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 **Headteacher:** Mrs Emma Estell

Dear Families,

Today, we are delighted to celebrate National Teaching Assistant Day, a special occasion to recognise and appreciate the invaluable contributions our teaching assistants make to the school and the learning journey of your children.

Teaching assistants play a pivotal role in the classroom, offering support and care to children they work with through one to one support, leading groups or assisting the whole class. TAs provide the extra help and encouragement that enable our children to thrive.

We are lucky to have such an amazing team of teaching assistants here at King Edward's. Their dedication goes beyond the tasks they perform daily. Our TAs are warm, patient and foster an environment where children feel confident to ask questions, explore their potential and grow. They are integral to the smooth running of our classrooms, often working behind the scenes to ensure that every child has the support they need to succeed,

Today we took a moment to express our thanks to our TAs for their hard work, compassion and commitment. They are an essential part of your child's learning experience and their efforts do not go unnoticed!

Today, in our superstars assembly, our TAs were the superstars! Children shared positives about the teaching assistants that work in their classes and how they help them. They also got a Headteacher's sticker!

We have included some information about our teaching assistants at school, so you know more about them and what they do.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community. Please join us in recognising the incredible contribution of our teaching assistants today.

Thank you all our amazing TAs and support staff!

Warm regards,

Emma Estell

Headteacher



Miss Chambers

Hello, this is my 4th year working at the school. I thoroughly enjoy being a teaching assistant. I enjoy being able to work closely with the children supporting them in their learning, making a positive difference.

I have 2 children of my own whom I adore very much.

In my free time family is extremely important, so anytime is filled making memories with them.

School holidays are mainly spent exploring the seaside in our family caravan.



Mrs Goddard

What started as a temporary role here, I am starting my 14th year at King Edwards. I love everything about sports whether that is watching it, playing it, or even studying it, sport has been at the center of most things in my life.

I even met my husband playing sport and now my 2 children also have a real passion for it keeping me busy most nights waiting for them to finish their training. Other than sport I enjoy walking my lovely chocolate Lab Freya and when I can put my feet up, I love reading a good book or watching a good box set.



Hello, my name is **Mrs Walters**, twenty years ago, I started my learning journey training to be a Teaching Assistant. Over the years I have had the opportunity to support and nurture young people from 2 to 19 years and watch them learn and achieve their full potential.

In 2022, I joined King Edward working with key stage 1 and 2. Developing emotional, social and communication skills. Last year, I moved into Seedlings (Nursery), working as part of the team creating an exciting learning environment to support little ones taking their first steps on their learning journey.

In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family and dog Harvey.



Hi I am **Mrs Bettison**. I have worked as a Teaching Assistant across EYFS and KS1 in the Mansfield area for 14 years. I joined King Edward's in February 2022 and I am really enjoying my time here.

When I am not at work I enjoy running, going to the gym, walking my dog, travelling, and spending time with my family and friends. I am a huge Mansfield Town fan and have been a season ticket holder for many years.



Hi, my name is **Mrs Barrett** and I have been helping to nurture young minds of various ages for over 22 years. I have had other jobs along the way but always navigate back to education and childcare. I have a special place in my heart for SEND as I have an autistic brother and sister and nephew (my favourite person who bring me so much joy everyday)!

I came to King Edward's September 2023 on the search of new adventure and certainly found it. Watching the children at the start of their learning journey and seeing how much they grow (and being part of that) makes everything worthwhile.

I have travelled and lived in many different places as my husband was in the army, but we finally settled in Mansfield 14 years ago. We have 2 beautiful daughters & we do everything together, holidays, days out exploring new places and even our hobbies of crafting (especially jewellery making).



I love reading, films and most of all taking care of my family & spending time with them.

Hello from Mrs Wilson,

My enthusiasm to work with children came from becoming a mum to my daughter, followed by my son with my husband. We are very proud parents to them both.

My nurturing skills keep children safe, happy and help become individuals. I have watched my children achieve this through their own life skills. I've been a TA for many years, King Edward being my second Primary School, which I have continued to develop, learn and transfer my skills, to help our amazing King Ed kids. This creates a special place to work.

As a family we like our holidays for chill time and making memories. We also have a family dog called Rocco, who we all love to walk in the fresh air and meet with family and friends.

My daily hugs from children, parents and staff gives me a happy feeling!



My name is Miss Pemberton, I am new to King Edwards as a TA, but King Edward's has been part of my life for a long time.

I was a pupil here myself and my mum has worked here most of my life.

I have 2 children aged 11 & 6 years. They keep me super busy with lots of out of school activities, so my life is filled with their hobbies.



My name is Miss Pemberton. I have worked at King Edward since 2000, so I have been here forever! I have seen many changes and am proud of where the school is now.

I love working in EYFS. Some of the children I have taught are now parents themselves.

I have 3 grown up children and 3 grandchildren.



My name is **Miss Lilliman** and I have worked as a TA at King Edward Primary School for nearly 16 years, and I started in January 2009. I have mainly worked in EYFS and across Key Stage 1 supporting with reading, phonics, and general support in class.

I have 2 young children, Jack, who is nearly 10 and Adam, who is nearly 6 and live with my partner Paul. My hobbies are walking, swimming, spending quality time with my family and going on holiday.



Hi, I am **Mrs Scothern**. I have worked at King Edward for 16 years and seeing the children grow, progress and their little characters developing along the way is great. I have worked across most of the school being with different members of staff from Nursery up to Year 4.

Family is my life and number one priority. With a husband and two great sons, we all enjoy spending time together going out for meals, concerts, cinema, days out and holidays.

I enjoy running to keep fit and clear the mind. My biggest achievement is running in the Robin Hood half marathon, which gave me the buzz to run more. When I'm not running, sitting down with a good book and a cuppa suits me fine.

I enjoy time on my own to go off doing a spot of retail therapy and having my nails done.



Hi, my name is **Mrs Crowch**. I have worked at King Edward's school for 3 years. I started as a Midday supervisor and am now working as TA since 2023. I love my job as a TA as I really enjoy supporting and encouraging all our amazing King Ed's kids to achieve so many amazing things.

I am a proud mum of three children, Ralph, Edith and Cam and enjoy getting away to the seaside for family adventures along with Mr Crowch whenever we get the chance. When I am not spending time with family. I enjoy relaxing and catching up with my friends.



Hello, I am Mrs Oldham.

I have been working at King Edward for about 9 years, I started here as a parent helper / midday supervisor and moved onto working as a Teaching Assistant. I really enjoy my job; it is a privilege to help children learn and grow as they progress through our school.

I have two children, Alex, and Emma, who both attended King Edward, and 2 cats, Bessie, and Nala. I really enjoy reading, history, crosswords, and puzzles. I love being outdoors and enjoy walking and being in my garden.

When I am not at work, I usually spend the weekends with my children. We enjoy movies, music, cooking and Lego. The most important thing to me is to always be grateful for my family and friends and at work, to hopefully bring a smile to our children's faces and make school a happy place.



My name is **Miss Overton** and in my own time I love to spend time with my family and friends. I enjoy watching movies, reading, and going bingo.

I really enjoy being able to support all the different children I work with. I am aware of what support is needed to ensure the individual needs are met. I thoroughly enjoy helping the children and creating smiles and I am very passionate about my career.

Previously I have been working for TUI and this has given me the chance to be very lucky and work in many different countries such as Thailand, Egypt and Cyprus just to name a few. Whilst I was working for TUI, I gained the knowledge and experience to work my way up from a baby club rep to a Childcare Manager. It gave me the fantastic opportunity to meet people all over the world. I enjoyed spending summers on the beach as I love to travel and winter in the mountains.

I am a vegetarian and vegetable lasagne, and afternoon tea has got to be my favourite.

I have been very lucky to meet David Beckham and Christiano Ronaldo, not so lucky to have met Pixie Lott in an avalanche in France.

I am passionate about people and would say I am friendly, approachable, and easy to talk to. I am eager to work hard and always look to further my career.



Hello everyone! My name is Mrs Coyle.

Working with children has always been my passion since leaving school. I have been working at King Edwards as a TA for over 10 years. I feel very lucky to be a part of the King Eds team!

I live with my husband Scott and son Brad. Spending time with my family is very important to me. We have just been on a big family holiday together to Barcelona (20 of us, to be exact), making those all-important special memories. I also enjoy going out for coffee and cake with my friends.

I have a nurturing nature, and I am always willing to lend a helping hand.



Mr Starr

I first came to King Edward Primary School at the end of 2000, when I was interviewed for Eds Club which was in the early stages of being set up. I was also interviewed for the After School club at High Oakham. I was offered both roles, but Eds Club contacted me first and as I had accepted that offer, I stuck with that.

Eds Club was then set up in Spring 2001. It was based down in the Park Building corridor area, when that was a far larger area than it now is. I soon got to know the Reception and Key Stage 1 staff.

Mr O'Brien, the head from many years ago, offered me some hours, initially on a casual basis supporting two children in the reception class with cerebral palsy. I stayed on a casual basis for about a year when I was offered a full-time post. This started in Key Stage 1, but I soon found myself in years 3, 4 and 6. I delivered several interventions back then, that are now lost in the mists of time.



Over the following years I have worked across all year groups from nursery to Year 6.

I believe my strengths to be upper key stage 2 but go where work dictates & I have enjoyed working with so many wonderful teachers.

Probably my favourite thing is when I see former pupils, often when I am waiting for the bus home and hear about their lives beyond school.

My life outside of school is full as I have lots of interests: reading, architecture, collecting old photography and postcards, mostly pre-World War 2, playing piano and walking in the Nottinghamshire countryside.

Hello. I am Mrs Daykin

I have worked at King Edwards for 23 years. I have seen so many changes over the years with different headteachers, governors, staff, pupils & new buildings. I initially started working in F2, but I have since worked across all the school & thoroughly enjoy my role, looking forward to coming to school each day.

I was a staff governor many years ago & I became lead TA in 2011.

The TA team are amazing! They work so hard to make a difference to the children's day at King Edwards whilst also supporting the teaching staff. I could not ask for a better team.

I like holidays abroad & exploring England in my caravan. I go to the gym and enjoy walking; gardening & I love to have a dance! This can happen anytime, anywhere! Whist I am hoovering, cooking & anytime that I hear music I just cannot stop my dancing feet!

I am a very big animal lover.

I am married, have 2 sons & a rescue dog called Darcy.



Hello, I'm **Mrs Greasby**, I first came to King Edwards in 2012. I have enjoyed working and helping so many of our wonderful King Ed's kids over the last 12 years and look forward to many more to come.

I am married, have one daughter and a Jack Russell called Buzz.

In my spare time I enjoy spending time with my family, dog walking, playing hockey with my friends and paddleboarding.



Hello, my name is **Mr Jenkins**. I've been a staff member at King Edwards for 3 years in which I've supported in doing PE lessons as well as reading groups and working as a mid-day supervisor.

I love working with children of all ages and seeing them develop their sporting skills. **I'm a passionate football fan who loves watching** Mansfield Town of which I am a season ticket holder. I also follow Manchester United which I've supported since I was a young. I spend a lot of time following both teams alongside my dad who is a big lover of both clubs.

I live with my family, including my pet dog Rosie who loves to go for walks and also play football with her own miniature ball.

