

That's a wrap!



First and foremost, I need to say wow, what a year! It has been a whirlwind, rollercoaster, an adventure, magical and everything rolled into one! But the most important thing to say is how proud I am of each and every member of our school whether they are your child, my amazing team and even the animals! All of these make up the special place to learn and Lake Haven is truly that.

Your child will return home with their reports this afternoon or they will be emailed if they are not in school today. They were all such a pleasure to read and to hear how well they have all done this year is truly wonderful. The envelope contains information about new classes for September, Miss Warwick has sent a letter to yourselves and for the children to introduce herself.

I know that we are all ready for a rest and looking forward to the summer holidays but I know that for some the holidays are long and then the return to school can feel daunting. We do have changes ahead from September which can always feel unsettling but rest assured, Lake Haven will still feel a special place as the ethos and core of our school remains firmly in place.

Staffing:

We are due to say goodbye to Mr Cooper at the end of this academic year. We are all sad that this goodbye has come around. However, he is moving on to a new challenging role in a large secondary school. This is right for his career progression and his family. We will miss Mr Cooper and he will be leaving a very large Mr Cooper shaped hole, but we know he will continue to be an amazing (still telling his very bad dad jokes) very committed teacher that we have all grown to love. I know that this was a really hard decision for Mr Cooper to make

but he has promised to visit and keep in touch with us all. We wish him all of the luck and best wishes in the world.

We are very excited for Imogen joining us full time. Miss Warwick, our new Headteacher, has been coming in throughout the summer term and getting to know us, the team and children which has been imperative for a smooth handover. We know that you will be in safe hands with her at the helm. This is a much needed position for Lake Haven as it will provide Alex, Sarah and I more time to complete our roles as Miss Warwick can take up the day to day running of our school.

In addition to our team, we are also welcoming Mr Kevin Walsh who will be the teacher for our Woodpeckers Class. Mr Walsh was selected in our teacher recruitment as his very experienced teaching career and commitment to his students was evidently paramount to him and also his knowledge of the curriculum and then SEND through his own personal, family experience which was honest, raw and to be admired.

We also have Miss Katie Johnson who will be joining us for our Robins Classroom. She has been a teacher for many years and worked across the Key Stages through Primary and Secondary. Miss Johnson showed us her care and diligence towards her students which fit wonderfully with our Lake Haven ethos alongside her own lived experiences of SEND and EBSA children which gains that insight that can never be taught.

We look forward to welcoming both teachers to our school from September and will be a positive addition to our team. We are currently actively recruiting another teacher for our Wrens classroom but in the meantime, this class will be taught by me until we find the right fit.

Our classroom names will be staying the same, but we are having a shuffle around to ensure the best fits for the room sizes, adults and needs to enable the children to have the best experience possible. I have attached an updated class list of adults. However, please remember that being such a small school, we do

always remain fluid to ensure that classes are covered and children, and adults are in the right place.

Over the summer holidays, we are pleased (and relieved) that we are not having any more building work. The classroom spaces will be the same as we leave them as we close for the holidays which is always helpful.

Return to school:

We return to school on Tuesday 1st September 2026, along with our new starters.

Contacts:

During the holidays, we do monitor the hello@lakehavenschool.co.uk email address. However, this may have a slower response time due to not being in the office. For any safeguarding concerns, we have an emergency telephone number 07873391863 which is for emergency use only.

Going forward into the new year, our 'hello@' email or calling the office on 01455 413344 will continue to be your first port of call. Mrs Hill if your query is pastoral or family support based. Miss Nattrass for any SENCO contacts and then Miss Warwick for anything else.

Recent and upcoming training for staff:

To ensure that all of our staff are kept up to date with their training needs. We have recently undertaken training in:

- The new PSHE and RSHE Curriculum from 2026
- FII Fabricated Induced Illness previously known as Munchausen Syndrome By Proxy
- Safeguarding
- Early Help
- Epi-Pens and Anaphylaxis
- Sensory Integrated OT - what does this mean for our students?
- SALT - What does this look like at Lake Haven?

Coming back for the new academic year, we will update our training on:

- Safeguarding - KCSIE 2026

- Code of Conduct revisit for staff, parents and children
- PREVENT
- Attachment, PACE, Anxiety - Delivered by Dr Peter Di Lima, Educational Psychologist

The Nimbus Access Card - The Nimbus Access Card can help children and young people with disabilities, long-term health conditions, or additional needs access venues and events more easily. The Access Card is a nationally recognised photo ID card that communicates a person's access requirements through simple symbols. This can help families avoid repeatedly explaining their child's needs when visiting attractions, theatres, concerts, sports venues, museums, and other participating organisations.

Depending on individual needs, the card may support access to reasonable adjustments such as:

- Essential companion or carer tickets
- Accessible seating arrangements
- Queue adjustments
- Step-free access
- Other accessibility support offered by participating venues

The card is assessed using supporting evidence and is valid for three years. Many families find it helps make outings and experiences more accessible, enjoyable, and less stressful.

For more information or to apply, visit the Access Card website:

<https://www.accesscard.online>

Mental Health Support - I have attached a copy to this letter in case you need some extra support. Kooth and 'A Hub of Hope' are particularly useful.

Free meals - There are often food chains that offer reduced or free meals for children throughout the holidays. Here is a link to a list which has been advertised so far. We will update our social media pages when more become

available. [Kids Eat Free UK | Summer Holidays 2026 | All 40+ National Restaurant Deals | FamilySave UK](#)

Airport Travel - For those of you flying this summer, travelling with autistic children may warrant requesting Special Assistance at the airport. This service can provide additional support through security, boarding, and navigating the airport, helping to reduce stress and make the journey smoother. The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower lanyard is recognised at many airports across the UK and around the world and can help staff identify passengers who may benefit from extra support.

Travelling to Spain - Families travelling through Spanish airports should be aware of recent changes. Whilst the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower lanyard may still be recognised, many airports operated by Aena now use their own Invisible Disabilities Badge scheme.

Parents can apply online before travel to obtain a free badge that helps airport staff recognise that a child or young person may need additional support, understanding, or extra time when moving through the airport.

Although I am stepping away from being the headteacher, Lake Haven still belongs to Alex and myself and we will be ever present, supporting school, Imogen, Sarah and the team and ensuring Lake Haven continues in the lovely, calm and safe place that it was founded. Thank you for the past four years, I have loved all of the encounters with you all even when times have felt tricky. Your children are the very best that I have ever worked with over my long teaching career and I am excited to see their journey continue to thrive in school. As we have maintained throughout, we are not going anywhere, we are just sharing out the roles and will be available if needed, as always!

I wish you and your family a safe and restful summer holiday. I will look forward to seeing you in September.

Love Mrs T :)

Swans Class

Mrs Zara Long

Miss Sophie Bates

Miss Annie Blurton

Kingfishers Class

Mrs Guest/Mrs Small

Mrs Blurton

Woodpeckers Class

Mr Kevin Walsh

Miss Beth Alexandra

Miss Harley Sparks

Puffins Class

Mrs Leesa Paine

Mrs Emma Moore

Miss Annie Taylor

Robins Class

Miss Katie Johnson

Mrs Su Smith

SENCO: Flo Nattrass

Forest School: Miss Bec Farmer

Family Support: Sarah Hill

Pastoral: Mrs Sarah Hill and Miss Bec Farmer

Headteacher: Miss Imogen Warwick

Proprietors: Miss Alexandra Marshall and Mrs Lindsay Taylor