

Hello! My name is Mrs Vardy and I thoroughly enjoy teaching at Droxford Junior School; it is such a privilege to work alongside committed staff and enthusiastic children; all striving for excellence. Adoring the 'great outdoors', it is hugely rewarding to teach in a school that nestles on the South Downs; I appreciate being able to set out on adventures with the class, jump in a river or simply take in the beauty of our surroundings. Out of school, you will often find my running along a footpath with my big black dog or cycling up Old Winchester Hill (well, trying to get up it anyway!). I love to spend time with my family, cycling through the Meon Valley area or hiking up Skafell Pike or Green Gables in the Lake District. We also have family in Spain and France so like to spend our summer holidays travelling around the Mediterranean. So, you may have guessed, one of my favourite subjects to teach is geography; immersing children in the abundant cultures and geographical surroundings that enrich our community and world.

However, I am also passionate about English: having been a subject I struggled at myself at school, I endeavour to make reading accessible to everyone and unravel the mystery of writing, dismantling the myth that writing is boring or simply too hard. Prior to my teaching career, I worked in Southampton as an Education Social worker and therefore enjoy helping children grow in who they are, developing healthy self-esteems, knowing they are valued and accepted. My most exciting moments in teaching are when you start to see children who thought they 'couldn't do it', begin to start believing in themselves and reach far beyond their own initial expectations.

My other passion is music; I sing in a band, playing lead vocal and guitar, which is a huge honour and so much fun! I am committed to our local church where I am involved in running a youth group as well as a support group for young mums and their families.

I am looking forward to embarking on many more adventures with Droxford Junior School as we look to 'open doors' to new learning opportunities and enable students to reach their true potential together.