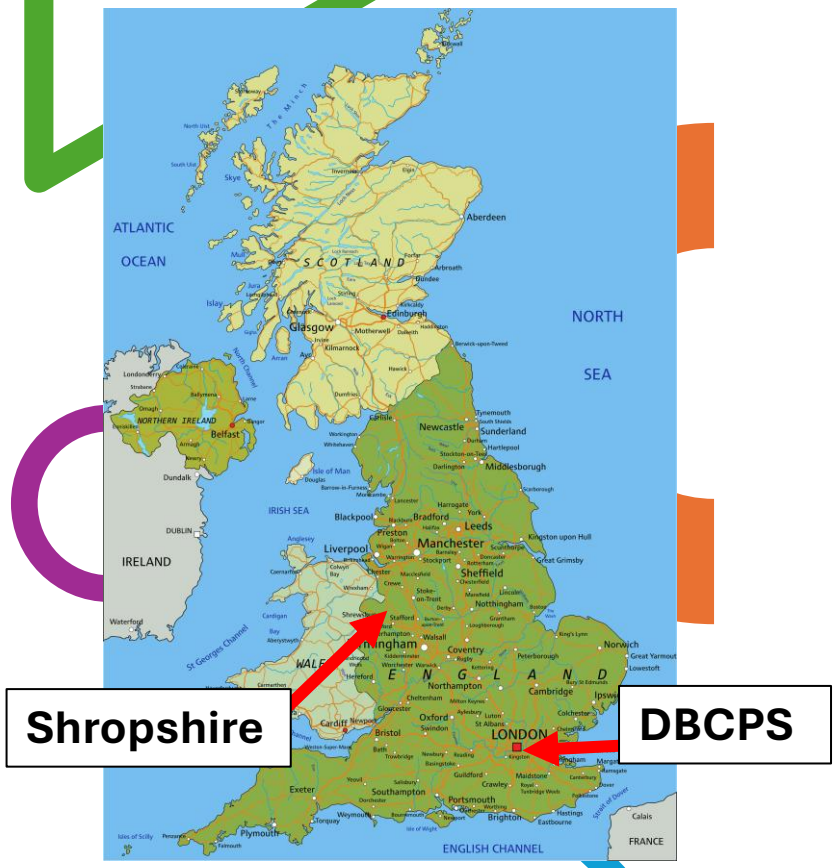
Meet and Greet

11th September 2026

A bit about me

- I am from Shropshire and grew up on a farm.
- When I was very little my dream was to work for Disney.
- I realised I wanted to be a teacher when I was 12 or 13 after playing with my younger cousin.
- Since that point everyone of my educational choices was made with the goal to train to be a teacher at University.



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- I trained to become a teacher in East London, graduating in July 2009.
- My first 12 as a teacher were spent in a Junior School in Barking and Dagenham cumulating in the role of headteacher. My second headship was of a full Primary School and Nursery in Essex. I worked at this school for 4 ½ years.
- I have over 6 years experience of headship and I am continually looking at different ways to develop my skillset and knowledge for the ever-changing curriculum and expectations of the primary education.

My educational Values

- High expectations for all pupils
- Inclusion and belonging
- Strong relationships
- Excellent teaching and learning
- Wellbeing and happiness

Why Dartford Bridge Community Primary School?

- After my first visit, I went home and said to my husband, **"I want to work at that school."**
- There was something special about the atmosphere and sense of belonging from the moment I walked through the doors.
- Children were **engaged in their learning**, friendly, curious and proud to share what they were doing.
- The school has a genuine **community feel**, something I have always valued and greatly admire.
- I love that Dartford Bridge is at the heart of the Bridge community and plays such an important role in bringing people together.
- I look forward to hearing your ideas about how we can continue to strengthen our school's contribution to the wider community.
- The staff are **dedicated, hardworking and passionate**, and their commitment to the children is clear to see.
- Although a change of headteacher can feel unsettling, the team has been incredibly welcoming and enthusiastic about our future together.
- There is a shared excitement about what we can achieve this year and in the years ahead.
- Above all, it was the children who convinced me this was the right school for me.
- They are a credit to their families, the staff and the wider community.
- I feel privileged to become part of the Dartford Bridge family and excited for the journey ahead.

My Vision for the future

Excellence

High-quality teaching and learning.

Inclusion

Every child feels they belong.

Opportunity

Rich experiences beyond the classroom.

Community

Strong partnerships with families.

Wellbeing

Supporting both pupils and staff.

What have the children and staff told me so far..

- The learning
- The playground
- The sausage rolls
- The diversity of our school
- The children at Dartford all want to be here and learn
- The Dartford staff team, we work well together and all muck in to get the best we can from the children.
- The macaroni cheese is delicious!

I want to work with you

- Open communication
- Listening to feedback
- Parent engagement opportunities
- Shared responsibility for success

Treasure	Change	Tweak
What we love about the school	What we think does not work	What we like, but could be even better

Question Time

"Together, we can build on the school's strengths and ensure every child at Dartford Bridge Community Primary School thrives, achieves and feels proud to belong."