

Laura Whitcombe

Primary Teacher (QTS)

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Profile

Primary teacher with QTS and five years in Key Stage 2, now teaching Year 5 and leading science across the school. Plans sequenced lessons with clear modelling, uses assessment to adapt teaching for pupils with SEND and works closely with teaching assistants and parents. Looking for a Key Stage 2 post with responsibility for a curriculum subject.

Teaching Experience

Year 5 Class Teacher and Science Lead, Larkhill Primary School, Reading **September 2023–present**

- Teach a class of 30, including six pupils on the SEND register; adapting maths, English and foundation lessons from assessment.
- Lead science across the school: rewrote the Key Stage 2 science plan with year group teams and run two staff training sessions a year.
- Direct a teaching assistant each day, sharing plans and the support each group needs.
- Run a weekly science club for 18 pupils and organise the Year 5 museum trip each spring.
- Meet parents each term and write annual reports.

Year 3 Class Teacher, Hollybrook Primary Academy, Reading **September 2021–July 2023**

- Completed early career teacher induction while teaching a class of 28.
- Followed safeguarding procedures and recorded concerns for the designated safeguarding lead.

Qualifications

PGCE Primary with QTS, Wessex Institute of Education **2020–2021**

BSc (Hons) Biology, 2:1, University of Brackley **2017–2020**

A levels: Biology A, Chemistry B, English Literature B **2017**

Training

- Keeping children safe in education 2026, Part one (September 2026)
- Science subject leadership network, local authority (2024–present)
- Supporting pupils with SEND in the mainstream classroom (2025)

Skills

- Planning and adapting for pupils with SEND
- Assessment for learning and pupil progress meetings
- Directing teaching assistants
- Microsoft Teams, Google Classroom and the school information system