



HOLMLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL INSIGHTS

My Passion for Early Learning

Miss Gajia

EYFS Teacher & Phonics Lead

“There is something incredibly special about working with young children at the very start of their educational journey.”





Teaching Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and phonics has been at the heart of my career since I began teaching in 2011, and it remains a true passion of mine.

There is something incredibly special about working with young children at the very start of their educational journey, during such a crucial stage of development. Each day brings new opportunities to inspire curiosity, build confidence, and lay the foundations for future learning.





In EYFS, learning at this age is not just academic, it is about nurturing the whole child. I am passionate about creating an environment where children feel safe, valued, and excited to learn, supporting both their emotional development and independence.

Emotional development is just as important as academic progress, and I take great pride in helping children build resilience, independence, and a positive attitude towards learning.





Phonics is an area I feel deeply connected to. It is incredibly rewarding to see children begin to unlock the code of reading, Watching a child recognise their first sounds, blend words, and realise they can read independently is a moment that never loses its magic.

Phonics gives children the tools to access the wider curriculum, and being part of that journey is both a responsibility and a joy.





As my career has developed, I have taken on the role of phonics lead across EYFS and KS1, supporting colleagues, ensuring consistency, and driving high standards in early reading across the school.

We use Bug Club Phonics, which is highly engaging and effective for young learners. Its structured progression supports step-by-step learning, while interactive resources help maintain enthusiasm. I particularly value how it supports both classroom learning and home practice, encouraging parental involvement and building children's confidence and fluency.





Over the years, my enthusiasm for EYFS and phonics has only grown stronger. Each cohort brings new challenges and rewards, and I continue to be inspired by the children I teach.

Knowing I am helping to shape their early experiences of education is what makes this role so meaningful.

Miss Gajia

EYFS Teacher & Phonics Lead



