



EYFS Crew 2022/2023

Green Top



Reception Teacher - Miss Rebecca Carter



EYFS phase leader - Designated Safeguarding Lead - Assistant Headteacher

Moments with my caring family and beautiful friends fill my life with happiness. Travelling, making memories and sharing the special times are what I love. This may be holidays, time away with my partner, a quiet walk with my Cocker Spaniel or a good meal out with a cocktail or two! I love to read, listen to music and go to concerts like Coldplay this summer!

After beginning my career in many roles within early years; I began my teaching journey at GreenTop, eight years ago. I joined as an NQT and worked across the EYFS and I have had the best journey! This has included; the school community becoming my work family, seeing a beautiful nursery extension 'The Lilies' being built and many special learning opportunities such as educational visits with the children.

There have been masses of exciting opportunities that I have been able to explore, developing my love for teaching in the early years and development as a leader in school.



Nursery Teacher - Mrs Elizabeth Hay



Spending time with my two children (Ivar aged 2 and Florence almost 1), husband, Alex and Cockerpoo, Tilly fill my life with so much happiness. We are always planning the next camping adventure, surfing holiday in Cornwall or just finding a wonderful new place to walk and explore with a picnic stop. I love art and creating my own abstract paintings, interior design, practising yoga, drinking lots of cups of tea, eating cake bigger than my head, baking and cooking meals for my family and friends.

I have been a Primary teacher for 10 years and taught at Green Top for 7 years across the EYFS and Key Stage One. I am thrilled to be one of the Nursery Teachers this year and cannot wait to start your child's Green Top journey with them through exciting play opportunities and collaborative learning. I have a great passion for our immersive and creative curriculum that we have carefully planned and developing your child's interests further through innovative provision to support them as individuals is incredibly important to me. Each day brings new learning opportunities and excitement and I am very much looking forward to meeting your child and getting to know their personalities, quirks and characters. I'm sure the year ahead is going to be full of awe, wonder and very happy days together.



Nursery Teacher - Mrs Selina Burton



In my spare time I spend time with my husband and two boys (aged 7 and 4) playing lots of football in the garden and riding bikes. They keep me very busy but I like to try and find time to bake and to practise Ashtanga yoga. I am a HUGE Disney fan and enjoy watching films and singing along to Disney soundtracks. Making memories with my family are some of the things I enjoy the most, this could be days out, holidays or just popping out for an ice cream.

I have been teaching at Green Top since 2019 and that time has gone by so fast. I enjoy our creative curriculum and being able to come up with exciting ideas with other staff in school to make the children's learning purposeful and of course fun too!

During my teaching career I have taught across EYFS and KS1 but Nursery is my favourite place to be. I love how we are at the beginning of the children's learning journey and the excitement and enthusiasm from the children is always fantastic to see.



Reception Teacher - Mrs Lorna Jones



In my spare time I like to spend time with my husband and our daughter (aged 1), we enjoy being out and about exploring local areas, going on holidays and finding new places to visit. I really enjoy cooking so if we are not out and about exploring and having fun, I like to host family gatherings and make meals for everyone. As you can tell family time is really important to me and this is what I enjoy the most, whether its busy days out, crazy family gatherings or just chilling at home with my husband, baby girl and dogs.

I started at Green Top as a foundation stage teacher in september 2018. Teaching is a really strong passion of mine and after looking around Green Top and working here I fell in love with how the school works for the children. With its immersive curriculum it's really making learning exciting for each and every individual child and the opportunities that are provided for the children in each topic is amazing. To be a part of this is amazing and really hard to find in other settings. I have had so many opportunities here to develop my skills and provide exciting opportunities for the children, like creating the natures alphabet for the local park and organising a fantastic beach celebration on the school field, I can't wait to see what the next year brings.



Reception Teacher - Mrs Amanda Wallace



In my spare time I love to spend time with my husband and my son and daughter. My daughter is 12 and my son is 2. At the weekend I love to watch my daughter play football for York City which is lots of fun but very chilly in the winter months. I love to spend time with my family and friends and my favourite thing to do is to dance and sing with my children in our living room. We love to be silly but I am not sure Mr Wallace enjoys this as much as we do!! As a family we enjoy cooking and eating lots of different foods and relaxing by watching a great movie.

I love Green Top because it allows learning to be creative, fun and true to life. Our immersive environments and the contribution to these from the children really hooks the children and staff fully into our expeditions. The children at Green Top are so enthusiastic and committed to their own learning and challenging themselves. They inspire me every single day. What I love most of all about Green Top is that the staff and children all work together everyday to learn, have fun, achieve and celebrate everything that we do.



Learning Coach - Miss Jenny Nolan



When I'm not at school, I spend most of my time being a taxi to my two girls! When we are not at their various activities, we enjoy walking our dog, Penny, in the woods, drawing, baking and snuggling on the sofa with goodies and watching a Disney classic. We also get back to visit family and friends in London as often as we can.

One of my favourite things about Green Top is that every child has a voice. Their input and opinion matters and this is one of the reasons my own children attend Green Top.

The way the children are taught is memorable and exciting for them. I love that there are so many fantastic opportunities for our children to be the best that they can be. The many after school clubs and out of school events that Green Top provide, do not happen at every school and I hope that every child leaves Green Top with amazing memories.



Learning Coach - Miss Chloe Stewart



When I am not at work I enjoy spending time with my family and friends being able to relax and go on days out. I enjoy having the opportunity to go to Centre Parcs every year with my family. Recently I have been able to have some great experiences travelling to places such as Paris and would love to travel more.

I have been at GreenTop for five years now and during this time I have been a part of some amazing opportunities and have worked across a range of year groups. I started as an apprentice and I am now in my final year of my teacher training. Some of my favorite memories are the learning exploration about Thorne, the trip to the Deep and most recently experiencing the bike race coming through Thorne. I love how every single child is happy to be apart of GreenTop and are always smiling and how all staff members are welcoming. I really am proud to be apart of GreenTop.



Pastoral Support - Miss Gemma Hindson



I love spending time with my amazing family and friends especially my beautiful daughter. When I'm not running her to and from dance, drama and singing lessons we are making precious memories whether it be a day out, a show or concert or a weekend away we always have something to look forward to. We love exploring new places and being outdoors, a walk in the woods, the beach or the Yorkshire wildlife park are amongst our favourite places, with Disneyland and Chester Zoo being our happy places.

I've been working within EYFS at Green Top for four years now and I love coming to work, I love how each day brings something different. The children amaze me daily and I love getting to know each individual and their little personalities. The excitement and enthusiasm the children show in their learning with all the amazing opportunities they have is so beautiful to see.



Apprentice LC - Miss Katelyn Welch



When I'm not at work one of the things I love doing the most is spending time with my family and friends! I mostly enjoy going places to eat and my favourite is Nando's, and if I'm not relaxing and watching one of my favourite films or getting pampered then I'm out dancing with my friends and letting my hair down!

I attended nursery in Green Top and carried on all the way through to the end, my journey in this school was amazing! This was a big opportunity for me as it's a school I've known all my life, one of the things I love most about Green Top is the wonderful opportunities the children get to experience everyday! The school welcomes everyone and they are made to feel part of what brings this school together, the children are always eager to learn and the environment is always warm and friendly. In nursery my time with children so far has been lovely, I've watched all the children grow and it's special to be a part of, everyone has made a bond and it's always full of laughter!



Apprentice LC - Miss Emma Grayson



One of my favourite things to do is to go to watch music concerts, i love all genres of music, but my absolute favourite is Kpop. I enjoy watching movies at the cinema with my friends, i also love to go on camping/caravan holidays with my family which i have enjoyed most of my childhood.

I attended Green Top school from being four years old up to when i left in year 6. The time i spent here was so enjoyable it has always been my ambition to return as an employee in a support/teaching role. Green Top school is a fantastic place for children to be educated and also they are made to feel part of something special. I hope in my role i will play a big part of the fantastic education children receive at Green Top School.



Learning Coach - Miss Shannon Smith



As a mummy to a 3 year old little girl our family loves to be outside and get active! We enjoy walking on the beach with our crazy cockerpoo puppy Ruby and exploring new places. One of our favorite places to go is the Gruffalo trail at Sherwood Pines. Although, there's nothing I love more than snuggling up on the sofa with a tub of Ben and Jerry's to watch a Disney film. I love to dance and sing and let my hair down with my friends.

What I love about Green Top is that all the children are so eager to learn. You can walk through the corridors and in every classroom there are children who are excited to learn and taking advantage of their environment. In our Nursery every day is unpredictable. We laugh together, cry together and have a great bond. I'm very excited to see what my future at Green Top has in store.





Additional Staff Who might help me



HLTA - Mrs Andrea Hardman



I enjoy going to the cinema and going out for meals with my family. My favourite place to eat is Nandos. I love to watch my sons play football every Saturday and then just chill on Sundays watching TV. I enjoy taking part in charity events and completed Muddy Race for Life last year. My favourite hobby is cycling in the summer and my most treasured possessions are my family and my bike.

I have worked at Green Top for many years and I have loved every minute of it. I love the break out areas children can work in during lessons which are decorated and linked to theme to stimulate their learning. I also love all the new sports facilities that are available to the children, especially the 3G pitch and the numerous sports teams which go out and represent our school. Above all I love our Green Top children as they never fail to impress me, inspire me and make me smile every day.



HLTA - Mrs June Miller



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I enjoy spending time with my family and having movie nights, having meals together and playing games. This isn't always possible due to us all working shifts, so time as a family is valuable and precious. One of our favourite films is Harry Potter. At weekends I try and spend time with my parents, taking my mum out shopping and have a girlie couple of hours.

What I love about Green Top is the opportunities it has given me to further my career. This is due to supportive, helpful team members I work with. Green Top has given the children some fantastic trip experiences, which I have been fortunate to go along. The approach to learning has changed recently; it has been made more exciting for the children by having break out areas linked to their theme. The school offers lots of after school clubs which is great to be involved with as I get to work and talk to children who I may not see through the school day. I love how we as a school involve the local community in exciting events over the years. Our school in my opinion is warm, friendly and welcoming. I love my role at Green Top and what I have achieved here.



Crew Leader - Miss Sarah Walton



I am so lucky to have two beautiful daughters and together we enjoy travelling, walking our dog Milo, baking and watching films. I enjoy being busy, especially going to concerts and shows, but I love chill out time too and can often be found curled up on the sofa with a good book.

I love working at Green Top because the children here really do have a voice. Every part of every day revolves around the well being, learning and enjoyment of each child. Here, nobody is different because we appreciate that everyone is an individual. As adults, we all work together through fun times and challenging ones with the same goal in mind...to ensure that each child strives to be their best self.

I feel blessed to work with such a fantastic Crew of adults and children!



HLTA - Mrs Bev Green



I enjoy being in the outdoors, walking, cycling, gardening. I love going on holiday and visiting different places.

I have worked at Green Top many years. I love my role because it provides me with the opportunity to work with lots of different year groups and staff.

We have great sport facilities available to the children, which provides them with a variety of experiences, building their confidence and team spirit enabling them to represent Green Top in a range of sporting events.



HLTA - Miss Kelsey Thurstkettle



I love spending time with my family and friends enjoying many laughs and creating memories. I like going on long walks with my dog along the riverbank and I also enjoy going to the cinema... mainly for the popcorn! I love to visit different countries- next on my list is New Zealand, although I would like to go back to Oz! My favourite food place would have to be TGI Fridays although Pizza Hut is a high contender!

I love Green Top for many reasons:

1. Obviously, the amazing children- I absolutely love coming to work and that's down to them! They're all totally awesome.
2. The lovely and extremely friendly members of staff.
3. The amazing opportunities offered such as Young Voices, Robin Wood, Harry Potter Studios, Edinburgh, and lots more!
4. Above all, I love Green Top because it is everyone's aim to make the children's time at school a fun learning experience which I am so grateful to be a part of!



EWC/DDSL - Mrs Toni Fitzpatrick



I have three grown up children and 3 dogs called Wini, Wilf and Buddy. I enjoy family surfing holidays in Cornwall especially when it doesn't rain!!

I love spending time with my family and making memories.

I enjoy having a cup of tea whilst watching The Chase although I can never answer the questions!

I have been at Green Top for a long time and still love being here. The children are wonderful; each one is special in their own way. At Green Top we make sure the children's emotional needs are met, this is essential especially for the children who may be experiencing some difficulties in their life, for example bereavement, which may impact on their school life.

Green Top is a restorative school which means we use a consistent framework when dealing with any issues; we listen to all our children ensuring issues are dealt with fairly.

Above all at Green Top our children have a voice something I think is VERY important.



Assistant SENDco - Mrs Karen Cook



I am a creative person and I enjoy all types of art and crafts. I love watching films, going to theme parks and visiting different places.

I like to spend quality time with my family and catch up with friends.

I enjoy working at Green Top and watching it constantly evolve to suit the needs of the children. I think the pastoral care the school offers is amazing as is the huge range of after school clubs we offer. I personally love the staff within the school as we all care for the children and work together as a team to achieve outcomes while developing great relationships with the children.

I will to support our vulnerable children and enable them to fulfil their potential. I hope to help them navigate tricky times, be consistent and help them to thrive in a positive, supportive environment.



Assistant SENDco - Mrs Jane Dewsnap



I enjoy spending time with my family, going on walks and bike rides. I also spend a lot of my weekends at the side of the rugby pitch watching my two boys play. My favorite thing to do is plan and go on holidays, especially if they involve Disney!

I love that Green Top gives children and staff fantastic opportunities and amazing experiences. I have been lucky enough to go on some fantastic trips like Harry Potter Studios and the residential to Edinburgh where the children (and adults) made some fantastic memories.

I love that everyone gets involved and there is a real sense of community. It's great that everyone has a voice and works together as one big team.



XP Outdoor - Mr Rory Kershaw



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I enjoy being in the great outdoors and going on many long and fulfilling adventures into the wild. My last adventure took me on a 2 week expedition in Canada rafting 20 miles down the Babine River. I have been part of the world wide family of scouts for over ten years now, learning and adapting with every new skill scouts have to offer. As much as I love all the adventures, I love a night out with friends or quiet night in with family watching a film snuggled by a fire. My favourite books and movies follow the genre of adventure and science-fiction.

What I love about Green Top is that you feel as if you're part of one big family. Green Top inspires me everyday when I come to work and see how hard and dedicated the children work every lesson. I love how all the learning is led by the children. I also admired the different ways the children are involved in running the school such as the school council, the learning council, the school ambassadors, the playground leaders and so on. However the thing I love the most about Green Top is the outdoor curriculum which I'm very lucky to be a part of, teaching life skills for the outdoors and showing how nature can help a child's learning journey.

