



St. Stephen's Church of England Junior School

Headteacher: Louisa Wilson
Deputy Head: Rosie Cook

South Gloucestershire Council

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Micah 6:8



Monday 15th December 2025

Dear Children, Staff, Parents, and Members of Our School Community,

After much reflection, I am writing to share that I will be leaving my role as Head Teacher after 13 years of service. This has not been an easy decision and is one that comes with mixed emotions, including a deep sense of sadness at saying goodbye to a community that has been such an important part of my life.

It has been a true privilege and honour to serve this school for over a decade. During this time, I have seen our children grow not only academically, but also in confidence, resilience, and kindness. Supporting them on their learning journeys has been the greatest reward of my career, and I am immensely proud of all that they have achieved.

I would like to thank our dedicated and hardworking staff for their professionalism, commitment, and care. It has been a pleasure to work alongside colleagues who consistently place children at the heart of everything they do. I am also grateful to our parents and carers for their trust, partnership, and continued support, and to the wider community for its encouragement over the years.

I will be moving into a period of semi-retirement. As education and working with young people is my passion, I anticipate continuing to provide help and support to other schools so that all children get the very best opportunities to grow and thrive. But first, after 35 years as a teacher, I will be taking time for some rest and relaxation, spending time with family and friends, and, of course, enjoying many more walks with Herbie, my dog.

As for St Stephen's, you will be aware that over the next 4 years, it will move from being a 12 class school to 8 as numbers of births and children decrease in the local area. Because of this, it is going to move to a new style of leadership with an Executive Head who will oversee two schools. Kirsty Robson, the current head of St Michaels' CofE Primary School, Winterbourne will be taking on this role, sharing her time over both her current school and ours. Kirsty is highly experienced and I know that I will be leaving St Stephen's in very good hands. Rosie Cook will continue with her role as Deputy Head. You all know that Rosie is a fantastic leader who knows St Stephen's well; she will therefore play a pivotal role in this transition.

While this decision has been a difficult one, I leave knowing the school is in a strong position and will continue to thrive. I will always carry with me the memories, friendships, and shared successes experienced together.



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My last day at St Stephen's will be 2nd April 2026. Please be assured that until then, I will continue to give 110% to your incredible children and our community.

Thank you for the trust, kindness, and support you have shown me throughout my time here. It has truly been an honour to serve as your Head Teacher.

With my very best wishes for the future,

Louisa

