



Rawmarsh Ryecroft Infant School
South Street
Rawmarsh
Rotherham
South Yorkshire
S62 5QW

Headteacher: Mrs K Blythe

Telephone: 01709 710599

Email: admin@ryecroftinfant.co.uk

Website: www.rawmarshryecroftinfantschool.co.uk

Tuesday 7th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with mixed emotions that we share some very special news. At the end of this academic year, **Mrs Needham will be retiring from Rawmarsh Ryecroft Infant School after an incredible 28 years of dedicated service.**

Mrs Needham has been at the heart of our school community for nearly three decades and, during that time, has touched the lives of countless children and families. Her kindness, warmth, patience and unwavering commitment to helping every child flourish have made her a truly treasured member of our school family.

Many of our parents will have fond memories of Mrs Needham, and some may even have been taught or supported by her themselves. Her ability to make every child feel valued, safe and special is a gift that has left a lasting impact on generations of our Ryecroft children. She has always gone above and beyond, bringing enthusiasm, care and a genuine love into school each and every day.

She has been a wonderful friend and mentor to so many staff members over the years, and her positive influence can be seen throughout our school. Her dedication, professionalism and sense of humour have made her an integral part of Ryecroft, and it is difficult to imagine our school without her.

Whilst we are incredibly sad to see her leave, we are also delighted that she is beginning a well-deserved retirement and to spend more time with her beautiful grandchildren and husband Alan, who has done more than his fair share of cutting out, stickering books and trips into the loft over the years.

We know that many families will want to join us in thanking Mrs Needham for everything she has done for our children and our school. We will be celebrating her remarkable contribution before the end of term and giving her the send-off she so thoroughly deserves on her last day with us on **Wednesday 15th July.**

On behalf of all the staff, children and governors at Ryecroft, we would like to express our gratitude to Mrs Needham for her years of hard work, care and commitment. She has helped shape our school into the special place it is today, and although she will be greatly missed, she will always remain a part of our Ryecroft family.

Yours Faithfully

Mrs Blythe
Headteacher