



Equity, Excellence, Evolution

The Five Islands Academy is an all-age, multi-site, Church of England Academy, serving the island communities of Bryher, St Agnes, St Martin's, St Mary's and Tresco. It is part of the Leading Edge Academies Partnership.

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Primary staff and class changes

Dear Parents,

I am writing to inform you of some staffing changes for the new year, specifically to tell you about the new teaching arrangements for the upcoming term and share some positive news.

Firstly, we are saddened to announce that **Mrs Sam Grossett** will be leaving us after an incredible 30 years of teaching at FIA. She has been an invaluable member of our team, and she will be greatly missed by both staff and students. Mrs Grossett's commitment to education, her incredible energy and her nurturing spirit have left a lasting impact on our school community. We fully understand and support Mrs Grossett's decision to leave Five Islands Academy and really hope that she is never a stranger to our school.

To replace Mrs Grossett, **Year 2** will be taught by **Mr Alan Craig** from January 2025. Mr. Craig brings a wealth of experience and a passion for teaching that we are confident will inspire and engage our Year 2's. These pupils will remain in the classroom that they are familiar with and comfortable in, and I am really confident that Mrs Grossett and Mr Craig will work well together on a full handover to support learning as best they can.

Additionally, **Years 3 and 4** will be combined into a mixed class, which will be taught by **Ms Alison Nimmo**, with the support of a full-time teaching assistant (tbc). Ms. Nimmo is known for her calm creativity and genuine enthusiasm for all the subjects she teaches! We believe that the mixed class will offer a unique opportunity for students to learn from each other, fostering a sense of community and collaboration. The presence of a full-time teaching assistant will ensure that each student receives the attention and support they need to thrive. This combined class will learn in Ms Nimmo's classroom inside the school building.

All aboard! Navigating together

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Our goal is to continue providing a high-quality education that meets the needs of all our students, and we are confident that these changes will help us achieve that. We will also have access to the Lighthouse classroom as needed for smaller group work and to provide more space when the off island children come over on a Friday for collaboration work.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I understand that changes such as these might be unsettling for your children, but we will work hard together to make the transition as seamless as possible, with your children's education and wellbeing central to our work.

We value your feedback and are here to support you and your children during this transition. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Rachel Gibb

Headteacher