



Larkspur

Community Primary School

7th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to share an important staffing update for our Year 3 class.

At half term, Miss Mills will be retiring after over 20 years of dedicated service to Larkspur. During that time, she has taught and supported many, many children and families, often across different generations of the same families. She has made a significant contribution to our school community, and we would like to thank her for the commitment, care and dedication she has shown throughout her time at Larkspur.

While we will be very sorry to see Miss Mills leave, we know that the time is right for her to enjoy a very well-earned retirement. I am sure our whole school community will join us in wishing her every happiness for this next chapter.

We have appointed Miss Purslow as our new Year 3 teacher. Miss Purslow brings valuable teaching experience, having taught in Dubai and currently working here in Gateshead. We are confident that she will provide stability and consistency for the Year 3 class and will be a wonderful addition to the Larkspur team. Importantly, the children who were involved in the interview process were very impressed with her, and she was a firm favourite with them.

Miss Purslow will spend time in school before half term to complete a thorough handover with Miss Mills, ensuring a smooth transition for the children and continuity in their learning and routines.

We know that changes in teaching staff can naturally bring questions, but we are very pleased to have been able to plan carefully for this transition. Our priority is to ensure that Year 3 continue to feel happy, settled and well supported.

I know you will join me in thanking Miss Mills for everything she has given to Larkspur over the past 20 years and in giving Miss Purslow a very warm welcome to our school community.

Kind regards,

Katy Anglesea

Headteacher