



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me



19th December 2025

Goodbye from Mr Cooper

Dear Children, Parents and Carers of Barden Primary School,

As many of you know, this Friday will be my last day at Barden Primary School. This is a very difficult goodbye for me, because the hardest part of leaving is saying goodbye to the children who make this school such a special place.

To the children of Barden: you have been the very best part of my role. Every conversation in the corridor, every smile, every question, every "Mr Cooper, please can I talk to you?" - These are the moments I will miss the most. You are the reason I love school leadership, and why this goodbye feels so hard. Watching you grow, learn and find your way has been an absolute privilege.

I will miss seeing you each day - whether it was greeting you in the morning, celebrating your achievements, supporting you when things felt hard, or simply sharing a laugh. I will even miss the very serious conversations about pen licences (and yes, I know how important they are!). Please remember that each of you matters, each of you is capable of amazing things and each of you should always be proud of who you are. Keep being respectful to one another, keep being ambitious and never stop trying your best - even when learning feels difficult.

To our parents and carers: thank you for sharing your children with us and for the trust you place in the school every day. Supporting your children, listening to them and helping them succeed has been the most meaningful part of my work. You are a fantastic community, and from my very first day at Barden I have felt welcomed, supported and valued. I am deeply grateful for the partnership we share.

I have been incredibly lucky to work alongside such dedicated staff and under the leadership of Mrs Holgate. I have learnt a great deal from her - about leadership, about people and about always keeping children at the centre of every decision. I am also very pleased to congratulate Mr Coombs as he takes on the role of Deputy Headteacher - the children will continue to benefit from his care, commitment and high expectations.

Barden Primary is a special place because of its children, staff and families. Although I am moving on, I will always feel proud to have been part of this school and its community. The memories I take with me will stay with me forever.

Thank you for making my time at Barden so special. I wish every child happiness, confidence and success in everything that lies ahead.

With very best wishes,

Kind regards,

Mr Cooper (Deputy Headteacher)