rainbow to yellow, orange and then red.
- ▶ There will be a new whole school behaviour signal called Give Me 5!
- ▶ Parents will be informed if a child is regularly moving to red to look at what can be done to ensure all children are showing the core values of the school.
- ▶ Mrs Guy will be developing our Behaviour Strategy this year and will be creating a working party with parents.





GIVE ME 5!

5 - YOUR EARS ARE LISTENING 

4 - YOU HAVE FINISHED WHAT YOU ARE DOING 

3 - YOUR BODY IS STILL 

2 - YOU ARE QUIET 

1 - YOU ARE READY FOR THE NEXT INSTRUCTION 

 



Rewards

- ▶ To focus on the positives and provide incentives there are a range of rewards we use.
- ▶ Headteacher and SLT Gold Stickers - these are worth two points.
- ▶ Core Value Wristbands - these are worth three points.
- ▶ Termly prizes for children with the most behaviour points - this was well received last year!
- ▶ Attendance awards and certificates.
- ▶ Weekly celebration assembly certificates - this year we will be making these celebrations bigger and better!



Homework

- ▶ Focus is on daily reading, spellings and times tables.
- ▶ In Year 4, we encourage the children to read for 15 minutes each day. Depending on their ability, the children may choose to read to you, or you may wish to read to them.
- ▶ We will be using EdShed and Times Tables Rockstar for homework this year.

Lunchtime

- ▶ RELISH will now be used for ordering food for lunch.
- ▶ You will be able to book your child's lunch from home.
- ▶ Lunchtimes are
 - ▶ 11.30am-12.30pm for Reception
 - ▶ 11.45am - 12.15pm for Year 1, 2 and 3
 - ▶ 12.00pm -1.00pm for Year 4, 5 and 6

Menus will be sent home termly to parents.



Clubs

- ▶ After school clubs will be starting soon for the Autumn Term 1.
- ▶ Please look out for details!

Uniform

- ▶ Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled.
- ▶ P.E. kits
 - ▶ P.E. kits should be worn to school on P.E. days
 - ▶ House Colour T Shirt
 - ▶ Plain shorts
 - ▶ Plain Tracksuit
 - ▶ Trainers



Attendance

- ▶ New DFE Guidance started on August 19th, you may have seen this in the news.
- ▶ Schools are unable to authorise absence unless exceptional circumstances.
- ▶ Schools now report daily attendance to the DFE.
- ▶ Fines have now increased for periods of 5 or more days of unauthorised absence.

- ▶ **90 % attendance sounds good, but means that your child misses:**
- ▶ One half day each week
- ▶ Nearly four weeks every school year
- ▶ Over one school year in a school career
- ▶ A child whose attendance falls below 80% will rarely achieve their potential.
- ▶ **The minimum acceptable attendance set out by the Government is 96%.**

Contacting the School



ClassDojo

- ▶ Dojo will be used for messaging and set up shortly.
- ▶ Please e-mail the school office or the headteacher e-mail with questions and they will be forwarded to class teachers.
- ▶ Office e-mail: cgps-office@golden-thread.org
- ▶ Headteacher e-mail: cgps-headteacher@golden-thread.org

- ▶ Members of SLT are on the gate every morning and afternoon to answer any questions.

Thank you for attending.

▶ Any questions?

Thank You!