

Mr M Harrison – Headteacher

I have been very proud to be Headteacher of St John's since January 2021 and love being part of this school community. My role in school is extremely varied and no two days are the same! One of my most important roles is to be the safeguarding lead so if you have any concerns about someone please do let us know immediately.

Away from school, I am married with three children and enjoy spending lots of time with my family. I love reading especially history and science books although I love a good story too. I also like to be quite active and run quite a lot as well as still clinging on to my football career (although as a veteran now!).

Mrs C Wilby – Assistant Headteacher

I have worked at St John's for 10 years and I have loved every minute of my time here. I am very proud that I have an integral role in leading the school. Most of my time has been in the juniors but I'm now enjoying being in the infants. I additionally lead maths, assessment, behaviour and I am part of the school's governing body.

In my personal time, I love spending time with my husband and little boy. We love visiting new places, going on walks and running together. I also love to cook, try new foods and test new recipes. Finally, if I get a spare minute I love shopping, especially if it involves a coffee shop stop on the way!

Mrs C Clark – Deputy Headteacher

I have worked at St John's for thirty years and it really is my second family. I love building relationships with the children and their families – although it does make me feel very old when I find myself teaching the children of former pupils! Nearly all of my teaching career has been spent working in Reception and KS1, however this year I made the leap to KS2 where I teach a Y3 class. A huge part of my job is to lead the Christian vision of our school through collective worship, RE and working with Chester Diocese.

I live with my long-suffering husband and my very energetic spaniel, Woody. We love to spend time outside whether it's going for long walks or pottering in the garden. I'm an active member of my local Methodist Church which I love attending. I'm also partial to curling up with a good book, a cuppa and maybe just a little chocolate!

Mrs Cole Reception teacher

I have worked at St. Johns for over 21 years, mostly in reception, which I love. I lead phonics at school and really enjoy teaching our young children to read and write.

At home I live with my husband and three cats. I also have two very handsome grown up sons who flew the nest a long time ago. I love to read and I also have lots of creative interests: drawing, painting (I was an illustrator many years ago, before I had children), cooking, baking, mosaics, crochet, knitting, sewing, embroidery, playing the piano, gardening... I am always busy doing something!

Mrs Peacock – Year 3/4 teacher

I have worked at St John's for a year now after relocating from Manchester and am loving the St John's vibe! I have been a teacher for 18 years and have previously taught from Year 1 to Year 6. I currently lead history in the school and am passionate about reading and SEND.

My favourite colour is green because I love nature: running, climbing hills and exploring new places (I speak Spanish). You may well see me out and about exploring Macclesfield with my husband and two boys!

Mrs Mottram – Deputy Designated Safeguarding and Pastoral Lead.

I have been at St Johns for nearly four years now previously to this I ran an alternative provision in a high school in Crewe. I am passionate about supporting children and families and helping them overcome barriers to learning.

Outside of school, I live with my husband and son, my step daughter visits at the weekend and I love spending time with my family, we enjoy going on holidays and going out for meals together. In my spare time, I love to read, try new recipes and spend time with my little house bunny, Peanut.

**Mrs Walsh - Reception Lead**

I have been a teacher for 28 years. I always remember practising being a teacher with my younger brother when I was primary school age. (I have apologised to him since!)

As soon as I walked through the door at St. John's as a supply teacher about 8 years ago, I knew it was a lovely school and that I wanted to stay. I am now a full-time teacher in reception and I absolutely love it! I am also the subject leader for Design and Technology.

I live with Mr Walsh and have a son, James, who now lives in Manchester. When I'm not at school I enjoy walking up in the hills, having fun with my family and also going away at weekends. I also love relaxing and cuddling my two black cats.

I support Everton football club and love following England football. I have my fingers crossed that they will win the world cup again one day!

**Miss Foster – Year 4 Teacher**

I have been a part of the St. John's family for the last nine years and during this time I've taught Years 1-4. I'm currently teaching a lovely Year 4 class and lead both Computing and OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). I also coach both the netball and rounders teams – we always have a lot of fun and love competing in matches against other schools.

Outside of school, I'm always at the gym and love running. I compete in races most weekends and somehow managed a half marathon last summer! I'm a huge Manchester United fan (which doesn't always feel like the best life choice!) and also love baking cakes when I have any free time.

**Mrs Forrest – Teaching Assistant**

I am a recent addition to the St. John's team, but have been part of the St. John's family for many years. I currently work in Key Stage 2, but also spend a little time in Key Stage 1.

Outside of school, I live with my husband and my daughter who also comes to St John's. I enjoy swimming, going to the gym and spending time with my family.

**Mrs Johnson- Year 5/6 class Teacher.**

I have been part of the St John's team for over 10 years and have worked across years 3-6 in that time. You will only see me around school on Mondays and Tuesdays as I job share the year 5/6 class with Mrs Reed. My degree in French and my time living in France means that I love teaching French and I lead Languages within school. I also run our St John's GIFT team alongside Mrs Clark, helping to make a positive difference to our school and community.

Outside of school, I live with my husband and two little boys and we spend lots of time going for walks and exploring new places. We love to go on holiday and are always finding new countries and cities to visit. In my spare time I love to practice yoga and to settle down with a good book, maybe even with a bar of chocolate and a cappuccino!

**Mrs Westerby – Year 5/6 Lead and Year 6 Teacher**

I have been teaching at St John's for nine years, currently in year 6 and have previously taught in Years 3 – 6. I am a subject leader for English and am passionate about developing reading and writing within school.

I am married with three children and love spending time with my family, especially going on long walks and watching my children play sport. I swim regularly and play netball each week which I am determined to keep doing as long as possible despite often playing against people a LOT younger than me!!

**Mrs Arnold – Year 3/4 Teacher**

I have been teaching at St John's for nine years and have taught years 3-6 during this time. I did some supply work at St John's when I first qualified as a teacher and loved it. I had to return when I saw a job advertised a few years later! You will see me Mondays – Wednesdays. I am history subject leader.

I live with my husband and our two boisterous boys. We love exploring at the weekends and going for long walks in the countryside. We enjoy trips to the zoo, swimming and days at the seaside. I love reading a good book and going to the theatre.

Mrs Baldasera – Y1/2 Teacher

I have worked at St John's for 14 years now and love being part of the KS1 team. I lead geography in the school and enjoy teaching early reading and writing skills.

At home I live with my husband and our brown spaniel Milly. We have two sons who are both away at university at the moment. I love going on long walks at the weekend or relaxing with a good book or movie.

Mr Sivewright-Forest School Teacher

I have worked at St Johns for close to 20 years. First as a PE teacher and more recently as the forest school teacher. Before teaching I worked as a Youth and sports development officer in London and as a football and tennis coach. I love the outdoors and spend most of my free time walking and running around our beautiful local countryside and hills.

I am married and have two sons. I also have a lively dog, (Molly). Who joins me on most of my walks and runs.

I have an interest in running/walking for health and wellbeing and help to lead fell running groups for Macclesfield Harriers. In September I will be running the Gritstone trail from Kidsgrove to Disley.

Miss Williams – Year 1 teacher

I have worked at St John's for the last 6 years. I spent the first 3 years in reception before moving to year 1. My favourite part of working with our youngest children is seeing how they grow and change as they move through the school. I currently lead science in school which is very lucky as it is also one of my favourite subjects to teach.

During my spare time I enjoy going on long, muddy walks with my very cheeky dog Willow. I also love reading, watching films and spending time with my family and friends.

Mrs Reed – Year 5/6 Teacher

I began my time at St. John's in 2006 when I did my last teaching placement here and I was then lucky enough to be offered a full time role and have been part of the St. John's family pretty much ever since.

Throughout my time here, I have taught throughout the juniors, mostly in years 5 and 6. I lead PSHE which involves teaching the children skills that they can carry forward in their future lives. A highlight of mine each week is when I lead the whole school singing worship – to have 300 children singing together with big smiles on their faces is just beautiful.

My spare time is pretty much spent with my family: I have a daughter who has just started high school and I am always busy taking her to her clubs and my son is 14 and has many medical needs so constantly keeps me on my toes. I enjoy trips to the cinema, theatre and going for walks. I also love to keep fit by doing lots of dance workouts

Mrs Hawkyard- Teaching Assistant

I've been at St.John's for 25 years mostly working in the juniors and all my now grown up 3 children came here too. I teach some classes and do lots of groups with children. I also run a group called Explore with Mrs Clarke exploring all about God during Monday lunchtimes.

Outside of school I love spending time with my husband and family including my small grandchildren. I love walking and reading and visiting cafes and going to new places.

Mrs Dobson – Year 3 teacher

I have been teaching for 15 years and have previously worked in teacher education. Most of my teaching career has been spent in Key Stage 1, although I have taught up to Year 6! I am very passionate about phonics and early reading, and developing Reading for Pleasure practices. I am currently leading PE at the school and enjoy encouraging all children to have an active lifestyle.

Outside of school, you'll find me with my two young children, running through the hills, cooking or pottering about in my vegetable garden – when the weather permits! I also have a passion for design and enjoy furniture restoration and hunting down a bargain at antiques fairs!

Miss Bartley- Year 5 Teacher

I have been teaching at St John's since 2015, when my friend, Miss Bridge (Mrs Mills) told me that Mrs Waites needed a supply teacher! That day I was told by a number of staff that I'd never leave! For a year I taught all the way across the school, spending lots of time in Reception and the infants. Then I was employed as a year 3/4 teacher, where I taught for a number of years, and now teach year 5, which I am

thoroughly enjoying. I also lead Art across the school and absolutely love seeing the children's designs and creations. Despite not being amazing at singing, I completely love it and enjoy singing at the top of my voice, which is why I love leading choir with Miss Teale and Mrs Howell! Taking the choir to the MEN arena for the Young Voices concerts really has been a huge highlight of my teaching career!

In my spare time, I love to get out in the fresh air; going for walks, weekends away and visiting lots of coffee shops! I also spend a lot of time doing yoga, pilates and barre. I have recently moved to Bollington and am very much looking forward to the next stage of my life; growing my family and having a baby in June!

Miss Teale – Year 1/2 Teacher

I have been part of the St John's family since 2019. Since I started teaching I have moved between year 3/4 and year 1/2. I am the music lead in the school which I love doing as I run the school choir along with Miss Bartley and Mrs Howel. In the previous years we have taken the choir children to the MEN arena as part of Young Voices – this was an amazing experience! Both the children and staff had a brilliant time and I am hoping to do this again in the future.

Outside of school I spend time with my family, we love to be active and try to spend as much time as possible outdoors. I have two little girls that keep me very busy and on my toes!

Mrs Clarke – Specialist SENCO and teacher

St John's has been at the heart of most things in my life for the last 16 years. When I walked across the playground, holding hands with my twins, the 3 of us ready to begin our new school careers, I had no idea St John's family would have such an important and influence on my own.

Teaching in Reception firstly and later moving to Year 3 and 4 whilst consistently navigating all things Special Needs led to opportunities to make change for our wider Cheshire East communities. St John's leadership supported me in writing the Cheshire East Toolkit for SEND, secondment to implement it across the LA and gain a permanent part time role as SEND Inclusion Officer in the Inclusion Quality Team. More recently, writing and relaunching the toolkit as the Cheshire East Inclusion Toolkit at a purpose planned conference for 380 people.

I remain as SENCO for 2 days a week at St Johns because I love enabling young people to achieve their potential and enjoy helping all teachers be teachers of All young people.

When I am not at school, you can find me out and about sailing, walking or gardening. If at home I am generally enjoying my grandson, painting or spinning and dying wool to crochet with or make some other kind of creation.

When I am not doing any of those things, I am probably off camping in the van with Reggie the dog or cycling along some country lane dreaming up other adventures.

Living life well is the most important thing to me.