

28th November 2025

Dear Families,

I am writing to share that after 21 years of dedicated service, Mrs Russell will be leaving us at the end of next week. Mrs Russell has been an integral part of our school community for over two decades, consistently giving her all to the children and families she has supported. Her kindness, warmth and commitment have had a lasting impact on so many young lives, and she has always strived to make a positive difference — something she has achieved time and time again.

Mrs Russell's connection to Rusper is truly special. She has experienced the school from every angle: first as a pupil herself, then as a parent watching her own children grow within our community, and finally as a treasured and longstanding member of staff. We feel incredibly fortunate to have had her as part of our team for so many years.

She is now moving on to begin a new chapter in an administration role outside of education, taking on a very different set of responsibilities. While we will miss her greatly, we are also excited for her as she embarks on this new journey.

While we recruit for the permanent full-time position that will replace her role, we are pleased to share that Ms Alexis and Mrs Brown, from the Bohunt Horsham LSA team, will be joining us in the interim. They will be wonderful assets to Maple Class, and we are delighted to be welcoming them to the school community shortly. In addition, we will also be joined by Miss Edwards and Miss Andrews who will be joining our part of a team in the role of ELSA on alternate Wednesday afternoons. They are both qualified practitioners who will be working with Rusper longer term as we develop our emotional literacy support for pupils.

I am sure you will all join us in extending a very warm and heartfelt farewell to Mrs Russell, with our deepest thanks for everything she has given to Rusper over the years. She will always be part of the Rusper story, and we wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

With warm regards,

Mrs Lisa Wright
Headteacher
Rusper Primary &
Director of Primary
Bohunt Education Trust

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