



'walk as children of light'

Welcome-from the Senior Leadership Team!



Mrs D'Arcy

I am delighted to be the headteacher here at Hardwicke. I joined in September 2020 so it has been an exciting and interesting year so far! In my first year here, I have focused on ensuring that reading is a key priority – without being able to read, children struggle to access learning! Your children are at the front and centre of everything that I do! I became a teacher to make a positive difference to little people and to help to shape their future! My favourite subjects to teach are English and PE and I also take running club at Hardwicke! I enjoy keeping fit, going for walks and reading a good book when I get the chance!

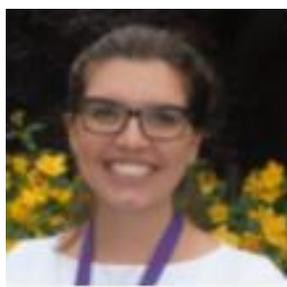
Here at Hardwicke, I focus on supporting ALL children to Shine in all that they do!



Miss Thomas

I began my deputy headship at Hardwicke in January 2021 and feel very proud to work in such a fantastic school. I am passionate about educating and inspiring children so that they flourish during their Primary Education and become ambitious lifelong learners. I believe that every child is blessed with their own individual gifts and talents and it is our duty to find, celebrate and develop these so that every child 'shines'. I enjoy teaching all areas of the curriculum but my favourite subjects are reading, writing and art where the imaginations of little minds have no bounds!

In my spare time, I enjoy being creative with painting, pottery and sewing! I also enjoy bike riding, reading and helping out on the farm.



Mrs Gregory

I have been Inclusion Lead at Hardwicke since April 2021, prior to this I was Acting Deputy Head and Special Educational Needs Coordinator. Part of this new role is overseeing the Safeguarding and behaviour at Hardwicke, as well as monitoring and reviewing the Special Educational Needs Provision. I thoroughly enjoy this new role, as I have the privilege of working alongside many families, supporting them in a range of circumstances. I feel passionate about our new Behaviour Policy, which promotes adults and children to 'walk as children of light' through being 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. From Mid-September, I will be going on Maternity Leave with a view to return in Summer 2022- please be assured that I have carefully handed over my Caseload to Miss Thomas. My favourite subjects to teach are Maths and Topic. When I am not pregnant, outside of school, you will usually see me playing netball and going for runs!



Mrs Walpole

I have been teaching at Hardwicke since 2007 and have spent the last nine years in Year 6, helping to guide the children through SATs, residential trips, musical productions and the transition to secondary school. I am very much looking forward to my new role in Year 4! As Head of Juniors, I aim to have an overview of progress throughout the key stage and to support colleagues in all areas of the curriculum – particularly English, for which I am subject lead. I enjoy being part of the management team: it is certainly never boring! Children are at the heart of all we do here at Hardwicke and I strive always to play a part in making their time here both enjoyable and enriching –academically and socially. When not at school you are likely to find me reading, cooking, riding or singing at St Nicholas' Church.



Mrs Arinze

I have been part of the Hardwicke family since 2003 where I have taught both the Reception and Year One classes. It is important to me that I work in a faith school and within a caring, loving environment where Christian values are at the heart of our teaching and learning. I have an Early Year's and English specialism and I am the EYFS Lead and a member of the Senior Leadership Team here at Hardwicke. As part of the SLT we work collaboratively together to support and maintain existing good practice and promote constant improvement for the development of all of our wonderful children. I work closely with our pre-school settings to ensure a smooth transition into school. My passion for working with young children keeps me on my toes and I am privileged to be involved in shaping the little minds of the youngest children in school, who continue to surprise me every day! I enjoy hill walks with my dog, swimming and writing poetry.



Mrs Cheshire

I have been a teacher at Hardwicke since 2000, starting in year 1 and progressing through key stage 1 to key stage 2, where I have been since 2005. It has been wonderful to watch children progress through the school and leave as confident and happy individuals. I am really excited by new role as Head of Key Stage 1 as, working in year 3, I will know how far the children have come and where they need to be. I enjoy working alongside my colleagues and sharing ideas which can only enrich the learning experience. I really want to give children every opportunity to achieve but have lots of fun at the same time. I want them to experience the same love of learning as I have as a teacher at Hardwicke. Spare time is spent playing the saxophone, baking and taking my black Labrador, Bowie, for walks and swims.