



Your child's new teacher is:

**Mrs Barlow**

They will be in class

**4Maple**

Who am I? Where did I come from? What am I doing here?

Hi, I'm Dominique Barlow and I am one of the Year 4 teachers. I have spent that last year in Year 4 and really enjoyed the topics that came up and think you will too. I love teaching in Key Stage 2, so I can't wait for September to roll around so we can get stuck in!

I was born and raised in London but moved to Aylesbury 7 years ago. I have worked in lots of schools in London, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire. I have lots of experience working with children so becoming a teacher just made sense. My favourite part of teaching is watching a child finally understand something they had been working on.

My hidden talent is memorising the names of the children in a class in about five minutes.

I will have an 'open door' and will always see you as soon as possible, considering my teaching commitments.

Email [office@thomashickman.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@thomashickman.bucks.sch.uk) with any queries.

Check the school website for updates and year group information on:  
[www.thomashickmanschool.com](http://www.thomashickmanschool.com)

**Why your children are important to me:**

Because they are so very important to you! As a parent myself, I understand how important it is for your child to come to school to be happy, safe and ready to learn.

In order to facilitate the above, I will provide them with:

- a calm and positive learning environment.
- lots of praise including Star of the Week certificates, postcards home, recognition for improvements and consistency in spelling and times table scores!
- classroom ethos embedding the BIRDS philosophy and values.
- parent / carer partnership with school.

**Why Year 4 is amazing:**

Year 4 is jam-packed with lots of exciting learning, linked to our Fields of Study. We learn about how the Vikings & Anglo-Saxons lived during 'Swords and Settlers' in term one. This is followed by learning about rivers, mountains and volcanoes in our 'River Deep, Mountain High' Field of Study. During our 'You'll Find it in a Museum' Field of Study we will learn about the Egyptian and Maya civilizations.

There will also be a number of trips and experiences that include immersing ourselves in the lives of the Anglo-Saxons at Ufton Court, a river walk at the Henley Museum and a special visit from the Red Queen who would have ruled over the Maya people.

I look forward to seeing you soon!