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# EYFS Crew 2023/2024

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 last 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 as we have evolved our expeditionary curriculum.

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



Family time is incredibly important to me so spending time with my children Ivar (3) and Florence (2) , husband Alex & Cockapoo Tilly is what I like to do best. 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. Life is for celebrating so I love to make every moment count by celebrating the little wins, not just the big things!

I have been a Primary teacher for 11 years and taught at Green Top for 8 years across the EYFS and Key Stage One. I am thrilled to continue my teaching journey in Nursery in September. I am very much looking forward to getting to know your child and begin their Green Top journey through exciting play opportunities and collaborative learning. I have a great passion for our immersive and creative curriculum that we have carefully planned. I aim to develop your child's interests further through innovative provision to support them as individuals. Each day brings new learning opportunities and excitement and I can't wait to know your child's 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 8 and 5) 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 2), 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 13 and my son is 3. 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 - Mrs 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 and competitions 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 five 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 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.



# Apprentice LC - Miss Alyssa Whitfield



I am new to Green Top and I am currently doing my two year apprenticeship. I love spending time with my friends, going out to loads of amazing places and going on family holidays and days out creating fun new memories with them all. I have to say so far my most exciting adventure yet has been visiting Disneyland, Florida - I am very much a big Disney fan! In my spare time I enjoy going to the gym that's where u will see me most this summer getting ready for my girls holiday and of course going shopping.

Green Top is a great welcoming place to be working at as they are both supporting of the children and the staff. I love that the children have a variety of opportunities within school like Young Voices, residential visits and many more! Everyday, the staff are thinking of new and exciting unique ways for each expedition to become more engaging for the children. I love how friendly the staff are and have been to me since starting this journey - I have become part of an amazing crew!



# Crew Leader / LC - Miss Shannon Smith



As a mummy to a 5 year old little girl and a 9 month old baby boy our family loves to be outside and get active! We enjoy walking on the beach with our crazy cockapoos puppy Ruby and Reggie 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.



# Learning Coach - Sam Lynch



In my free time I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, walking my 2 dogs, and going out on my partners motorbike to beautiful places. I also enjoy spending time with my 8 year old daughter taking her dancing and swimming. This year I get married so will become Mrs Swindells which I'm also very excited about.

I started at Greentop last August (2022) as a learning coach in nursery and I have loved it. What I love at Greentop is how children are involved within their learning and how supportive the teachers are.

I have over 14 years experience working in the EYFS, including an Honours Degree in Early years. I have a sound knowledge of children from birth to five and it is my passion to see children thrive.



# Learning Coach - Vicky Mann



**FAMILY, FUN TIMES, TRAVELLING & ICE HOCKEY**, my life in just a few words. What can only be described as a “Mad House” my home is made up of myself and husband, my elderly dad, my little girl and my 2 adult boys, thankfully we have 2 bathrooms otherwise I’d never make it out of the door. All my children attend or have attended Green Top School, they even have some of the teachers who taught my boys still teaching here today (no names mentioned). I love family time in the sun especially in our back garden, with the smell of a lit bbq and the relaxing bubbles of the hot tub. The summer time is for a holiday away with the family, a big pool, sun beds and cold drink makes me a happy woman. During the winter my family are **HUGE** ice hockey fans, following the Sheffield Steelers. We spend our weekends in cold hockey rinks across the UK. Everything we do is as a family and that is very important to me.

I am new to the EYFS team but have loved every minute of my time here so far. The staff and children are so friendly and welcoming, it's a warm feeling! I was a local childminder previously and now get to see some of my mindees as they grow and develop moving through the school which I love. Prior to this I have 20+ years working in Autism supporting people and families to live fulfilling lives.

I'm looking forward to supporting and developing the young students as they progress through Green Top School for many years to come.





# Learning Coach - Miss Christina Parnaby



I am new to Green top, I started working in the Foundation Stage 2 in April 2023 and have loved every minute so far! In my spare time I love spending time with my friends, family and boyfriend, being around people that I love makes me so happy! I have 2 beautiful dogs, Millie Moo who is 10 and Bonnie Boo who is 3, they're super cute and make me laugh so much!! I love going on adventures, my last adventure was my biggest yet, the first time I have ever been on a plane! I had an amazing holiday in Santorini in May, it was so beautiful!! Music is a BIG passion of mine I love to sing and dance, cheesy pop is my favourite genre of music, I love going to concerts with my big sister! I am a football fan and support Manchester City, Jack Grealish is my favourite player! I love all things Disney and Christmas is my most favourite time of the year EVER! I love love love the Grinch!

I have worked with children for the last 8 years, I have experience working within the EYFS up to year 2 throughout my career. I find working with children to be such a rewarding job, I love the lightbulb moment you see when children learn something new and they fully understand it, their little faces light up so proudly it makes me a little emotional!

I love the Crew aspect at Green Top and look forward to see what the future holds!





# Additional Staff Who might help me



# SENDCo - Mrs Faulding



I have two little boys- Benny (6 years old) and Cooper (2 years old) - who keep me very busy and on my toes! We love to go exploring together and enjoy going for walks in the woods or at the seaside, visit different fun places and also snuggling up on the sofa for a film night. Anything Disney is our favourite! As well as spending time with the boys, I love listening to music and having a good old sing along. I also go tap dancing, which is something that I have done since being little - I love to be on the stage performing and putting on a show!

This will be my 7th year at Green Top and each year, my journey here just continues to get better- I love it!

I feel so lucky to be part of such a caring and inspiring school. A school that puts the needs of each child first, and provides unique and amazing opportunities for them to experience and to enhance their learning.

I've loved developing CREW as part of our school ethos and values, seeing the children support each other on a daily basis and encourage one another to work hard, be kind and get smart is so special.

In August 2022, I started my role as SENDCo at Green Top and have loved supporting both children and parents across school in a different capacity. I look forward to continuing to do this and shape SEND at Green Top to best meet the needs of all of our children, to help them to grow and also to be the best version of themselves!



# Assistant SENDco - Mrs Karen Cook



I am a proud mum of two grown up children who also attended Green Top. My family and I are huge Disney fans! We love spending time as a family and have been very lucky to visit the Disney parks as we love the rides and being able to feel like a child again. Our happy place is the Magic Kingdom in Florida. I enjoy all types of art and craft, going to the cinema, spending quality time with friends and family as well as visiting new places.

I have worked at Green Top many years and love the friendly environment and relationships staff create with the children. As a school we care greatly for children's outcomes and work together as a team to help them achieve their goals. I have been lucky to watch the school constantly evolve over the years to suit the needs of the children. I think the pastoral care the school offers is amazing, as is the huge range of activities we offer such as XP Outdoors, residential trips and days out. In 2021, after many years in EYFS, I began my new role as assistant Sendco as I feel passionate about supporting our most vulnerable children. I hope to help them navigate tricky times, be consistent and enable 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.





# EWC/DDSL - Mrs Toni Fitzpatrick



I have three grown up children and 3 dogs called Wini and Wilf. 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.



# 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 but my favourite thing is spending time with my two grandsons. 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 our expeditions to stimulate their learning. I also love the 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



I enjoy spending time with my family and my new granddaughter. In the summer we get together for BBQs on most weekends. This isn't always possible due to us all working shifts, so time as a family is valuable and precious. Also I try and spend time with my parents, taking my mum out shopping and going on holiday together.

What I love about Green Top is the opportunities it has given me over the years 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 over the years I've been here has been made more exciting for the children by having break out areas linked to their expeditions. 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 have involved the local community in exciting events over the years. Our school in my opinion is warm, friendly and welcoming. I absolutely love my role at Green Top and what I have achieved here, seeing the children every day makes me smile and I am proud of what they achieve.



# HLTA - 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 and gardening. I love going on holiday and visiting different places.

I have worked at Green Top for 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.





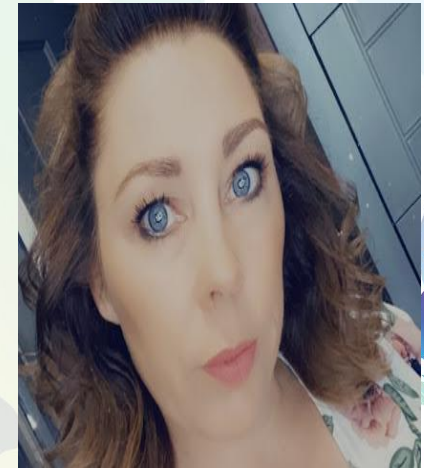
# HLTA - Mrs Lisa Tonge



Spending time making memories with my family, especially my two grandsons that are full of mischief, is my favourite thing to do. I enjoy going on caravan holidays and visiting new places as I love history, particularly exploring castles. Bamburgh Castle is my favourite. In my free time I enjoy walking with my dog Bruno and cycling, but reading a good book is how I like to relax. I have an avid shoe collection and LOVE rugby, especially Wigan Warriors. I go to as many matches as I can with my son, and if I can't go to the game I will watch it on the TV. Last year I visited New York with some of my friends and it was AMAZING!

I have recently returned to Green Top as a Leading Learning Coach. Lots of things have changed, but it is like coming home. Everyone has made me feel welcome and I have been given the opportunity to visit and spend some time at XP in order to immerse myself in the XP learning process.

I am delighted to be back and am really impressed with all the changes that have been made since I left. The facilities are amazing, especially the sports facilities. They offer the children a variety of experiences which helps build their confidence but also helps them develop their team spirit and resilience. The expeditions are well planned and I am excited to be a part of the whole learning journey and can't wait to support the children. I am privileged to be a part of this crew!



# XP Outdoor Lead - Mr Rory Kershaw



I enjoy the great outdoors and going on many thrilling and exciting adventures into the wild. My last adventure took me on a 2 week expedition in Canada rafting 20 miles down the Babine River, my next big adventure is taking 450 scouts to Austria for a week of adventure and once in a lifetime memories. I have been part of the world wide family of scouts for 14 years now, learning and adapting with every new skill scouts have to offer. As much as I enjoy all the adventures, I love a night out with friends even if it means winning a pub quiz or two My favourite book is The Hobbit, it comes on all my adventures

I have worked at Green Top for 6 years now and love every minute of it. You feel as if you're part of one big family. Green Top inspires me everyday when you see the children: Working Hard, Being Kind and Getting Smart. The children are a massive part in the leadership of the school with child led learning, school council, the learning council, the school ambassadors, the playground leaders and so on. In my opinion, the BEST thing about Green Top is the XP Outdoors provision which I'm very lucky to be the Lead of at Green Top, teaching life skills for the outdoors and showing how the outdoors can help a child's learning journey.



# Admin - Mrs Maryanne Woodroffe



I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I like going on long walks and holidays as well as doing arts & crafts in my spare time.

I have worked at Green Top for nearly 25 years. I love Green Top because it creates a diverse environment which is affluent in opportunity for young minds to grow. The school provides a great atmosphere for children and staff alike to grow and learn, being part of that is something very rewarding for us all.



# Headteacher - Mrs Kelly Overson



Above anything else, I love spending time with my family and friends making memories! I love to go on long walks especially around woods and more so around water! More recently I have have started swimming which I am really enjoying! I find that this is a time where I can clear my mind and feel refreshed for the day ahead! As a family we enjoy going on holidays in America, Las Vegas is one of our favourite destinations, especially because of the shows, food and shopping!

I started my journey at Green Top in 1997 as an apprentice! During these 26 years I have worked as a Learning Coach and an HLTA which I truly loved! I was lucky enough to complete my teacher training at Green Top and a year later I became Maths Lead followed by Assistant Head. I have loved every minute of my time at Green Top and I am now proud to be the Headteacher of this amazing school. The culture at Green Top has always been strong, there is just something about our community that pulls everyone together! This is strengthened by crew, something I feel strongly about! Everyone wants to do the best for our children and community and I couldn't ask for a better place to work!

