

Mrs Gough

The children describe me as:

Fun, energetic, approachable, kind, caring and firm but fair.

Why I love being a teacher:

I love to know that I am making a difference to children's lives. Being a headteacher allows me to influence all the children's education at Wood Fold. I firmly believe that all children are entitled to the best possible education. I love my job and believe that I have the best job in the world.



Favourite lesson:

English because I love to read. My current favourite children's book is 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. I also love and know all the words to 'The Gruffalo', 'Giraffes can't dance' and 'We're going on a bear hunt'.

Fun fact about me:

*I have worked at Wood Fold for 17 years and have been Headteacher here for 6 years. I have an 11 year old daughter who attended Wood Fold until her move to high school.
I have been travelling around Canada.
I love shoes and handbags and nice dresses.*

Miss Cartwright

The children describe me as:

Caring, nurturing, amazing and fun!!

Why I love being a teacher:

The smiles I am greeted with each morning make my job the best job in the world! I love the relationships I have with the children and getting to know each and every one of them. I am really grateful to be able to play such an influential role in the children's lives and the opportunity I have to help children meet their full potential.



Favourite lesson:

My favourite lesson is English because I love getting an insight into the children's imaginations. Reading their writing fascinates me and I love to see how the different aspects of a book have inspired them with their own work.

Fun fact about me:

I absolutely love children's books and have already bought all the Julia Donaldson books for my little girl to explore when she starts to read (she has just turned one!).

New York is my favourite place in the world! Exploring Central Park, watching Broadway shows and the shops are just some of the reasons why. I spend a lot of my time researching, talking about and planning my next visit.

Mrs Burland

The children describe me as:

I asked my class and this is what they told me...

"Kind, beautiful, fun lessons, good listener, always kind, helps people when they fall, lovely, never gives up, helps people when they need help doing their work, you are special to us, you're the best."

Why I love being a teacher:

There are so many reasons why I love being a teacher. I feel it is a privilege to get to know each child as an individual, to watch them grow, develop and succeed over the time I spend with them as their teacher. I love being able to witness first-hand a child's enthusiasm to learn and to be in the position to give them the tools and the confidence to take this learning into their own hands and achieve. I love making learning fun!



Favourite lesson:

My favourite lesson is English. I love English because I love books and the endless writing possibilities books give to children when they become immersed within it. I love the fact that English allows children to express their imagination and voice.

Fun fact about me:

I served as a Police Officer for 15 years. I then finished in the Police as a Detective before seeking out a career change and becoming a teacher. A big change which I am so happy I made.

Mr Carr

The children describe me as:

Fun, entertaining and electrifying. They love how my lessons are fun, engaging and active with the odd spontaneous riddle being thrown into the mix.

Why I love being a teacher:

I love having a smile on my face every day and you can't help but smile working with children! I love the journey you take the children on, whether it be learning about the Romans or Ancient Greeks, to building up complex sentences towards a write. There is nothing more satisfying than watching the children succeed and incorporating the knowledge passed down to them into their work.



Favourite lesson:

My favourite subject is PE because I love sport and fitness. I thoroughly enjoy teaching my class different sporting activities from invasion games to gymnastics as well as watching them compete inside and outside of school in a variety of sporting events.

Fun fact about me:

One of my many hobbies includes metal detecting, where I have discovered Roman coins and Bronze age spearheads, which are now on display in museums down in Wiltshire.

Mrs Dickinson

Favourite lesson:

The children describe me as:

Helpful, funny, organised, good at maths, creative, my desk is a bit messy and an awesome teacher!

Why I love being a teacher:

I love how no two days are the same. It is an amazing feeling to see children grow into confident young people, especially when they get that 'light bulb moment' when things click into place. I couldn't imagine doing any other job.

Fun fact about me:

When I was 14 I was a member of a disco dance group and we won the British Dance Championships (A long time ago!)



Science because I love finding out about the awe and wonder of the world and how scientific theories have developed over time. I like carrying out experiments and seeing how predictions and ideas can change.

History because I love finding out about the past and how we have become the people we are today. I enjoy finding out about how the past has shaped the world today and how historical places and excavation sites can tell us about people who lived long ago.

English because I love travelling with the characters we read about in our class novels and seeing the children become engrossed in the story themselves. I love writing and sharing my love of reading and writing with the children.

Mrs Farrington

The children describe me as:

Funny, beautiful (the innocence of 4 year olds) and smiley!!

Why I love being a teacher:

All children deserve the best start in their education and I am so lucky to begin their journey in Reception, nurturing their natural curiosity for exploring and learning. I love the fact that teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions!!



Favourite lesson:

Phonics – the journey within Reception makes my heart flutter, as the children are little sponges who absorb everything they are taught from day one. We start the year with limited knowledge of what sound a letter makes and by the end of the year, we are able to write words and build sentences...amazing!!

Fun fact about me:

I adore reading stories and love to bring a character to life. I used to own a children's book store, this is where my love for puppets and storytelling began!!

Miss Grady

The children describe me as:

I asked the children in my class, who described me as inspiring and kind. They said that I make learning fun and am always compassionate and fair to everyone. The children said that I am a happy person because I always make them smile.

Why I love being a teacher:

I love being a teacher because I can give children exciting learning experiences that develop their skills and can tap into their inquisitive natures to encourage them to want to learn. It's amazing to witness those little lightbulb moments that allow a child's self-confidence to blossom as they acquire fundamental skills that they will use for the rest of their lives. I believe that every child deserves a quality education and the chance to thrive.



Favourite lesson:

My favourite lessons are English and Music. Both of these subjects allow children to let their imaginations go wild and immerse themselves in a fascinating new world through a story or song.

Fun fact about me:

I have represented England in international dance competitions.

I am an award winning and published poet. I was a pupil at Wood Fold as a child and enjoyed it so much that I returned as a teacher.

Mrs Grimes

The children describe me as:

I think the children would say that I am caring and calm and that I give them lots of praise!

Why I love being a teacher:

It's lovely working with children! I like helping them to learn new things and enjoy their time at school. It's so rewarding when you are helping a child with something that they have found difficult and you see them suddenly understand it. I love seeing the children's pride in the progress that they are making in their learning.



Favourite lesson:

Maths is my favourite because I love seeing the children make progress and gain confidence in this subject. It's also fun playing maths games with the children to practise their learning!

Fun fact about me:

I love all animals and I especially like dogs. I have a big golden retriever called Teddy who loves swimming!

Mrs Harris

The children describe me as:

Kind, funny and I suspect easily distracted!

Why I love being a teacher:

I love being a teacher because every day is different and there is never a dull moment. It is a privilege to help children on their way to achieve reading success; something I feel passionate about. My favourite moments are those Eureka moments when a child realises that they can do something that they couldn't previously.



Favourite lesson:

I am lucky to teach reading and writing every day which I love. When I get let loose on other subjects I enjoy anything practical but Art and Design are my favourites.

Fun fact about me:

Before I became a teacher, I used to make costumes for stage and screen. I once made a dress for Darcey Bussell and also helped create costumes for the film Titanic. I still love the theatre, but today I'm found in the audience rather than behind the scenes!

Miss Hodgkiss

The children describe me as:

"Miss Hodgkiss always makes me laugh."

"My favourite thing about Miss Hodgkiss is that she helps people."

"Miss Hodgkiss teaches me numbers – it's my favourite."

Why I love being a teacher:

There are many reasons I love being a teacher but the one I reflect on most is that I can't teach every child in the world—but I can make a difference for the ones that I do teach. The impact I can have on their lives can stay with them throughout their years of schooling and beyond.



Favourite lesson:

It's a tough one but I think it's got to be Phonics but a close second is Forest School. I love phonics because the children enter Reception not secure on letters or sounds and what they represent, and they leave Reception being able to read and write; there's nothing quite like it to be honest.

Fun fact about me:

I have been to Zambia (Africa) twice teaching young children aged 5-16 in disadvantaged schools. Both times I worked in one of the most deprived villages in Zambia.

Mr Hughes

The children describe me as:

The children describe me as funny, always smartly dressed and very sociable. They enjoy how organised I am and how I make sure my class is always the tidiest!

Why I love being a teacher:

I love teaching because I can encourage children to dream and ignite the spark of learning amongst pupils. I love witnessing that 'light bulb' moment and inspiring children to become life-long learners using practical and stimulating lessons. It is a great pleasure to observe a child's journey - both as a learner and as an individual. The honest and trustworthy relationships between myself and my pupils is vital in the commitment to achieve every child's potential and is something I thoroughly enjoy being part of.



Favourite lesson:

Maths and P.E. – I love solving problems in Maths and I enjoy the challenge of the subject, both personally, and in terms of the way I can make it accessible to all pupils. I enjoy Physical Education because it is an important subject for students, it teaches them the value of staying active as well as teaching them essential abilities such as perseverance, teamwork and the competitive drive to win!

Fun fact about me:

I support Liverpool FC (Champions of England) and have completed a marathon and two half marathons.

Miss Hunter

The children describe me as:

Happy, bubbly, 'Harry Potter' fanatic, chocolate lover, friendly, approachable, kind and caring and they would probably say I'm a little bit clumsy and silly too!

Why I love being a teacher:

I love that every day brings something different. I am enthralled by the children's discoveries and perceptions and show just as much excitement as they do when we learn something new together. I flourish and grow with the children and they always bring sunshine to my classroom. They have such memorable personalities and it is truly rewarding to see their personalities blossom. I remind myself every day how lucky I am to have the best job in the world!



Favourite lesson:

English is my favourite subject to teach because I love the imagination and creativity that it ignites. We use engaging and stimulating texts, which inspire and captivate the children and I love to read their written work, which is always bursting with enthusiasm, originality and showcases their knowledge.

Fun fact about me:

Before I began my teaching career, I qualified as a Beauty Therapist and Makeup Artist. It's something I still enjoy to do as a hobby.

The children describe me as:

Out of the mouths of babes came the following, unabridged and exactly as spoken!! Miss Kelly is: positive, smiley, funny, great at explaining difficult things, good listener, cares about us, fair, really good at maths, respectful to children, clever, generous and caring, the cherry on the cake.

Why I love being a teacher:

I love getting to know each child as an individual. I like knowing what makes them who they are, what makes them laugh; what they like and don't like; what makes them tick and what worries them. I love seeing them come alive with excitement and pride when they achieve something they didn't think they would be able to. It makes my day when children say funny things and the classroom explodes with laughter. No two days are the same in the classroom, you are kept on your toes and have to think on your feet and deal with whatever the day throws at you with a smile on your face. Most of all I enjoy being a part of a warm, nurturing environment that enables children to become confident, successful people who are proud of who they are and are striving to be the best they can be.

Miss Kelly



Favourite lesson:

Maths- I love the infinity of numbers! Maths never gets boring, it provides you with a new challenge every day and challenges you to think outside of the box. Maths teaches children to problem solve, be resilient, overcome difficulties and conquer what they think is unconquerable! Maths is a universal language that everybody has the ability to understand; I see it as my job to get children to love the language of maths and become fluent.

Fun fact about me:

I like vintage cars and used to own a light blue Morris Minor called Delilah and a bright yellow VW Beetle called Doris. The children in my class used to call Doris The Mouldy Cheese!

Mrs Morris

The children describe me as:

“Amazing, fabulous, the best teacher ever.”

Why I love being a teacher:

I love being a teaching because I believe I can inspire children to believe in themselves and give them the confidence to work hard and achieve great things. Being a teacher at Wood Fold is the most rewarding job and seeing the smiles on the children’s faces everyday makes it a delight to be a teacher.



Favourite lesson:

My favourite lesson is Science. I enjoy Science as there are plenty of opportunities for first hand experiences which involve practical investigations where we can find the answers to questions by using our enquiry skills. I love seeing how enthusiastic children are during Science lessons and their eagerness to learn more about the world around them.

Fun fact about me:

A fun fact about me is that I have travelled around America and got to visit the most amazing places! The highlights from the trip were visiting the Golden Gate Bridge and taking a helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon.

The children describe me as:

“Miss Prescott helps children when they are struggling and make us feel comfortable.”

“Miss Prescott always has a smile on her face and is a good listener.”

“Miss Prescott makes learning fun and enjoyable.”

Why I love being a teacher:

I love seeing the children grow and develop new skills. The smiles on children’s faces in a morning brightens my day and I love the enthusiasm children have towards their learning. I love how every day is different and how rewarding it is to see the progression children make.

Miss Prescott



Favourite lesson:

English is my favourite subject for many reasons; I love reading and exploring different books especially with the children, and seeing how immersed they become with the books. I believe English is important as it broadens children’s imagination and contributes towards developing their social and emotional skills.

Fun fact about me:

*I spent three months working as an Early Years Counsellor at a Jewish Summer Camp in America based in Michigan.
I am a former student at Wood Fold Primary School.*

Mr Thompson

The children describe me as:

Although I cringed when I asked, here are the words the children chose to describe me: smart, fun, science nerd, straight to the point, kind and does unexpected things!

Why I love being a teacher:

Every day presents a new challenge, there's never a boring day in a school. I love that each and every one of the children have their own unique personalities and it's great to see them develop throughout the year.



Fun fact about me:

I can recite the alphabet backwards faster than most can say it forwards.

Favourite lesson:

I love Science because I love to know how things work. I'm not happy just accepting things, I want to know why! I love that science allows you to be ambitious, stretching yourself to ask the questions "what would happen if...?", "why does that ...?" You can never know everything about Science as it's constantly developing as we find out more about the universe and how it works.

The children describe me as:

When I asked my class how would they describe me as a teacher, they said that I was fun and kind because I make learning exciting and I help them every day. They said I was caring because I make each individual feel special and help them when they are sad or hurt and they also said that I was extra generous because I give out lots of dojos and have the best smelly sticker collection.

Why I love being a teacher:

I love being a teacher because I have the ability to enable children to learn and grow, helping them become fantastic readers, writers, problem-solvers and critical thinkers. I love seeing children become enthusiastic about their learning and being proud of the things that they achieve in the classroom.

Miss Wallace



Favourite lesson:

My favourite lessons are English and History. I love English because I can share my passion of reading and writing with my class and encourage them to love reading and writing as much as I do. I love History because I find it extremely interesting to discover things that have happened in the past that shape our lives today. My favourite things that I have taught in History are the Ancient Egyptians and The Great Fire of London!

Fun fact about me:

My passion besides teaching is acting and if I was not a teacher I would love to perform on the West End!

Mrs Wilcock

The children describe me as:

Kind, helpful, smart and beautiful.

Why I love being a teacher:

I love being a teacher because I can-

Teach children lots of new and exciting things.

Encourage the children to be the best they can be.

Assist children to develop their own strengths and character.

Change children's lives.

Help children to be happy and successful.

I have been a teacher at Wood Fold for 12 years and I love working here.



Favourite lesson:

Geography. Ever since I was young I have enjoyed finding out about where places are in the world and learning about different cultures. I really enjoy sharing my knowledge of the world with the children and listening to the awe and wonder in their voices when they realise where places are. This love of Geography has allowed me to travel to lots of different places in the world such as Iceland, Berlin, Paris, Lisbon, New York and Las Vegas.

Fun fact about me:

I have played in a brass band since I was nine years old. In 2009 the Queen visited Wigan to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Heinz factory in Kitt Green and I was part of the band that played for the Queen's visit.