



# Y5/6 Crew 2024/2025

Green Top



# Year 5 Teacher - Miss Rebecca Knowles



Y5/6 phase leader - Reading Lead - Assistant Headteacher

I enjoy anything that consists of spending time with my family. I love to make memories with them and I especially love to spend time with my sister and my lovely niece who is turning two soon! I also enjoy looking after my two cats (Teddy and Freddy) who are very cute and playful! Anyone who knows me will know that my favourite things are Harry Potter and Disney - Disneyland is my favourite place!

Green Top is like my second home - I love that I get to work here and wouldn't want to work anywhere else. Green Top is a school that cares about each and every child and it provides many amazing opportunities for the children. Things I have enjoyed in the past are Harry Potter Studios, Magna Science Centre and a residential to London! I also love the expeditions that we teach and some of my favourites have been the Y3/4 one around climate change and polar bears and the Y5/6 one around discrimination and fighting for our rights. Finally, I love the products that we create and the links that we build with our community. I was so privileged to be able to create a book sharing World War 2 stories that involved my own grandad! Green Top truly does help us all to be the best versions of ourselves!



# Year 5 Teacher - Mrs Sophie Spetch

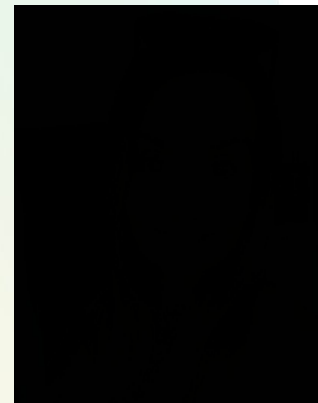
Student Leadership Champion - Professional Pathways



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I enjoy spending lots of time with my friends and family especially my niece and nephew and making lots of special memories. I love to explore new places and countries, taking lots of photographs and listening to music. My favourite thing to do whilst I'm on holiday is watching the sunset on the beach, my favourite country to visit is Greece. I have three dogs Dottie, Dougie and Tess and love to take them on long walks in the sunshine!

I love working at Green Top and have had the privilege of being here for many years now. I feel so lucky to have met some amazing children, parents and made lots of friends with the great staff here. Green Top offer the very best learning experiences for our children through all of the exciting expeditions. My favourite has definitely got to be the space expedition - I will never forget having the opportunity to skype NASA and Jim Kennedy! Our children have a great attitude to their learning and their enthusiasm is a real credit to the school.



# Year 6 Teacher - Mr Tom Ambler

PE & Science Champion



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I enjoy most sports. My favourite sport is rugby and I currently play for Thornensians. My favourite rugby team is Hull FC. I also enjoy American Football and my favourite team is the Miami Dolphins! Outside of playing sports I enjoy holidays and eating lots of food!

What I love the most about Green Top is that everyone works together as a team and supports one another. I love our expeditions and enjoy making our final products. My favourite has to be the space lecture we do in Y5&6. Outside of the classroom I enjoy taking children to various sporting competitions and I am looking forward to joining Doncaster Legacy Sports. I think it will be a fantastic opportunity to represent ourselves across Doncaster.



# Year 6 Teacher - Mrs Jillian Jackson



Writing and SPAG Lead - Data Analysis Lead - Instructional Lead

When not at work, I enjoy spending time with my family, especially my children. We love to go on family days out particularly if it ends with tea at Pizza Hut or Pizza Express! On a weekend, I enjoy watching my youngest son play football, having film nights, TV chill out time or reading a good book. When I can find the time, I enjoy going on long walks, going to watch Lincoln City FC as a family or visiting the seaside.

I have worked at Green Top for many years and have loved the experiences I have had here. I love how our curriculum has developed and is driven by exciting expeditions. Establishing crew is so important as it enables the children to really develop their skills to work as a team, develop empathy and compassion, hold each other to account and take responsibility for their own actions. The children display positive learning attitudes and have many opportunities to lead their own learning. I am so proud to be part of a school that creates purposeful products, participates in exciting fieldwork and hosts expedition celebration events.



# Crew Leader / LC - Mrs Katie-Rae Small



Outside of work, my main priority is family! I love spending time with my family, usually out in nature somewhere, ideally by the sea or the forest. I am a huge animal lover and cannot say no to them ... my house is practically a zoo!

I have worked at Green Top for a few years and I have really enjoyed my time here. I love how strong the crew relationships are here at school, and everyone's eagerness to learn. The students are all great leaders of their learning and enjoy expeditions. Over the past year I have loved working on part of the drama department, creating a KS2 summer production! I cannot wait for next year.





# Learning Coach - Mrs Gillian Rafferty



I have a son and daughter and also two older step sons. I enjoy spending time with my family and friends and taking family holidays. I have five grand children ranging in ages from 2-18. My hobbies are walking, cooking and reading.

Green Top is my work family, everyone pulls together as one crew to make sure our school is great and make sure the children are safe and cared for. I take great pleasure in working with some fantastic children every day, ensuring they are happy and relaxed. I love coming to work every day. I enjoy working in Year 6 and being part of their final journey towards secondary school. Getting the children equipped and ready for secondary school is amazing, watching them grow from the beginning of the year and maturing towards the end of the year is a lovely thing to see.





## Additional Staff Who might help me





# SENDCo - Mrs Faulding



I have two little boys- Benny (8 years old) and Cooper (4 years old) - who keep me very busy and on my toes! We love to go exploring together; visiting the seaside, going to theme parks and spending lots of quality time together at home. As well as spending time with the boys, I love meeting friends for delicious food and a catch up, mainly Italian - yummy! I also love taking my dog Wallace for a walk in the woods and listen to some music. This really helps me to keep my emotions in green zone!

This will be my 9th year at Green Top and each year, my journey here just continues to get better- I love it!

I feel incredibly privileged to be part of such a nurturing and inspiring school community—one that truly prioritises the needs of every child and offers exceptional, enriching experiences to support their learning journey. It has been a joy to help embed CREW into the heart of our school culture, and to witness our children consistently supporting and uplifting one another—working hard, showing kindness, and striving to be their best selves against our character traits. It's such a special place to be.

Since beginning my role as SENDCo at Green Top in August 2022, I've thoroughly enjoyed working with children and families in a new and meaningful way. I'm excited to continue this work, shaping our SEND provision and culture so that every child has the support they need to thrive and grow with confidence.



# Assistant SENDco - Mrs Karen Cook

## Wellbeing Champion



I am a mum of two grown-up children who also attended Green Top School. I have a passion for travel and enjoy discovering new places, so I am always looking forward to planning my next holiday. In my spare time, I enjoy going to the cinema, engaging in arts and crafts, and spending quality time with friends and family.

I have had the privilege of working at Green Top School for many years and continue to be inspired by the warm, welcoming environment and the strong, positive relationships that staff build with the children. As a school, we are deeply committed to improving outcomes for all learners and work collaboratively as a team to help every child achieve their full potential. Green Top's nurturing ethos is something I am particularly proud of. The wide range of enriching experiences we offer play a vital role in supporting both academic and personal growth.

In 2021, after many years working in the Early Years Foundation Stage, I was proud to take on the role of Assistant SENDCo. This role reflects my deep commitment to inclusive education and my passion for supporting our most vulnerable learners. I am dedicated to helping children navigate challenges, providing consistent, tailored support, and ensuring they thrive in a safe, inclusive, and encouraging environment.



# Learning Coach - Miss Emma Roe



Hi everyone I'm Mrs Roe. My favourite things to do are going walking in the countryside and exploring new places with my family and if I get the chance camping in these new places. I also enjoy paddle boarding and swimming.

I've worked at Green Top since 2016 and have seen many positive changes whilst working here. My favourite thing about our school is our immersive environments and seeing the children's look of amazement at the start of every expedition as they grow in confidence and make memories whilst exploring their new environments.



# Learning Coach - Mrs Louise Lake



I have two grown up children who both attended Green Top. I love spending time with my family and friends going on days out to farms, theme parks, swimming etc. As a family we enjoy going on holidays and weekends away visiting different places. I also enjoy going for walks with my dog Molly.

I recently joined the send team at Green Top in the umbrella room. I love supporting our most vulnerable children and seeing the progress they are making, every day is different and I enjoy every minute of it. The thing I love most about working at Green Top is being part of a caring and supportive team both for the children and each other.



# EWG/DDSL - Mrs Toni Fitzpatrick

Wellbeing Champion - Attendance Champion



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I have three grown-up children and two 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 special memories together.

My must-do thing each day is to have a pot of tea in the morning — it sets me up for the day!

I have been at Green Top for a long time and still absolutely love being here. The children are wonderful — each one is special in their own way. At Green Top, we place great importance on meeting children's emotional needs. This is especially vital for those who may be going through difficult times, such as bereavement, which can have a real impact on their school life.

Green Top is a restorative school, which means we use a consistent and fair approach when addressing any issues. We always listen carefully to our children, ensuring everyone feels heard and that problems are resolved fairly.

Above all, at Green Top, our children have a voice — and that's something I believe is *very* important.



# DSL - 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-live music!

After beginning my career in many roles within early years; I began my teaching journey at GreenTop, 11 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.





# HLTA - Mrs Andrea Hardman

## Music and French Champion



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 three beautiful grandchildren.. 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 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 music and sports facilities that are available to the children, especially the 3G pitch and the numerous sports teams which go out and represent our school. My favourite lessons to teach are Music when I get to hear the children come together and sing and play as beautiful ensembles and French where I see the children gain enough confidence to speak in a different language. 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

Magic Maths Champion



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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 whilst 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 - Mrs Bev Green



## Art Champion

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.



# XP Outdoor Lead - Mr Rory Kershaw



I enjoy the great outdoors and going on adventures in the wilds of the world. I have been part of the world wide family of scouts for nearly 20 years now, a leader for over 5 of them. Scouts has taken me all over the world meeting amazing people, giving me skills for life and memories to last a lifetime. Learning, adapting and teaching 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 been a member of Crew Green Top for 8 years now and love every minute of it. Green Top is an incredible place to be everyday when work hard, be kind you get smart. I love how our students have a significant role in the schools leadership by the power of child led learning, school council, the learning council, the school ambassadors, the playground leaders and so on. For me one the best thing Green Top provides is our XP Outdoors Programme. Outdoor sessions can enhance a child's learning journey. From promoting outdoor wellbeing to hands-on tool work, fire lighting and camping. The XP Outdoors offers invaluable experiences to both students and staff.



# Admin - Mrs Maryanne Woodroffe



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

I have worked at Green Top for over 25 years. I love working at 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.



# 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 near the sea! More recently I 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. New York and Las Vegas are my favourite destinations, especially because of the shows, food and shopping!

I started my journey at Green Top in 1997 as an apprentice! During these 28 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!

