

Dr Carr - Headteacher

Welcome to Woodlands Primary School! Hello everyone! I am Dr Carr, and I am delighted to be entering my 8th year of working at Woodlands Primary School!

I cannot wait to spend another year as part of such a dynamic and creative team. I always have lots of exciting things planned for staff and pupils, and this coming year is no different! Not only are we opening our 3<sup>rd</sup> Resourced Provision, and the first school-based 9-24 month nursery room in the area (and possibly the country!), but we also have plans afoot to develop many aspects of our school.

I have a real passion for learning myself and you will often hear me encouraging our staff, student teachers and even governors to broaden their knowledge and skill base alongside the experiences they gain from working in, and with, our school. This academic year I plan to complete another Masters (this time in Global Security) – with a focus especially on cyber security, an increasing threat to schools, just like other organisations.

When I am not in school, I enjoy sailing, spending time with our school dog, Gus, my 2 adult children, my big family and my friends (particularly at the beach!), being an analyst for the British Army, and being outdoors (especially in the hills).

Alternatively, I am found writing books (I have written 2 and the third will be published in 2026 with my good friend, Simon!), recording podcasts about education and leadership, the military and aspects of modern life that affect all of those things, or supporting colleagues in their endeavours to further their careers- I love being a mentor.

You will often find me signing up for some challenge or another to raise money for charity. If I am not out at the beach, sailing, or hill walking, I am usually in the gym, reading, or watching rugby because I am a huge fan (and it is by far the best game ever!).

I believe that in order to succeed it is vital to work as a team, which we do SO well here, and we really support one another: this has been especially important through all of the challenges we have faced globally and nationally in the last 7 years, and for opportunities that this new year may bring.

I cannot wait to see all of our returning pupils, and to get to know all of our new pupils - to learn all about their hopes, dreams and aspirations, and be an integral part of them realising those dreams!

Mrs Liversey – Deputy Head Teacher

I am Mrs Liversey and I am the DHT of our amazing school. I have been working at Woodlands Primary School for over 15 years now and I just love being a part of our fabulous school community. I cannot wait to spend another year at our brilliant school!

Like Dr Carr, I love to read all about leadership in schools and I have successfully completed my NPQH which allowed me to develop my skills in leadership. It also enabled me to keep up to date with current leadership developments for the future! I am also a school governor at a school in Runcorn and this again supports me in being forward thinking and allows me to work strategically in a different context.

When I am not in school, I continue to spend my time being a 'Mum taxi' for my two children, Rebecca and Cameron! No matter what age, I have learnt that children need you at every stage of their lives! I have a real passion for travel; I enjoy walking in the Lake District with my dog, Flynn, holidaying in Cornwall (which is my favourite place ever!) and I also like to explore new, foreign destinations! Geography was my favourite subject at high school and I loved it that much I studied for a degree in the subject! Another of my favourite things to do is to curl up in a comfy chair relaxing with a great book – I just love reading and hope that I instil a passion and love for reading in the children in our school.

I can't wait for the new school year to get started and I will be continuing to work closely with Dr Carr and all of the staff to make sure that this year is the best year yet for you all at Woodlands! We have lots of exciting things planned for you to participate in this year. Remember to pop to see me in my office to show me all of your fantastic work!