



Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I come to the end of my final day as headteacher at **Ashfield Primary School**, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks.

I have been at Ashfield for 19 ½ years, initially as assistant headteacher, mainly working in year 6 and as English lead. For the last 10 years it has been the greatest privilege of my career to lead such a warm, vibrant, and caring school community. Over the years, I've had the joy of watching your children grow, learn, and become confident, capable individuals—I could not be more proud of them.

Some of my fondest memories will be of our Otley Carnival entries, bursting with colour and laughter, the Friends of Ashfield events that brought everyone together, and the unforgettable residential trips full of adventure, resilience, and new experiences. Even the unexpected snow days had their magic—seeing the joy on children's faces as they played in the snow will stay with me forever.

Ashfield's strength has always come from its strong partnerships—between pupils, staff, and families—and I'm deeply grateful for the support and trust you've shown me over the years.

I also want to thank you for the thoughtful gifts, cards, and warm messages. Your generosity and kind words have truly touched me, and I will always treasure them.

As I now step into retirement, I do so with wonderful memories. I wish you and your children happiness, health, and continued success—and of course best wishes for the future of Ashfield Primary School.

With sincere thanks,

Elspeth Warren
Headteacher



