



ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will already be aware that the Governors have been busy this term with the recruitment of a new headteacher due to my retirement at Easter 2026 and I am pleased to announced that Mr C Taylor has been appointed to the role.

As part of the interview process, Mr Taylor visited the school a couple of weeks ago and I'm sure the children will remember meeting him either during the worship he led about the spread of Christianity around the world or when he was questioned by our Courageous Advocates about what talents and characteristics he would bring to the school.

Mr Taylor supports a curriculum which has the children at its heart and his wealth of experience in curriculum development will enable St Leonard's to continue on it's journey developing a strong learning structure which enables our pupils to thrive. He is clear about the importance of high-quality relationships between all members of the school community and the strong support structure that these create.

When Mr Taylor visited the school, he spoke of his personal faith and how this underpins his work as a leader. He is enthusiastic about leading St Leonard's through the next stage of its journey to enable all the pupils to flourish.

Whilst Mr Taylor will remain at his current school in Chorley until Easter, I look forward to him visiting St Leonard's in the interim and liaising with him to ensure a smooth transition.

Kind Regards,
Bev Holmes