



Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in our current vacancy for a temporary class teacher (Maternity Cover). Our school is a busy and vibrant place to be, serving approximately 200 children and their families who support our school well. We are a welcoming school community and have close links with our Parish, the church and families. The school's Christian identity permeates all aspects of school life, and our values underpin our whole curriculum and all that we do in school. As a dedicated team, we continually strive to ensure that each and every child has all the opportunities necessary to achieve their full potential – we 'Inspire each other to shine'.

St Thomas' is a one-form entry Church of England school with an intake of 30 children per year. The school had an ungraded inspection in March 2025. Our recent inspection was highly successful and we are delighted that our report shares clearly that our school has significantly improved since our previous inspection (2017 – GOOD). The inspection outcome showed that we are now likely to be judged higher than our previous rating when re-inspected, so are now being 'fast tracked' for a further inspection. Our very recent SIAMS inspection in June 2025 was also highly successful and highlighted many strengths. We were delighted that the inspector noted, ***'Positive relationships are at the heart of this 'nurturing family.' The exceptionally strong culture of trust, care and respect is enabling staff, pupils and families to flourish.'*** The successful candidate would be joining a hardworking, unique, caring school family.

We have an enthusiastic, welcoming and experienced staff team and we are very well supported by our Governors and community. We all want the best outcomes for our children and we are looking for the right person to complement the existing teaching team. The School Leadership Team are fully committed to supporting the professional development of staff and have a supportive approach to developing staff and enabling all to flourish. In addition to this, we regularly help to train the next generation of teachers in conjunction with Edge Hill University. We encourage development and reflection for all our staff, support them to review and refine their practice and continually review our provision to meet the needs of *our* children in *our* school.

We place a strong emphasis on developing the whole child in addition to the academic side of learning. We are fortunate to be very close to the beach, we have our own Forest School area and a number of qualified practitioners on site and we love to use our super grounds and our local area to enhance and develop learning.

All our teachers lead subjects across the whole school, and we ask that candidates highlight any particular skills and interests in subject leadership.

St Thomas' is a vibrant and enjoyable place to work. The children are delightful, well behaved, have wonderful manners and are keen to learn. In return, they deserve the best. This temporary, full-time vacancy offers a fantastic opportunity for a positive, creative, inspiring and enthusiastic individual to join our team as we continue to move our school forward. If you feel that you can make a commitment to provide our children with engaging, high quality learning experiences, please come and have a look around and see for yourself whether you would like to be part of our team. Visits to school are welcomed and these can be arranged by telephone (01253 722022) or email: [office@st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-thomas.lancs.sch.uk)

Yours,

Mrs Lindsay Walton, Headteacher