

Introducing Our Teaching Staff

Miss Sarah Robson—Executive Co- Headteacher



I joined St. Augustine's C.E. (C) First School as Head teacher, in September, 2000. I began my teaching career in an infant school in Croydon and then moved back to Derbyshire to join a very large primary school where I became Head of the Infant department. I then moved on to become Deputy Head of an infant school before taking on my current role. The latter has evolved over the last few years following the decision for St Augustine's to federate with St. Peter's, Alton and All Saints, Denstone when I became Executive Head teacher over what is now The Saints' Federation. From September 2017 I was delighted to share this role with Rebecca Walker and became Executive Co-Headteacher, working part time.

My spare time is spent walking my border collie, Ted and Labrador, April and renovating my home with my partner which I now have more time to do?

Mrs Rebecca Walker—Executive Co- Headteacher & Staff Governor



I have been teaching at St Augustine's since I graduated from my BEd Honours degree in 2002. I spent time in a variety of schools during my degree, in large towns and tiny villages and the small school, although not for all teachers, is by far the most rewarding. I relished the challenge of becoming the Federation SENCO and firmly believe that our three schools offer a unique environment where every child can thrive. Becoming Executive Co-Headteacher of the Saints' Federation in Sept 2017 has been a real honour. I feel privileged to work alongside such dedicated and talented staff, fab pupils and supportive parents.

My two beautiful daughters, Maisie and Lily have both attended our school. In my spare time I enjoy swimming and reading but not necessarily all at the same time :o) My hubby James and I also enjoy walking my gorgeous dog, Billy who has a penchant for eating my trainers...

Mrs Karen Roche—KS1 Classteacher



I teach part time at St Augustine's , I also teach French one afternoon a week at another local school. Teaching at St Augustine's is wonderful as it is a small and close knit school where we are able to create a family atmosphere and get to know all the children and families so well. We value every child's strengths. I have a 2:1 degree in English from Nottingham University. I also have a Post Graduate Certificate in Education.

I have worked across the first school age range, initially in a village infant school in Melbourne, Derbyshire and then in a much larger first school in Staffordshire. I took a career break to look after my own two children and returned to teaching in 2006.

I enjoy making jewellery and other crafts. I love to travel abroad, particularly to France and Italy. My life is very family centred with my two teenagers keeping me very busy! I have a beautiful Yorkshire terrier and my husband and I enjoy taking her for lots of walks across the fields where we live.

Mrs Natalie Gilmour—Foundation Stage and KS1 Classteacher



I have worked at St Augustine's First School as the Early Years teacher since September 2012. Before my teaching post, I achieved a B.A. degree in Printed Textile Design, at Loughborough University. Following this, I was employed as a Learning Support Assistant at a primary school in Gentleshaw. I thoroughly enjoyed working in a school setting and in 2011, I applied for and completed a Post-graduate Certificate of Education at Derby University.

My main passions are Early Years education and Art and feel extremely lucky to be able to fulfil these here at St Augustine's. During my free time, I love spending valuable time with my family and friends, walking my beautiful cocker spaniel, Lily and travelling to new and exciting places.

Miss Olivia Cashmore—KS2 Teacher



I joined St Augustine's as the newly appointed KS2 teacher in September 2015. Before starting my teaching post, I achieved my BEd degree with First Class Honours at the University of Derby. I was placed in a wide range of diverse settings during my teacher training. From very large town schools to a very small rural school on my final placement. I can honestly say that from my experience in that final school to securing my first post here at St Augustine's, the small school is somewhere where a true family atmosphere can be achieved. That's what I love most about my job!

My passions lie within KS2 and the humanities—in particular History! During my free time I enjoy spending time with my wonderful family and pursuing my papercraft and cardmaking hobby.

Mrs Anna McAteer—Teaching Assistant



I support the pupils in the Early Years Foundation Class. I have worked at St. Augustine's since 2009 and hold an NVQ3 in Childcare and Education. I have lived on a smallholding in Draycott in the Clay for fifteen years. My two girls, horses and dogs keep me very busy and in the little spare time I have, I enjoy sewing, as I am qualified in making soft furnishings.

I love working at this school, where my own children were educated, as it is a genuine family where the children come first.

Mrs Cathy Bell—Teaching Assistant



I have been working as a 1:1 Support Assistant at All Saint's First School, Denstone for the past two years, prior to that I supported a child at St Peter's First School, Alton. I joined St Augustine's in September 2016 and I feel privileged that I have worked in all three schools within our Federation. I thoroughly enjoy my job and love supporting children within the classroom.

I have three children, two boys and a daughter and most of my free time is taken up taxiing them to their sporting fixtures and social activities! I also have a little dog

Mrs Aisling Grant — KS1 Science teacher



I achieved my PGCE in Primary Education in 1993 from Exeter University.. Following this I taught for the next 10 years in three different schools before leaving teaching to raise my four children; three sons and a daughter. During this time we lived in many places throughout Scotland. We moved back to England two years ago. Since then I have worked at St Peter's First School, Alton as a teaching assistant/teacher. I love teaching all subjects, but have developed a particular interest in science, maybe to do with the fact one of my children are always exploding some type of mixture in my kitchen! My time away from work is spent ferrying my children to their many activities and looking after our animals, our latest addition being a beautiful wee pony called Gem.

Introducing Our Non-Teaching Staff

Mrs Emma Sandbach —Office Manager



I have been involved with St Augustine's since my son started here in 2011. I then became a school governor, the maths link governor and a member of the finance committee. My academic background was not typical for a School Manager, my degree which I achieved back in 2000 was in Physics. I worked for 10 years as a scientific consultant before changing careers on when I had my son.

In December 2014 I joined the school as the School Manager and an associate member on the Governing Body. Outside of work I love to cook, I'm an avid reader and I love bike rides with my son.

Mrs Jane Bean—Catering Supervisor



I've been the cook at St. Augustine's since February 2001. I'm married and have three stepsons, all of which were educated at St. Augustine's.

I had been in catering for 20 years before going to college and getting my NVQ level 1 & 2 in food preparation and cooking.

My interests are cake decorating, art and cooking.

Mrs Eve Korpál — Lunchtime Supervisor



I joined the team at St Augustine's in June 2016. I'm married and have two boys who both attend St Augustine's. In my spare time I enjoy visiting family in Poland and running, and when I get time I like to bake!