

# Special Edition Newsletter

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## Meet the Team at Leigh C.E Primary

Each year it is a real highlight to see pupils moving up to their new class: prepared, ready and excited to face the challenges and adventures of a New Year group and curriculum. As you read through this booklet, you will be able to get to know the staff, who will be working with your child, a little better. We look forward to strengthening our continued partnership with you in your child's education throughout the coming year.



**Mrs Coulthard—C.E.O**

After serving as Headteacher at Atherton St Georges for twelve years, I had the pleasure of becoming the CEO at The Wings CE Trust when we converted to become a MAT in April 2017. I can honestly say that it is the best job in the world. Working with your children is an honour and watching them grow into happy, confident and talented learners makes the job even more worthwhile. When not in work I like to read, cook and travel.



**Mrs Oxborough—Headteacher**

I am absolutely delighted to be leading our team of dedicated, caring and skilled staff here at Leigh CE. Being Headteacher really is a privilege and I feel incredibly lucky to be working with your children. I have been in the teaching profession for 21 years, teaching in 5 different schools.

When I'm not in school I enjoy 'The Great Outdoors'. I like spending time in the countryside and am a very keen gardener. I also enjoy swimming, painting and photography.

# Assistant Head Teachers



Hello, my name is Mrs Barlow and I am Assistant Head Teacher and leader of Key Stage 1 and Early Years. This is my fifth year at Leigh CE Primary School but have been teaching in Leigh for the past 8 years across Key Stage 1 and Early Years.

At University I studied Primary Education with specialism in Science and Special Needs, but after my first teaching post of four years in an Infant school in Blackburn found that my passion is in early education. It is a privilege to be part of Early Years and Key Stage 1 watching children grow and develop during their time with us. At home I have a little girl who is almost 2 and a baby boy, one of our favourite things to do is to explore new places in our walking group. I enjoy craft and creative activities and am currently learning hand lettering.



Hello, I'm Mrs Knowles and I am Assistant Head, leader of Key Stage 2, Maths, PSHE and PPG at Leigh CE Primary school. From September, I will also be teaching in Year 3/4, which I am very excited about.

I feel extremely fortunate to have spent most of my career teaching in Leigh, except for a few years when I went to teach in an International school in Dubai. The desert was certainly different to Leigh, but children remain the most amazing young people, wherever they are from in the world.

When I am not in school, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I belong to a ladies' running group and although, I don't always find it easy and I'm not the fastest, I do persevere. My other passions include reading, watching musical theatre and travelling to new places.

## Central Staff



Hello my name is Miss Ainsworth and I am part of the central staff working across the MAT, dealing with different aspects of finance. I have worked at Leigh C.E Primary School for many years, in the office and as a Teaching Assistant working with pupils in year 3, 4 and 6. I was based in the office for ten years. I often see our ex-pupils now at the start of their adults lives!



Hello my name is Miss Ellison I am the Extended School Officer for the Wings' CE Trust. I am really lucky to work across both schools which are wonderful places to work. I started at The Wings' CE Trust in March 2018 and have really enjoyed getting to know the children and staff at both schools. Outside school I love spending time with my family which is my partner and my two children Layton and Scarlet.



Hello, I'm Mr Vass! I am Tech person across the Wings' CE Trust. I started this role in February 2020 and it's been a fun adventure getting to know so many new faces at all three schools. Outside of school I enjoy keeping up-to-date with the latest tech news, watching Chorley Football Club, doing a bit of ground hopping and of course spending time with my wife and two children.



I am Mr Young , the Site Manager for the Wings Trust which incorporates St Georges, St Marks and Leigh C of E. I love working with all staff and pupils across the trust, especially the St Marks gardening club which I created and is now blooming. In my spare time I like gardening, fishing and keeping fit. I will always be on hand to help!



Hello my name is Mrs Winstanley, I am Chief Finance Officer for the Wings' CE Trust. I am really lucky to work across the three schools which are wonderful places to work. I started at The Wings' CE Trust in March 2018 and have really enjoyed getting to know the children and staff at both schools. Outside school I love spending time with my family which includes my husband, 15 year old daughter and twin 7 year olds.



My name is Miss Flanagan, I am the HR/Operational Effectiveness Manager for the Wings' CE Trust. I am lucky that I have the opportunity to see all the wonderful staff and children at all of our schools as I spend my time working between them all. I started working at Leigh CE since they became part of our Wings family and have enjoyed meeting such happy and polite children. I enjoy reading, cycling, walking and spending time with my family and friends.

## Office Staff



I'm Mrs Bell and I work in the school office at Leigh C.E. I enjoy working here, it brings back a lot of happy memories as I came to this school myself. You may have spoken to me at some point as I answer the phone and deal with any queries you may have when you call into the office. I'm married with 3 daughters who have all attended this school too, so it has been a big part of my life for many years! In my spare time I enjoy reading and walking, but most of all I treasure time with my family and our gorgeous 3 year old Granddaughter.



Hello, my name is Mrs Partington and I have been working at this school for 12 months now. I also used to come to this school when I was a child. You may have spoken to me at some point as along with my colleague I answer the phone and deal with any queries you may have when you call into the School Office. Outside work I enjoy spending time with my family and two children, reading and eating out.

## Pastoral and Nurture Team



Hi I'm Mrs Simpson.

I have worked a Leigh CE for just over a year but within the trust for 5 Years. I work along side the Pastoral team. I am very lucky enough to work with all the children across the school and their families.

I have two daughters and enjoy spending time with my family, we enjoy camping in the countryside and visiting Historical sites.

We love going for long walks in the country side with our dog who is called Eric.



Hi I'm Mrs Southwell

I am very lucky to work with families and Children across the school.

In my spare time I love spending time with my family. I have a husband and two lovely daughters who keep me busy . We are an active family playing sport most evenings of the week, We are members of a sailing club and love to sail together at different locations across the country.



Hi I'm Mrs Butler

I have worked at Leigh CE Primary for 9 years. I am very lucky to work with children all over the school in the nurture room, Butterfly Base.

Out of school I enjoy being with my two children and my husband. Whenever we can, we holiday in our caravan, enjoying walks in the countryside with my dog Loki, playing games and spending time with friends. Though I love watching TV too.



Hi, I'm Miss Wallace. I am the new school counsellor for The Wings CE Trust. I only joined The Wings 1 month before school closed so I have not had a chance to get to know many of you. I am originally from Newcastle upon Tyne but I moved to the North West in 2008 to attend the University of Bolton. I really enjoy watching all kinds of sport. My top 4 are football, netball, basketball and ice hockey. I also love history! The Victorians are my favourite.



Hi, I'm Miss Hutchings and I work in Nurture with Mrs Butler. I have had many roles across school and have worked at Leigh C.E. Primary School for seven years. I have an 11 year old son, who is starting high school in September. My weekends usually include spending time with my family and friends. Some of my interests include socialising, going to the gym, swimming, reading and drawing. I can't wait to meet you all!

## Early Years Reception Teacher



Hello, I am Mrs Parrington and I teach Reception. I have loved my time at Leigh CE so far and I will miss you all while I am on maternity leave this year! I will be sure to come and visit you all so you can meet Baby Parrington and I can't wait to find out what everyone has been up to!

## Reception Teacher



Hi, I'm Mrs Wood. I have been teaching for 12 years and have worked in Reception, KS1 and KS2. I have two young children (Sophie and Elliot) and a cat called Meg. When I'm not at school I enjoy running, reading and baking. I'm really excited about continuing the role of SENDCo this year and having the chance to get to know even more of the wonderful children and their families at Leigh CE!

## H.L.T.A STAFF



Hi my name is Ms Ratcliffe and I have been part of the Leigh CE family for 16 years. I have a particular passion for science and love to carry out fun experiments with the children, Outside school hours, you will find me mucking out our horses, riding, or walking the dogs, even on Christmas Day! My other hobbies include swimming, going to the cinema and eating out.



I'm Miss Ashworth, I work as a HLTA across all the year groups in school and I especially enjoy teaching Spanish.

In my spare time I love to watch my children play football and rugby and I also spend time at my family allotment.



Hi, my name is Ms Hilton. I'm a Cover Supervisor at Leigh CE Primary and I currently work in Year 1 and 2.

I like spending time with my family and watching soaps. I have a daughter called Louise and a dog named Bella.

## Year 1 / Year 2 Teachers



Hi, I'm Miss Brown. This will be my fourth year at Leigh CE Primary School. My favourite subjects are maths, science and art. Outside of school I spend most of my time with my horse and my puppy, who I love to take for long walks. I love to go camping and thoroughly enjoy being outdoors. One of my favourite things to do is go and watch Wigan Warriors, as I am a humongous fan and don't usually miss a match!



Hi, I'm Miss Skitt. I am a class teacher at Leigh CE Primary School, where I have worked for 6 years. In my spare time I like spending time with friends and family, going on holiday and riding my bike. I love anything Disney or Harry Potter related—two things that I grew up surrounded by! I am really looking forward to working in my new Year 1/2 class in September.



Hi, I'm Miss Griffiths and this will be my first academic year at Leigh CE Primary School as an NQT. My favourite subjects are Art and Computing. I enjoy reading and crafts. In my spare time I enjoy taking my dog Poppy for long walks and going shopping. My favourite films are Moana and Guardians of the Galaxy! I love spending time with my friends and family and going on holiday. I'm really looking forward to teaching my first Year 1/2 class in September.

## Year 3/4 Class Teachers



Hi I'm Mr Smith and this is my third year here at Leigh CE. I am really looking forward to this year, especially our first topic of Harry Potter!

I am the captain for my local football team and support Liverpool FC, so I am very happy about the 2019/2020 season! I also play bass guitar at my local church in Bolton, but can also play guitar and the ukulele. I love spending time with my family and going on days out together to places like the zoo and going for walks up Rivington Pike.



My name is Mrs Adedeji. I have been at Leigh CE for nearly ten years now. As well as class teacher, I am the English lead and staff governor.

Outside of school, I like to spend quality time with my family, including my little boy, Loui, and dog, Otis. Together we like to go on walks and go camping. I also enjoy reading and baking cakes. During lockdown, I have rediscovered my love of keeping fit, which is just as well given all the cake and chocolate I eat!

## Year 5 Class Teacher



Hi I'm Mr Greaves and I have been at Leigh CE for 6 years. I enjoy playing football and support Manchester United. I am a St Helens RLFC season ticket holder and take my little boy to the games. I love spending time with my family and friends, going on bike rides and playing different sports. I can't wait to meet my daughter, who is due in the next few weeks.

## Year 6 Class Teacher



Hi, I'm Ms Hughes and I have been working at Leigh CE since December 2018, where I worked in Y1/2 after I moved from Leicester back to Leigh. I made the jump to Year 5 last year and I'm very excited to be following my class up to Year 6 this year.

I love to spend time with my family and my dog, Simba—going for long walks.

My favourite subject to teach is maths and my favourite thing to do is sing.

# Learning Support Staff



Hello, my name is Mrs Rose and I am beginning my 14th year at Leigh CE Primary. I have worked in all year groups and this year will be based in Reception.

In my spare time I enjoy reading along with creative crafts such as knitting and crochet. I also like to spend time in my garden with my dog Bella.



Hello, I'm Mrs Waterworth. I am a teaching assistant in Year 6 and have been at Leigh CE for 8 years. I love to shop, especially at the 'NEXT' sale – Love a bargain! Also I enjoy going to the sports village a few times a week to take part in a few classes to stay fit!



Hi I'm Mrs Dempsey. I have worked at Leigh CE for 4 years. I have worked with many children in many years groups. I believe that children's social emotional happiness is vital, and I strive to achieve this. I am currently working in Y3-4. I enjoy spending quality time with my husband, family and my dogs. I am very positive friendly and approachable.



Hello, my name is Miss Burgess and I have been a teaching assistant at Leigh CE for 4 years. I am a physically active person and my passions are strength training at the gym, kickboxing and hot yoga.

I believe movement is key to our physical and mental health so I'm a great believer in regular exercise.



Hi! My name is Miss Hawkins and I've lived in Leigh all my life. I have an adorable dog called Alfie who once won 1st place in a 'waggiest tail' competition!

I enjoy live music and watching films, so naturally I'm a big fan of musicals. However, my absolute favourite thing to watch or read is Harry Potter. I have loved it for as long as I can remember!



I am currently a Teaching Assistant. I have stepped back from a long teaching career, mainly around Manchester. My specialist subjects are Mathematics and French. I have worked in Special Schools for 24 years. My experience will be of great benefit to the school.

I am an associate member of Wigan Rotary and have been a member of the Leigh French Circle for many years.



My name is Mrs Norgrove and I have over 40 years experience working with children. I have been at Leigh CE for 9 years. In my spare time I love spending time with my 3 children and 4 grandchildren.



Hello, I'm Miss Steward and I am a Teaching Assistant at Leigh CE Primary. I have two children who both attend this school. In my spare time I enjoy swimming and creative activities.



Hiya, I'm Miss Pilkington I am currently a Teaching Assistant in Reception and have thoroughly enjoyed every aspect. I enjoy seeing the children make friends, gain confidence, learn lots and have fun in our wonderful school environment. I love to spend time with my fiance and our 8 year old daughter getting outdoors in all seasons to learn about the environment and wildlife, growing all our fruit and vegetables in our back garden, walks with our two dogs and hill walking. I love art and design so I like to relax by drawing and painting, we also do a lot of crafts together too.



Hi my name Miss Thorpe, I am a Teaching Assistant in Reception. I have worked at Leigh CE for over 4 years now and have enjoyed every minute of being here. I live with my partner and our 2 year old boy Oliver. We enjoy going on walks, playing in the garden and also having movie days. I am really looking forward to meeting you and helping you throughout your journey in Reception.

## Kitchen Staff



My name is Ms France and I have been cook at Leigh CE for 14 years now. I enjoy seeing the children everyday and I like to see them enjoying their food.

In my spare time I enjoy watching my 2 boys playing rugby, going on family days out and also going on holiday in my caravan.



Hi , my name is Ms Fisher, and I am one of the cooks at Leigh CE Primary.. My three children keep me very busy at home.

## Site Managers



Hi, my name is Mr McDonough and I am the Site Manager at this school. I have been here for 17 years.

My hobby is watching Leigh Rugby and I enjoy spending my spare time with my family.



Hi, my name is Mr Gledhill and I have only recently started working here. Before that, I worked in engineering for 43 years. I have 3 grown up daughters and 5 grandchildren (soon to be 6). I enjoy spending time with my family doing D.I.Y.

## Cleaning Staff



Hi, my name is Mrs McDonough and I have been the cleaner here at Leigh CE. for 11 years. My hobby is gardening and I especially love spending time with my 5 children and 18 grandchildren. They keep me busy!



Hi, my name is Ms Harding and I have been a cleaner at school for 6 years.  
My hobby is walking my dogs.