

It's very difficult to sum up my time at Buxton Junior School. It has been a wonderful and incredibly rewarding journey, filled with happy memories. The children have brought me so much laughter over the years that I often wish I had kept a book of all the funny things they have said and done.

The children of Buxton Junior School are endlessly positive, funny and resilient. I have always admired their kindness, sense of humour and ability to take things in their stride. I can't tell you how many times I have stood on the playground wearing multiple layers while the children ran around in T-shirts, laughing at me for being so soft! I will miss their company enormously and the joy they bring every day.

I am also incredibly grateful to our wonderful community of parents and carers for your support over the years. I have always believed that education is a partnership, and it has been a privilege to work alongside you in helping your children grow and flourish.

My thanks also go to the amazing staff team. The last eight years would not have been nearly so special without them. The team at BJS is optimistic, hard-working and resilient, and I could not have wished for a better group of colleagues. Together we have navigated many challenges, from the unprecedented experience of a global pandemic to, more recently, the flood, always with the children at the heart of everything we do.

I am especially grateful to Mrs Dowling for taking on the role of Acting Headteacher. I know she will lead the talented staff team with great care and commitment, ensuring that the children and staff of BJS continue to thrive.

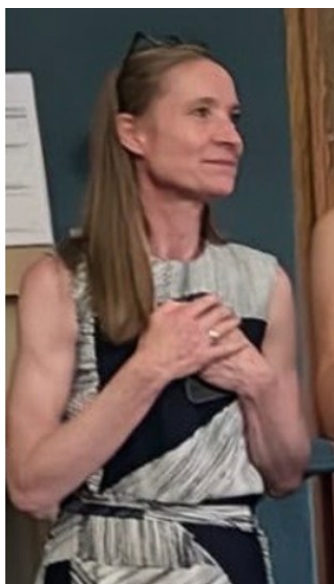
Although I am retiring, Buxton Junior School will always hold a special place in my heart. I am sure I will see many of the children and families around Buxton in the years ahead, and I wish every member of the BJS community happiness and success for the future.

Goodbye and Heartfelt Thanks Mrs Carter

We can't quite believe that it's time to say goodbye to Mrs Carter. She has been such an amazing, kind, selfless and inspirational headteacher. From the moment she arrived, she has always thought of others before herself. She has worked tirelessly for Buxton Junior School and leaves behind a great school with happy children and staff.

We have been so lucky to have had her as our headteacher but on behalf of all the staff we wish her Good Luck and every happiness in her next chapter.

Mrs Dowling (Deputy Head)



Some very happy Y5/6 Quadkids participants at the Community School and the Y5's during their Activity Day where they enjoyed science and languages.



Online Safety and Smartphone Ban



It can be tricky navigating screentime in the holidays. ParentZone has some useful advice and a downloadable guide which sets out some top tips and ideas. It is certainly worth making a plan at the beginning of the holidays rather than trying to put boundaries in later. [Digital parenting in the summer holidays | Parent Zone](#)

This is also a reminder that school will be a **completely smartphone free zone in September**. Children will **not be permitted to bring a smartphone onto the school site**. If you believe your child does need a phone then a dumbphone or brickphone will be permitted but will still have to be handed in at the beginning of the day. If your child comes to school with a smartphone, it will be stored safely in the school office until it can be collected by a parent.

Term dates 2026 – 2027		
	Term Starts:	Term Ends:
Term 1	Monday 7 September 2026	Thursday 22 October 2026
Term 2	Monday 2 November 2026	Friday 18 December 2026
Term 3	Tuesday 5 January 2027	Friday 12 February 2027
Term 4	Tuesday 23 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027
Term 5	Monday 12 April 2027	Friday 28 May 2027
Term 6	Tuesday 8 June 2027	Friday 23 July 2027

School will also be closed on the following dates for INSET staff training:

Friday 5 September 2026
 Friday 23 October 2026
 Monday 4 January 2027
 Monday 22 February 2027
 Monday 7 June 2027
 Friday 25 June 2027
 Monday 26 July 2027



Angles in Y3, inventing penguin enclosures in Y4 and guide dog visitors in Y5 and Y6.