



Teaching Assistant

Recruitment Pack | Temporary | Full or Part Time

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We are looking for a capable, experienced and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to join our caring and ambitious school. This opportunity is particularly well suited to someone who can work either as a support in class with groups or with an individual on a 1:1 basis for part of the day.

“Pupils are excited to learn” and “pupils show respect through the polite and courteous way in which they behave towards each other.” Ofsted January 2025

Application deadline	12 noon, Monday 2 nd November 2026
Interview date	Wednesday 4 th November 2026
Start date	ASAP
End Date	31 st July 2027
Pay scale	Grade B1

Visits are warmly welcomed. Please contact the school office on 01962 869496 or admin@oliversb.com to book a tour.



Welcome from the Headteacher



October 2026

Dear Colleague,

Thank you for your interest in the Teaching Assistant vacancy at Oliver's Battery Primary & Nursery School. I am delighted to share this recruitment pack with you.

Oliver's Battery Primary & Nursery School is a happy primary and nursery school on the outskirts of Winchester. Our pupils are the stars of the show: enthusiastic, kind children who enjoy learning. Parental support is strong and our Governing Body plays an active role in the life of the school.

This is an exciting time to join us. We have a strong team of like-minded teachers and support staff who share a determination to provide a successful, safe and caring school where every child can thrive. Our recent Ofsted inspection noted that 'Pupils are excited to learn' and that 'pupils show respect through the polite and courteous way in which they behave towards each other.'

We are looking for a capable and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant who has initiative, compassion, flexibility and a good sense of humour. The post is temporary until 31st July 2027 as it is based on the needs of the pupils currently in the school. You will be working either in class with groups and/or with children on a 1:1 basis depending on your skill and experiences.

Above all, we want someone who enjoys working with children, helping them to grow as learners and citizens. We are committed to our staff professionally and personally, and we prioritise high-quality CPD and wellbeing.

The closing date is 12 noon on Monday 2nd November 2026. Shortlisting will take place on the same day and interviews are planned for Wednesday 4th November 2026. We reserve the right to close the vacancy early, so early applications are encouraged.

If you would like an informal conversation about the post, please telephone the school and ask to speak to me. I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Vittle
Headteacher

The opportunity at a glance



Post	Teaching Assistant
Grade	B1
Contract	Temporary until 31 st July 2027, Full Time or Part Time
Start date	ASAP
Reason for vacancy	New pupils joining our school with additional needs
Working pattern	To be discussed
Application deadline	12 noon, Monday 2 nd November 2026
Shortlisting	Monday 2 nd November 2026
Interview	Wednesday 4 th November 2026
Interview panel	Headteacher: Sarah Vittle; Assistant Headteacher: Catherine Bordoli; Governor: TBC
Applications to	Miss Sarah Vittle, Headteacher - headteacher@oliversbattery.hants.sch.uk



Safeguarding

Oliver's Battery Primary & Nursery School is committed to safeguarding children and promoting the welfare of children and young people/vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Recruitment and selection practices will reflect this commitment. Successful candidates will be subject to appropriate pre-employment checks.

Equal opportunities

Oliver's Battery Primary & Nursery School is committed to equal opportunities for pupils and staff. Recruitment, development and promotion will be based on merit, ability and suitability for the role, and applicants and employees will not receive less favourable treatment on grounds protected by equality legislation.

Our school



Founded in 1973, Oliver's Battery Primary & Nursery School is a thriving community with happy, confident and kind children whose passion for learning shines through. Facilities include a school hall and kitchens, a well-stocked library, a large playground, outdoor adventure equipment, an extensive school field, an Edible Playground and two Forest Schools.

Parents play an active role in school life, including volunteering and fundraising through FOBS. We also offer Breakfast and After School Club provision and a range of lunchtime and after-school clubs.

Classes

Nursery:	Hedgehogs
Reception:	Butterflies
Year 1:	Ladybirds
Year 2:	Bumblebees
Year 3:	Hares
Year 4:	Foxes
Year 5:	Hérons
Year 6:	Kingfishers

Each class has a Class Teacher, with LSA support provided where appropriate according to pupil need.

Learning at Oliver's Battery

We want children to enjoy learning, develop enquiring minds, grow the personal qualities needed to be good citizens of the world, value their own nationality and culture, and show profound respect for the nationalities and cultures of others. Most of all, we want children to develop the skills they need to face the world of tomorrow with confidence.

Our broad curriculum encourages creativity. Music is supported by Hampshire Schools Music Service and visiting peripatetic teachers. We also recognise the contribution of PE to children's health and wellbeing, with varied curriculum and extracurricular opportunities designed to support participation and competition at different levels.



Why join us?



- A caring, creative school with enthusiastic children who enjoy learning.
- A strong, like-minded staff team committed to a safe and successful school.
- A clear commitment to staff CPD and wellbeing.
- Rich outdoor provision, including the Edible Playground and two Forest Schools.
- An active parent community and a range of enrichment opportunities for pupils.

What we are looking for

- The personal and professional skills needed to fulfil the role.
- Enthusiasm and dedication to high-quality support in learning.
- Initiative, compassion and flexibility.
- A collaborative approach and a good sense of humour.
- A genuine enjoyment of working with children and helping them grow as learners and citizens.

How to apply

- Please forward your completed application form to Mr Simon Sleeman, School and Nursery Business Manager at s.sleeman@oliversbattery.hants.sch.uk by 12 noon on Monday 2nd November 2026.
- Early applications are encouraged as the school reserves the right to close the vacancy early.



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