



Hartshorne C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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I am writing to share some personal news with you. After much reflection and with a mixture of emotions, I have made the decision to retire from my role as Headteacher of Hartshorne CE Primary School & Governor Run Nursery at the end of the Christmas term 2026.

Serving as Headteacher of our wonderful school for the past 11 years has been one of the greatest privileges of my professional life. While this decision has not been an easy one, I feel that the time is right for me to begin a new chapter and to spend more time with my family and personal interests, mainly Peanut and Maple.

As I reflect on my years at the school, I do so with immense pride and gratitude. Together, we have built a nurturing and ambitious school community where children are encouraged to flourish academically, socially, and spiritually. I have had the privilege of watching countless children grow in confidence, develop their talents, and move on to the next stages of their education with enthusiasm and resilience.

None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our families. I would like to thank you for the trust you have placed in me and in our staff team over the years. The partnership between home and school has always been one of the school's greatest strengths, and I am deeply grateful for the kindness, encouragement, and commitment shown by our parent community.

I am also incredibly proud of the dedicated staff and governors with whom I have worked. Their passion and commitment to providing the very best opportunities for our children have been truly inspiring, and I know that the school is well placed to continue its journey of success in the years ahead.

Although I will be leaving my role at Christmas, I will be supporting governors as they ensure a smooth transition in the appointment of the next Headteacher.

While I will be sad to say goodbye, I will leave with many treasured memories and enormous affection for the children, families, staff, and wider community who have made my time here so special.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of leading this school for the past 11 years. It has been an honour and a joy, and I will always look back on my time here with great fondness.

With warmest wishes,

Sarah Layhe-Humphreys
Headteacher

“God’s family, growing together, inspiring our world.”