

Offwell C of E Primary School

Our Core Values: Honesty, Loyalty, Caring, Sharing and Forgiveness.

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This month the Offwell School entry was created by our School Ambassadors. They interviewed Mrs Legg our headteacher to see if they could learn a little more about what makes her, and therefore our school, tick.

What made you decide to become a teacher? My children. When they were aged 3 and 6 I became interested in what they needed to learn and how they could learn. So I started training in Early Years and as they grew older I decided to stay in KS2 and teach there.

Did you always want to be a teacher? No, I actually wanted to be a brain surgeon then I wanted to be a nurse because my mum was and then I developed an interest in art.

Do you still like teaching? Yes I love it. I love learning, so I love learning new things to teach you all - I also learn a lot from you!

What is your favourite part about being a headteacher? I have to say my favourite part is the Friday Celebration Assembly. We have a chance to reflect on what the children have done all through the week and I get to celebrate all the good things that have happened.

Why did you want to come to Offwell? I had looked at the outside of the school, as I went past and felt it looked creative - I love the wellies! I liked the fact that it was a small school with a big personality.

What is the best thing about Offwell? It is so hard to have a favourite part – I have to say all of it, because we are in the most beautiful countryside, with our classroom in Offwell woods, and we are right in the heart of our village, next to the church, yet so close to the town. Most importantly, since it is a small school, everybody knows each other like a family.

What plans do you have for Offwell? I am looking at creating a curriculum, with the help of our teachers and children, that links to our vision. We need to include ways to look after our wellbeing, and get on well with others; learn the skills and knowledge we need to understand our world; and make sure that we live well, by helping others and protecting our environment for the future.

You work hard as our headteacher, how do you relax? I'm glad you noticed, Alex! One way I relax is by going on long walks - the harder the day, the longer the walk! I really like long walks, spending time with my family, occasionally doing some gardening. I have chickens and I have one cheeky chicken called Betty – she often escapes so I have to do some chicken chasing!

Do you have any hobbies? Well, as I said, I walk and when I can't walk, I love reading, because when you read a great book, you could be anywhere in time or space. If I ever have some time to spare (in the holidays, if I can) I love drawing – I do portraits.

What is your favourite thing to do at Offwell? My favourite thing to do is go out onto the front playground at playtime and listen to the children having fun, while I look across to the hills – we are in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and on a clear day the view is gorgeous.

Describe yourself in 3 words. Creative, curious (as in curious about things!) and caring.

