



Barden Primary School

Only my best is good enough for me

25th March 2026

Staffing Update for The Nest @ Barden

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Brandwood will be joining us as our new Nest Lead (SEND Unit) following the departure of Mrs Thomas. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to Mrs Byrne, who has been with us on a temporary secondment from Holly Grove Special School. Her hard work, expertise, and warmth have made a positive impact, and we will be very sad to see her go. We are very grateful for everything she has contributed during her time with us. Here is an introductory paragraph from Mrs Brandwood.



Hello! My name is Mrs Brandwood, and I am delighted to be joining the team at Barden as Assistant Headteacher and Nest Lead. I am really looking forward to working with the children, staff and families at Barden and can't wait to lead the Cygnets, Swans and Pipets classes whilst being involved in all aspects of whole school life. I am passionate about supporting children with SEND and ensuring every child is given the opportunity to achieve their full potential and truly thrive. Having worked in education for a number of years, I am committed to creating a nurturing, inclusive environment where all learners feel valued and supported. Outside of school, I enjoy baking, going for long walks with my dog Ted and more recently, taking up Netball - proving to myself that it

is always good to try something new and continue learning! I look forward to meeting you soon and working together to support all children at Barden on their learning journeys.

In addition to this, we have also appointed two new teaching assistants for The Nest. Mrs Barnes will start after Easter and Mrs Nolan will start in September. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Brandwood, Mrs Barnes and Mrs Nolan to the Barden team!

Kind regards,

Mrs C Holgate

Headteacher, Barden Primary School