



NEW MILTON INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers

Class structure for September 2026-2027

I would like to inform you of the class structure for 2026-2027.

Our class structure currently consists of six classes. In line with many New Forest and Hampshire schools, our intake continues to be lower than our official Pupil Admission Number (PAN) of 90. As our school budget is based on the number of pupils, it is not sufficient to fund six full time equivalent teachers for the next academic year. Therefore, following consultation with HIAS (Hampshire Inspection and Advisory Service) and the full governing body, we will have **five** classes across the school next year and the structure will be as follows;

- Two Year R classes
- Three mixed Year 1/2 classes

What alternative arrangements for 2026-2027 were considered?

CONSIDERATIONS	
1 x Year1 1 x Year2 1 mixed Year 1/2	There may not be full parity and consistency for all children and therefore is not considered as a favourable option this year. However, this may need to be considered in future years, depending on numbers on roll.
5 separate year classes; 2 x Year R 2 x Year 1 2 x Year 2.	Single year teaching is not feasible due to the financial and budget constraints of the school. State-funded schools cannot afford to run very small classes. Infant schools cannot exceed 30 children in each class.

We have been busy carefully organising the new classes. Children in Years R and 1 have identified 3 friends with whom they would like to be in a class with next year. I can guarantee they have been placed with at least one of their chosen

friends. They will have opportunities to spend time with their new teacher/s and class friends next week and we will also send a letter home with this information. Current and new teachers have been discussing children's progress and attainment along with information about them as individuals to support a smooth transition. All children will be provided with photos of their new teacher/s to bring home and share with you over the holidays. Additional transition opportunities will be available for those children who would benefit from this.

Please see additional information regarding mixed age classes in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on pages 3 to 6.

Staffing

As we approach the end of the academic year, we will be saying a very fond farewell to some members of our teaching team.

Miss Maguire and Miss Yates have both successfully secured full-time teaching positions, and we wish them every success in their new roles. Mrs Rogers will be continuing her supply teaching commitments, and we look forward to welcoming her back to NMIS from time to time.

Miss Coulson will remain part of our team, moving into a three day a week teaching role in Year R, where she will job share with Mrs Murphy. To support our Key Stage 1 provision, we currently have a two day a week teaching vacancy to job share with Mrs Beal. During the recruitment process, Miss Coulson will also work as the partner teacher in this class.

Miss Renyard will be beginning her Postgraduate Certificate in Education (PGCE) at university in September. We know she will make an excellent teacher, and we wish her every success as she embarks on this exciting new chapter.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Maguire, Miss Yates, Mrs Rogers and Miss Renyard for their dedication, commitment and contribution to NMIS. I am sure you will all join me in wishing them every happiness and success in their future endeavours.

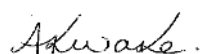
I am also delighted to inform you that we have successfully recruited Mrs Jones, an experienced teacher, who will be joining our Key Stage 1 team. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her to NMIS in September. The structure for the next academic year is as follows;

	Class name	Teaching staff
ELG	Little Ducklings	Mrs van Hoyland
Year R (EYFS)	Robins	Mrs Johnson (EYFS Leader)
	Blackbirds	Miss Coulson (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mrs Murphy (Thursday and Friday)
Years 1 and 2 (Key Stage 1)	Lapwings	Miss Pope
	Wagtails	Miss Weeks (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Mrs Jones (Thursday and Friday)
	Greenfinches	Mrs Beal (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) Miss Coulson (Thursday, Friday)

You will be invited to 'Meet The Teacher' sessions in September where you can visit your child's classroom, meet the staff and find out more about the curriculum. Diary dates for 2026-2027 will be available soon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's current class teacher should you wish to discuss this further. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Amy Wake
Headteacher