



Your child's new teachers
are:

**Mrs Bourke-Smith & Mrs
Claire Osborne**

They will be in class

1 Pine

Why your children are important to me:

We want to provide your child with every opportunity available to them and help them learn throughout their journey in year 1.

We are all THS BIRDS and during Year 1, we will be making sure they soar to their sky of opportunity.

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

Mrs Bourke-Smith: I have been a THS member of staff for 9 years and I have worked in Nursery to year 5 throughout my time. I am really excited to be in Year 1 again.

THS is a wonderful school and I am currently the Staff Governor. I have a great love for teaching and I cannot wait to teach your children to learn to read, write and have a love of learning. I am also trained in Nurture provision and Bereavement Counselling.

Mrs Osborne: I have worked at Thomas Hickman since 2004! I absolutely love being Co-Deputy and working in our wonderful school. It is a special place to work!

I have one son, who has just completed his GCSE's. I do not live locally, but enjoy working in Aylesbury within our wonderful community.

We have both been through primary School with our children and we know how it feels to see your little one grow and enter a new school year. It can be daunting for both parent and child, which is why we will always be on hand to offer advice and support.

Keep checking the school website too for Bulletin updates and year group information on: www.thomashickmanschool.com

Why Year 1 is amazing:

Year 1 is a magnificent year! The children will transition from Reception to Year 1, ensuring the structure of the day and learning opportunities are similar to those in Reception. The children have a vibrant outdoor learning area to explore and help secure lots of excellent learning opportunities.

We will begin our new Field of Study 'Out of this World' - all about space and the 'Great Space Race'! We are going to have 'Wonder Dome' come to THS with their portable planetarium so the children can experience what space is really like. They will have playtime in the Key Stage 1 playground with a fabulous performing stage and props, hopscotch, swing balls and basket balls to enjoy!

In June 2026, Year 1 children will complete the National Phonics Screening Check, to ensure that all children are working at an age-appropriate level for reading. We will be including lots of fun phonic games, activities and home learning throughout the year to support this. Carry on watching the RWI phonics videos all throughout the year.

I look forward to seeing you soon! – Stay safe – Have a wonderful summer!