**Headteacher Vacancy**

**September 2025**



Welcome!

Thank you for taking an interest in the headteacher position at St Andrew’s Church of England Infant School.

St Andrew’s is a joyful, two-form entry infant school serving the families of Leyland. We admit up to 60 children per year in Reception with all children automatically receiving a place at Woodlea Junior School (next door) for Key Stage 2. With many schools struggling to fill places at the moment, we are pleased that our numbers are increasing and are in a strong position for the September 2025 intake. This is, in part, due to a commitment from both St Andrew’s and Woodlea leadership teams to working together to assure prospective parents of smooth transitions between key stages. As we appoint a headteacher, we are looking for someone who will continue to make the relationship between the two schools a strategic priority and who will foster and develop this important link.

Children at St Andrew’s feel happy, safe and cared for. They enjoy recently refurbished classrooms, spacious, green outdoor areas and special times together each day for collective worship. Within the applicant pack you will find an advert from the School Council listing the qualities they are looking for in a headteacher. As governors, we are looking for someone who will champion our distinctly Christian vision and drive it forwards, ensuring that the aims and objectives of our vision are realised for every child.

In May 2023 Ofsted found our school to be ‘Good’ in all areas with high-quality support in place for pupils with SEND and a strong culture of safeguarding. Much work has been done to continue to develop the quality of education on offer. The appointed candidate will join a team of staff who are confident and effective in subject leadership and teach a curriculum that is well planned and sequenced. It will be the appointee’s role to ensure staff remain ambitious for all in the delivery of the curriculum, in improving outcomes and ultimately children’s life chances.

Alongside the strong relationships we have with our parents, St Andrew’s has a well-established working partnership with the diocese and parish church. This helps shape and deliver the vision, pastoral support and worshipping life of the school. It will be the appointee’s role to continue to foster these vital relationships within our community.

This is an exciting time to join our school! The nursery on site was formerly privately run and is due to become part of St Andrew’s later this year. A priority for the new headteacher will be putting in place a strong, targeted and effective nursery curriculum that will meet children’s needs and enable them to be ‘school ready’ by the time they reach Reception. It will also require support for nursery staff as they transition to become part of our school family.

Infant education spans a few years, but its impact lasts a lifetime. If you are passionate about laying firm foundations and giving children the very best start in education, we would love to hear from you. To arrange a visit to school with the Chair of Governors please contact the school bursar to make an appointment. We look forward to meeting you!

Jessica Churchward

Chair of Governors, St Andrew’s Church of England Infant School

*‘God is my strength, in whom I trust’ – Psalm 18*