



Headteacher Update



2025 - 2026

Wednesday 3rd June 2026 – Staffing Update

As we start our final half term of the school year, I would like to take a moment to recognise the incredible team we have here at Old Basford School. Every member of staff works tirelessly for our children, their dedication is what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

With that in mind, I would like to inform you of several staff changes ahead of next academic year. We are incredibly grateful for the hard work, loyalty, and passion these colleagues have shown during their time with us.

- **Mrs Thomas (Assistant Headteacher)** will be taking early (very) retirement after an extraordinary 28 years of service at school. Her influence on the school particularly in drama, creativity, and whole-school enrichment has been remarkable and her legacy will remain. She has inspired generations of children and staff, and she will be greatly missed.
- **Mrs Richards (Year 2 teacher)** is leaving after 27 years at Old Basford; she is considering her career options. She has been a deeply committed and hardworking teacher, always putting the children at the heart of everything she does. Her calm, nurturing presence has been invaluable.
- **Mrs Tindsley (Year 5 teacher)** has made the decision to leave OBS and look for new challenges after 19 years as a teacher. She has shown a true passion for teaching. Her pride in seeing children achieve their very best has shone through in every lesson, every conversation and every success story.
- **Mr Summersby (Foundation 2 teacher)** initially joined us on a one-year contract, which we extended due to him being such a warm, enthusiastic, and passionate teacher. His positivity and energy have made a real difference. Good luck in your next chapter.
- **Mrs Shropshall (Foundation 2 teacher)** has decided to follow her personal interest of nutrition and after 4 years in our Early Years will be leaving us. She has played a key role in helping our youngest children settle, grow, and begin their learning journey with confidence.
- **Miss Dourneen (Willow teacher)** who has been with us for a year and a half, has provided exceptional support particularly in her work with children with special educational needs. Her patience, kindness, and dedication have been greatly appreciated, unfortunately the long commute each day has meant she is unable to stay.

We thank all of these staff members for their service and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

We are delighted to share that **Miss Pell (Year 2 Teaching Assistant)** will soon be leaving us to begin her maternity leave as she prepares to welcome her baby very soon. We send her our warmest wishes and look forward to hearing her wonderful news in due course.

With staff leaving, it means we welcome new staff to the team in September. We are confident they will be fantastic additions to our already hardworking and committed team.

- **Miss Ahern** will join us as our Early Years Lead, bringing a wealth of knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm all the way from London.
- **Miss Strathmann** joins us from Cambridge as a passionate Key Stage 2 teacher who is eager to contribute to our school community.
- **Miss Chauhan** joins us from Leicester as an excellent Key Stage 1 teacher and brings a real love of teaching and a strong commitment to helping children thrive.

We are currently advertising for a Deputy SENDCo to further support our pupils with Special Educational Needs, particularly working alongside Mrs Heywood to strengthen provision across the school. As always, we remain committed to ensuring every child receives the support, care, and high-quality teaching they deserve.