

# Meet our new Headteacher

Our new Headteacher, **Steff Brown**, has been at Baldersby St James since October 2019. An experienced primary teacher, Steff has been a lead teacher for curriculum development for NYCC and has supported other primary schools, particularly small schools, with school development.



"I'm very excited to take up the Head's role! This is a small and friendly school, where we get to know the children really well, and it is a school which has been at the heart of the community for over 160 years. I'm committed to maintaining and building the relationship with the village and the local church. With the support of Hope Learning Trust, I am also determined to give the children the very best education and school experience that we can."



# Why not see for yourself?

We'd love you to visit us so that we can show you the positive transformation within our school. Call **01765 640277** to make an appointment today!



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**WELCOME  
to our school**

# A warm welcome

Baldersby St James Church of England Primary School is a church school with a strong Christian ethos. We aim to provide a rich nurturing environment where everyone – both children and staff alike – thrive and fulfil their potential.

## Where are we?

Our school is located in the village of Baldersby St James midway between Thirsk and Ripon. We welcome children from our catchment of Baldersby St James, Baldersby, Melmerby and Rainton and are increasingly taking children from out of catchment areas including: Dishforth, Topcliffe, Thirsk, Ripon and Sharow.

## About our school

Our children, aged between 4-11, are happy, confident and safe at our small, rural school, which is directly opposite the village church. The school has been at the heart of the village community since 1857 and we are fortunate to have a blend of the original Victorian structure coupled with a modern extension which houses our classrooms.

## Part of the Hope Learning Trust

We have been part of the Hope Learning Trust since September 2018. As a partner school we have access to some incredible opportunities for our children, including the ability to draw on outstanding staff expertise across the Trust.

## Creating a space where everything thrives

We have recently transformed the school's outdoor space to strengthen our forest school programme, which will focus on team building, supporting mental wellbeing and developing resilience.

We have large grounds which now include areas for forest school activities such as outside cooking and den building; a calming reflective garden for yoga, collective worship and picnics; a green house and raised beds for growing produce; a willow dome for reflection and wellbeing; and a mature orchard with mature apple, cherry, damson and pear trees.



**“Such a great place for children to learn - so much more than simply an amazing school!”**

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