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FOREWORD BY COUNCILLOR NICK DORRINGTON, CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND EDUCATION



I am delighted to join you at the Teach Portsmouth Awards. Although I have only been in this role for a short time, I have already had the pleasure of meeting staff from schools and colleges.

I recently attended a celebration event for education professionals who were nominated by the community. This helped me appreciate the profound impact individuals and teams have on the lives of children, young people, and families in the city.

The reasons for their nominations are both inspiring and touching, leaving a lasting impression on me.

The Teach Portsmouth Awards goes a step further by recognising the talents of our workforce across early years, primary, secondary, and post-16 education, as nominated by senior colleagues.

This year, we've introduced new categories, including the volunteer award and wellbeing award, to acknowledge more people than ever before.

While we will be celebrating the nominees and shortlisted candidates tonight, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who supports our community in education.

I would also like to express my gratitude to the organisations that have made tonight's event possible through sponsorship. Your support allows us to celebrate everyone's achievements together.

Although there will be winners tonight, I want you all to know how grateful I am, to you and your teams, for your unwavering commitment throughout the year.

I hope you take pride in your accomplishments and make time to recognise everything you have achieved.

Councillor Nick Dorrington

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ASHLEY HOWARD

Headteacher at
Mayfield School



"I'm absolutely delighted to join everyone as co-host for this year's awards. Having experienced the honour of being recognised for my own achievements when I won an award in 2022, I know just how special those moments are. I'm excited to celebrate alongside Portsmouth's incredible educators and share in the joy of their well-deserved recognition!"

ZOE KILICK

Headteacher at
St Paul's Catholic
Primary School and
Nursery



"The Teach Portsmouth Awards is an uplifting event where we can come together and celebrate everything that is positive about schools and colleges in the city. These successes shape our community, and I can't wait to hear more about them on the night."

SCHEDULE

6:30pm – 7:30pm	Buffet opens (main auditorium)
7:30pm	Teach Portsmouth Awards commence Welcome from Ashley Howard and Zoe Killick
7:35pm	Councillor Nick Dorrington Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education
7:40pm	Mike Stoneman Deputy director, education
7:45pm	Teaching and learning support award Sponsored by: University of Chichester Academy Trust
7:55pm	Early career teacher award Sponsored by: University of Portsmouth
8:05pm	People's choice award Sponsored by: The News
8:15pm	Innovation award Sponsored by: City of Portsmouth College
8:25pm	Volunteer award Sponsored by: Nation Radio
8:35pm	Early years and childcare award Sponsored by: Home-Start Portsmouth
8:45pm	Inclusion and diversity award Sponsored by: Salterns Academy Trust
8:55pm	Community award Sponsored by: Comserv Property Services
9:05pm	Unsung hero award Sponsored by: Humly
9:15pm	Wellbeing award Sponsored by: My Happy Mind
9:25pm	Outstanding contribution award Sponsored by: HSDC
9:35pm	Long service award Sponsored by: Portsmouth City Council
9:45pm	Closing remarks Sarah Daly, director of children, families and education
9:50pm	Event ends

TEACHING AND LEARNING SUPPORT AWARD

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This award recognises support staff in a school or college involved in the teaching and learning of children and young people.

Nominations:

- ▶ Helen Blakeledge - Admiral Lord Nelson School
- ▶ Ruksana Begum - Ark Dickens Primary Academy
- ▶ Samantha Laban – Arundel Court Primary Academy and Nursery
- ▶ Chrissy Cowan – City of Portsmouth College
- ▶ Sharon Henderson – City of Portsmouth College
- ▶ Craig Maskell – Cliffdale Primary Academy
- ▶ Justine Sarson – Highbury Primary School
- ▶ Michelle Aris – Mayfield School
- ▶ Nancy Jeram – Mayfield School
- ▶ Tracey Martin – Penbridge Infant School and Nursery
- ▶ Natalie Weston – Stamshaw Infant School
- ▶ Paula Bartlett – Stamshaw Junior School
- ▶ Alison Egerton – Stamshaw Junior School
- ▶ Emilie Howard-Angreville – The Portsmouth Academy

Shortlisted nominations:

Helen Blakeledge

Admiral Lord Nelson School

Helen has worked diligently for over 20 years supporting students, especially children in care. She started at the school as a teaching assistant and soon became an adult vulnerable students could trust. She understands the need for consistency and firm boundaries when supporting these children.

Helen has worked with children who present with a high level of need due to circumstances beyond their control and yet does this with complete professionalism. She works alongside colleagues from social care and outside agencies to ensure the children have the best possible pastoral care.

Helen goes the extra mile – rearranging her day so that she can manage the needs of these young people.

Justine Sarson

Highbury Primary School

Justine is a higher-level teaching assistant who works within the English team. Her commitment to ensuring all children have the capability to be successful readers is evidenced through the numerous pupils she works with and the positive outcomes for the school.

She has played a crucial role in ensuring all key stage one pupils become competent readers by implementing structured phonics teaching, carefully timetabling sessions to meet individual needs, and personalising provision for SEN pupils. For key stage two, she has developed a bespoke programme to provide targeted support ensuring the provision stretches across the primary school.

Her exceptional skills and knowledge are invaluable at Highbury and the reading within the school is richer because of her.

Emilie Howard-Angreville

The Portsmouth Academy

Emilie has been instrumental in establishing an inclusive and effective EAL provision that is invaluable to the school community. She started her journey at the school as a learning support assistant. Emilie quickly identified the need for rigorous academic support and fostering inclusion for our growing population of EAL pupils.

Since becoming their EAL coordinator, she has dedicated herself to unlocking academic barriers to pupils' aspirations.

Working tirelessly to support their most vulnerable students, Emilie ensures that pupils receive the academic assistance and social enrichment they need to become their best selves and thrive in their school community.

Supporting the Aspire Mentor team, Emilie has helped to develop a meaningful and effective reading intervention programme; resulting in a literacy strategy that is changing life chances.

EARLY CAREER TEACHER AWARD

This award recognises new teachers who have started in the past four years working in a Portsmouth school or college.

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Nominations:

- ▶ **Bradley Ward - Admiral Lord Nelson School**
- ▶ **Megan Ryley-Maddock - Admiral Lord Nelson School**
- ▶ **Isabella Suffolk - Admiral Lord Nelson School**
- ▶ **Lily-Mae Jones - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy**
- ▶ **Craig Hockley – City of Portsmouth College**
- ▶ **Emily Lancaster – Cliffdale Primary Academy**
- ▶ **Lucy Bleach – Court Lane Infant Academy**
- ▶ **Victoria Nolan – Court Lane Junior Academy**
- ▶ **Megan Farmer – Mayfield School**
- ▶ **Imogen Cornwell – Mayfield School**
- ▶ **Sam Phelps – Penbridge Junior School**
- ▶ **Adam Caswell – Priory School**
- ▶ **Caroline Churcher – Stamshaw Infant School**
- ▶ **Daria Owens – The Portsmouth Academy**
- ▶ **Lily Bodkin – The Portsmouth Academy**
- ▶ **Hannah Payne – The Portsmouth Academy**
- ▶ **Jodie Leason-Bentley – Trafalgar School**
- ▶ **Freya Footner – Wimborne Primary School**
- ▶ **Michaela Lloyd – Wimborne Primary School**

Shortlisted nominations:

Lily-Mae Jones

Ark Ayrton Primary Academy

Lily-Mae is passionate, hardworking, and dedicated. She supports children with SEND and SEMH, engages in continuous learning, and applies coaching feedback. Her reflective practice drives her growth.

Lucy Bleach

Court Lane Infant Academy

Lucy provides the best education for all children. Since qualifying in 2022, she has tirelessly supported pupils with SEND, embraced development opportunities, and shared her knowledge.

Sam Phelps

Penbridge Junior School

Sam has significantly impacted the school's science education. He redesigned the curriculum to focus on disciplinary knowledge, introduced mascots, and inspired staff.

Lily Bodkin

The Portsmouth Academy

Lily is an outstanding history teacher. She develops lessons and resources and supports colleagues. Lily's efforts have improved student attendance and engagement.

Michaela Lloyd

Wimborne Primary School

Michaela has made a significant impact on key stage one. She builds strong connections with children and staff, listens to feedback, and continually improves.



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Huge congratulations to all you school and college superstars at the Teach Portsmouth Awards 2025. Winners and nominees, you are all a credit to the profession - and an inspiration to our students.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

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This award allows the public to nominate school or college staff who have gone above and beyond to support their children and young people.



Nominations:

- ▶ Caroline Gough – Ark Dickens Primary Academy
- ▶ Tracey Woods – Ark Dickens Primary Academy
- ▶ Clare Ward – Beacon View Primary Academy
- ▶ Lily-May McQuilken – Castle View Academy
- ▶ Jenna Reilly – City of Portsmouth College
- ▶ Samantha Gott – City of Portsmouth College
- ▶ Beth Eddy – Copnor Primary School
- ▶ Maggie Martinez – Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School
- ▶ Leanne Mowle – Cottage Grove Primary School
- ▶ Emily Brown – Court Lane Infant Academy
- ▶ Mary-Lynne Thomas – Court Lane Infant Academy
- ▶ Scott Robson – Court Lane Infant Academy
- ▶ Angela Mulligan – Court Lane Junior Academy
- ▶ Katie Bundy – Court Lane Junior Academy
- ▶ Sarah Robinson – Court Lane Junior Academy
- ▶ Sophie Brown – Court Lane Junior Academy
- ▶ Victoria Nolan – Court Lane Junior Academy
- ▶ Ben Lloyd – Highbury Primary School
- ▶ Charlie Hawkins – Highbury Primary School
- ▶ Justine Sarson – Highbury Primary School
- ▶ Nikki Moore – Highbury Primary School
- ▶ Sophie Adams – Highbury Primary School
- ▶ Suzy Gregory – Highbury Primary School
- ▶ Helen Turner – King's Academy College Park
- ▶ Kimberley Dean – King's Academy College Park
- ▶ Nicola Jenner – King's Academy College Park
- ▶ Lisa Lewis – King's Academy Northern Parade
- ▶ Rachel Smedley – King's Academy Northern Parade
- ▶ Chris Wells – Langstone Primary Academy
- ▶ Donna Davies – Langstone Primary Academy
- ▶ Fran Marshman – Langstone Primary Academy
- ▶ Joseph Lawrence – Langstone Primary Academy
- ▶ Louise Geall – Langstone Primary Academy
- ▶ Lucy Callard – Langstone Primary Academy
- ▶ Bethany Turner – Mary Rose Academy
- ▶ David Sharkey – Mayfield School
- ▶ Elizabeth Jenneson – Mayfield School
- ▶ Evelyn Munoz – Mayfield School
- ▶ Hayley Taylor – Mayfield School
- ▶ Joanne Fry – Mayfield School
- ▶ Megan Shanley – Mayfield School
- ▶ Priv Mudada – Mayfield School
- ▶ Heather McFarlane – Milton Park Primary School
- ▶ Lindsey McCullagh – Milton Park Primary School
- ▶ Alison Jones – New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Amy Willis – New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Danielle Trott – New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Emma Swift – New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Hannah Powell – New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Jack Jones – New Horizons Primary School

- ▶ Kerry Abdul – New Horizons Primary School
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- ▶ Rachel Green – New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Rosie Gunn – New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Sophie Kelleher – New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Tony Wiggins – New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Zoe Hobbs – New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Catherine Robinson – Parade Community Pre-School
- ▶ Chloe Harvey – Parade Community Pre-School
- ▶ Colin Rudgley – Penbridge Junior School
- ▶ Lewis Copper – Priory School
- ▶ Megan Tobin – Solent Infant School
- ▶ Holly Amanda Tod – Solent Junior School
- ▶ Holly Hutchinson – Springfield School
- ▶ Peter Dennett – Springfield School
- ▶ Emily Tudor – St Edmund's Catholic School
- ▶ Gill Gibbs – St George's Beneficial CofE Primary School
- ▶ Michelle Frost – St George's Beneficial CofE Primary School
- ▶ Ali Minall – St John's Cathedral Catholic Primary School
- ▶ Zoe Killick – St Paul's Catholic Primary School
- ▶ Clare Hillhouse – Stamshaw Infant School
- ▶ Paula Bartlett – Stamshaw Junior School
- ▶ Samantha Cantini – Stamshaw Junior School
- ▶ Joanne Collins – The Flying Bull Academy
- ▶ Daniel Harmer – The Harbour School
- ▶ Emilie Howard-Angreville – The Portsmouth Academy
- ▶ Hajar Bellazrak – The Portsmouth Academy
- ▶ Kerry Carter – The Portsmouth Academy
- ▶ Mahbuba Rahman – The Portsmouth Academy
- ▶ Sarah Blackmore – The Portsmouth Academy
- ▶ Fergus Fawcett-Davison – The Portsmouth Academy
- ▶ Sarah Shattock Gomez – The Portsmouth Academy
- ▶ Tammy Martin – UTC Portsmouth
- ▶ Hannah Harman – Westover Primary School
- ▶ Megan Gibson – Westover Primary School
- ▶ Sarah Newton – Westover Primary School
- ▶ Shannon Care – Westover Primary School
- ▶ Louisa Rowlands – Wimborne Primary School
- ▶ Miranda Tempest – Wimborne Primary School
- ▶ Nicola Fry – Wimborne Primary School
- ▶ Tracy Pilbeam – Wimborne Primary School

Shortlisted nominations:

Samantha Gott

City of Portsmouth College

Samantha has the energy, passion and determination to support students who have raised nearly £1000 during the last academic year by carrying out community projects.

This has allowed students to gain a perspective over their contributions and see its impact on the community. She has mentored fledgling teachers and will always be a team player no matter how busy she is herself.

Maggie Martinez

Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School

Maggie has helped a shy and quiet child who avoids activities to flourish. The child chose not to participate in sports day or dancing as they felt embarrassed. Maggie has supported this child with her patient and professional approach. As a result, the child's confidence has improved. They have even sung on their own in the school nativity in front of an audience.

Leanne Mowle

Cottage Grove Primary School

Leanne treats every child as her own, making school enjoyable. She creates a safe, comforting, and loving environment.

Leanne has taught both my children and still supports them as if they were in her class. If any pupil is ever having any troubles or worries, Leanne is the first person they go to. She is more than just a teaching assistant - she is a child's home where they feel secure.

Rachel Smedley

King's Academy Northern Parade

Rachel has been instrumental in supporting my child, who has autism. Her patience and kindness helped them open up and feel safe. They have challenges daily that many people don't understand as they mask a lot of their behaviours.

She has gone above and beyond during my child's extensive transition period to secondary school. This included a visit to their new school and listening to their worries.

Donna Davies

Langstone Primary Academy

Donna has been my child's 1:1 communicator for nearly two years, providing essential support for their deafness. Donna ensures they have equal access to learning and has taught the whole school to sign. This really makes my child feel included. I've even seen their friends signing to them.

Hannah Powell

New Horizons Primary School

Hannah has supported my three children in different year groups. She goes above and beyond to accommodate their needs. Hannah has also helped us to access financial support. She's not only a teacher but a genuine people person worthy of this award.

INNOVATION AWARD

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This award celebrates the work of an individual or team in a school or college who have developed new ways of working to improve teaching and learning in Portsmouth.



Nominations:

- ▶ Tracey Massey – Admiral Lord Nelson School
- ▶ Tegan Asiri – Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Jess Tribbeck – City of Portsmouth College
- ▶ Seymour Bush – The Harbour School
- ▶ Chris Furnell – Trafalgar School

Shortlisted nominations:

Tegan Asiri

Ark Ayrton Primary Academy

Tegan has implemented a character development curriculum which increases children's enrichment opportunities, strengthens relationships across year groups and teaches children about values, virtues and their own character.

She has worked closely with the Jubilee Centre for Character Excellence and has created a clear structure for how the school teach children character through mind, body and soul, as opposed to character which is caught.

Tegan's introduction of the character development curriculum is making an impact on children's social and moral understanding.

Seymour Bush

The Harbour School

Seymour uses humour and creativity in his work, adding value to the lives of students and families at The Lighthouse.

Using digital devices, Seymour utilises camera and drone technology alongside project based learning, to support children.

Seymour builds strong relationships, especially with SEN/vulnerable children, using his professional experiences to enrich their lives.

Chris Furnell

Trafalgar School

Chris is a hugely valued member of the pastoral team and leads Temeraire House. He has recently joined the leadership team to continue his work and widen the positive impact he has had on improving students' attendance.

Chris has designed a peer mentoring scheme which would see key stage three students supported by year 10 and 11s. The scheme included weekly student mentoring meetings, half termly celebration events, group breakfasts to celebrate successes and regular contact with parents.

This has resulted in improved attendance by 7% compared to the previous year and enabled us to build stronger relationships.



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VOLUNTEER AWARD

This award celebrates the diverse and invaluable contributions of volunteers in Portsmouth's schools and colleges.

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Nominations:

- ▶ **Andrew Beecher – Admiral Lord Nelson School**
- ▶ **Reading volunteers - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy**
- ▶ **Sally Heath – Arundel Court Primary Academy and Nursery**
- ▶ **Melissa Watton – Beacon View Primary Academy**
- ▶ **Brian Sutton – Court Lane Infant Academy**
- ▶ **Lauren Tracey-Wright – Highbury Primary School**
- ▶ **Joanne Fry – Mayfield School**
- ▶ **Janice Andrews – Mayfield School**
- ▶ **Alan Oliver – Penbridge Junior School**
- ▶ **Portsmouth: The Digital City Project**
- ▶ **Elaine Sandra Buck – Stamshaw Junior School**

Shortlisted nominations:

Andrew Beecher

Admiral Lord Nelson School

For over a decade, Andrew has led the gardening club, inspiring students to grow fruit and vegetables. His efforts have empowered children, fostering new skills and self-belief.

The students who work with Andrew see it as a huge highlight of the week; they share their produce and talk with excitement about what they will be doing next.

Andrew has re-engaged and reached out to those students who find it harder to find a sense of belonging or build relationships.

He has given children the opportunity and outlet to be successful and learn new skills, equipping them with qualities that will help them once they leave the school.

Sally Heath

Arundel Court Primary Academy and Nursery

Sally is a retired teacher who supports reception and year one children with reading. She builds strong relationships and is a well-loved member of their community.

Sally understands their children's experiences and how they might be feeling. She adapts her teaching to best support individuals emotionally as well as academically.

Sally recently visited Arundel Castle with year two children three days in a row. On the third day, Arundel Castle staff expressed an interest in Sally volunteering with them as they had seen how excellent she is with the children.

Lauren Tracey-Wright

Highbury Primary School

Lauren is an invaluable member of the school community, dedicating countless hours to enhancing the school library and supporting their pupils' love of reading.

She has played a vital role in setting up the library, meticulously labelling and logging books, and implementing a computerised system to ensure smooth access for all pupils.

Her ongoing efforts in maintaining the library allow every child to benefit from a well-organised and engaging reading space. Beyond the library, she is a devoted member of the PTA, generously giving her time to seek out fundraising opportunities.

Janice Andrews

Mayfield School

As the PTA secretary, Jan supports the chair with a range of inspirational ideas, organising events that bring the community together and raising essential funds for the school.

She takes on many responsibilities, including compiling quiz questions and organising raffle prizes, ensuring that every detail is perfectly planned. Jan is always looking for ways to involve the community, welcoming contributions from everyone and ensuring that no idea is left unexplored.

Her commitment to providing their children with the best experiences and opportunities is evident in every event she helps organise. Thanks to her dedication, the money raised has directly funded improvements such as new playground markings and enhancing the learning environment for their students.

Jan's welcoming attitude and tireless work ethic make her an invaluable member of the PTA team. She consistently goes above and beyond, and her passion for supporting the school and its children is truly inspiring.

EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE AWARD

This award recognises the talents of early years professionals in Portsmouth who have gone above and beyond.

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Nominations:

- ▶ Julie Ayrton – Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Becks Williams – Bramble Infant School and Nursery
- ▶ Cathy Roberts – City of Portsmouth College
- ▶ Theresa Caspall & Hannah Harris – Highbury Primary School
- ▶ Megan Smith – Little Bears Forest Preschool
- ▶ Lisa Harris – Little Creators Pre School
- ▶ Debbie Roberts – Little Thinkers Nursery at Meon Way
- ▶ Nancy Jeram – Mayfield School
- ▶ Perie Lamont – Oliver's Rainbow Nursery
- ▶ Joanne Clemens – Parade Community Pre-School
- ▶ Michelle Salvage – Parade Community Pre-School
- ▶ Jayne Whatling (The whole team representative) – Parade Community Pre-School
- ▶ Catherine Robinson – Parade Community Pre-School
- ▶ Emma Gibb – Roberts Day Nursery

Shortlisted nominations:

Becks Williams

Bramble Infant School and Nursery

Becks has ensured excellent learning and care during significant changes within the setting. She has developed a bespoke curriculum, supported vulnerable children, trained new staff, and worked with parents.

Her work has included supporting the most vulnerable children to make a positive start to learning whilst developing leadership skills in her newly acquired role as acting nursery manager.

Lisa Harris

Little Creators Pre-School

Lisa goes above and beyond in all aspects of her work, ensuring every child is welcomed and settled. She supports children and families within the setting.

She sources food parcels, conducts home visits for SEND children, and offers emotional support. Lisa ensures key skills are delivered through play, supports staff, and mentors' apprentices.

The whole team

Parade Community Pre-School

Jayne works with Joanne and Michelle in their pre-school. Joanne has supported families and colleagues for 25 years. She supports parents and children at the setting and goes above and beyond, fostering a positive atmosphere.

Michelle has worked at the pre-school since 2000 as a room leader, providing a nurturing environment for all.

Emma Gibb

Roberts Day Nursery

Emma has managed the Roberts Day Nursery for two years. Her boundless energy and enthusiasm have made the nursery a happy environment where every child feels valued.

Emma is committed to helping staff develop their learning and individual specialisms. Recent training includes the My Happy Minds programme and Early Talk Boost. Carers have commented that the nursery offers support to the whole family, not just the child.



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INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY AWARD

This award showcases the work of an individual or team who have implemented inclusive practice in their school or college.

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Nominations:

- ▶ **Jamie Spencer – Admiral Lord Nelson School**
- ▶ **Amanda Gamblin and the Hartland Point team - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy**
- ▶ **Zack Morgan – Ark Charter Academy**
- ▶ **Kate Donovan – Ark Dickens Primary Academy**
- ▶ **Mickiela Blake – City of Portsmouth College**
- ▶ **Darren Sharkey – City of Portsmouth College**
- ▶ **Laura Scribbins – Cliffdale Primary Academy**
- ▶ **Jazzmin Barrant and the Dance Live Team – Court Lane Junior Academy**
- ▶ **Dance Live team - Mayfield School**
- ▶ **Portsmouth: The Digital City Inclusion Project**
- ▶ **Anthony Hutchings – Priory School**
- ▶ **Joseph Doney – Priory School**
- ▶ **Lucy Bradshaw – Priory School**
- ▶ **Paul Hodson – Priory School**
- ▶ **PD team - The Portsmouth Academy**
- ▶ **Charlotte Argyle – Trafalgar School**
- ▶ **Emma Roberts – Trafalgar School**

Shortlisted nominations:

Kate Donovan

Ark Dickens Primary Academy

Kate's dedication and expertise has supported non-verbal pupils. Through her innovative use of Picture Exchange Communication Systems (PECS), she has greatly improved the quality of interactions and learning experiences for these children, ensuring they remain engaged and supported throughout their educational journey.

Kate has thoughtfully designed activities tailored to the unique learning needs of each child, promoting their development and successes. Additionally, her commitment to integrating these pupils into mainstream classes has enabled them to become valued members of their class communities, fostering social connections and a sense of belonging.

Laura Scribbins

Cliffdale Primary Academy

Laura supports SEN children. She advises staff, supports the broader community, and develops different approaches. Her efforts ensure an inclusive and supportive environment.

She has dedicated her time in class to supporting all aspects of children with SEN to help them understand their developing bodies, sexuality and emotions.

Laura's work to develop and implement, an approach to SEMH that is inclusive for all children, no matter their cognitive development, has made a huge difference across the school, giving children understanding, and strategies to support, their emotional needs.

Paul Hodson

Priory School

Paul is part of the Game-changer team and helps manage data that enables staff to track the progress of every child's engagement in various opportunities.

This ensures every child is known, every child can be targeted and supported to engage in extracurricular activities. This includes sports day, Pursuit Week, STEM days, trips and residential experiences.

COMMUNITY AWARD

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This award recognises the efforts of an individual, team and/or organisation who have worked together to make a difference in their school or college community.

Nominations:

- Teaching staff - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- Vikki Gidney - Beacon View Primary Academy
- ESOL team - City of Portsmouth College
- Roxanne Daish and Michelle Ferguson - Cliffdale Primary Academy
- Portsmouth: The Digital City Project
- Claire Cox - Priory School
- Infant team - Stamshaw Infant School
- PATCH PTA - Stamshaw Junior School
- Rea Male, Emma Roberts, Megan Langford and Louise Bulloch - Trafalgar School

Shortlisted nominations:

Vikki Gidney

Beacon View Primary Academy

Vikki became community hub lead for United Learning Cluster in 2023. At the time, there was only one stay and play group taking place in Paulsgrove. She transformed existing efforts into cohesive support services, creating beloved spaces for residents and organisations to connect.

She has worked with multiple partners to offer a full range of sessions within the community and has been instrumental in setting up 'coffee and connect' monthly meetings. Vikki is inspiring others across the academy trust. She is a community superstar!

ESOL team

City of Portsmouth College

The City of Portsmouth College ESOL team teaches English to 500+ local residents, including refugees and asylum seekers. They help students take national exams, improve digital skills, and attend job fairs.

The ESOL team give students a safe, friendly and non-judgemental experience. Lessons build confidence and enable them to make friends. They also learn about each other's cultures and helps them to become more productive members of the local community.

PATCH PTA team

Stamshaw Junior School

PATCH, Stamshaw School's PTA, raised £11,055.75 in 2023/2024, organising community events including summer fetes and school discos. These events have not only been enjoyable and memorable but have played a key role in strengthening the sense of community.

They have paid for pizzas to celebrate the achievements of year six leavers, covered the cost of transport for school trips and provided sports day medals to recognise pupil achievements.

UNsung HERO AWARD

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This award celebrates the members of the school workforce who rarely get a mention and are never in the limelight but who are invaluable to the school or college.

Nominations:

- ▶ Olivia Hetherington – Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Tasha Waring – Ark Dickens Primary Academy
- ▶ Inclusion/DSL team - Arundel Court Primary Academy and Nursery
- ▶ Paul Herbert – City of Portsmouth College
- ▶ Jamie Scutt – Cliffdale Primary Academy
- ▶ Janette Street – Cottage Grove Primary School
- ▶ Irene Taylor – Court Lane Infant Academy
- ▶ Emily Brown – Court Lane Infant Academy
- ▶ Eric Barker – Highbury Primary School
- ▶ Samantha Sloan – Mayfield School
- ▶ Lynne Hollis – Mayfield School
- ▶ Shellie Knight – Meon Way Federation
- ▶ Paula Medland – Priory School
- ▶ Sarah Lay – Priory School
- ▶ Tracy Barker – Priory School
- ▶ Kiera Basham – Priory School
- ▶ Nick Smith – Priory School
- ▶ Daniel Harmer – The Harbour School
- ▶ Sam Steger-Lewis – The Portsmouth Academy
- ▶ Ellena Grace O’Connell – The Portsmouth Academy
- ▶ Jacqui Murphy – Trafalgar School
- ▶ Maddy Jones – Wimborne Primary School

Shortlisted nominations:

Inclusion/DSL team

Arundel Court Primary Academy and Nursery

Arundel Court thrives thanks to a dedicated team committed to families. They provide food, clothes, support services, and even emergency fostering.

Families at the school trust the team and feel safe to share personal experiences knowing that all help comes without judgement. This team does not work to set hours. If a child is in need they stay until they are confident they are safe.

Their first response to any member of their community is to offer a cup of tea and help, to listen and to hear their voice. This comes regardless of how big or small the worry or upset is.

Irene Taylor

Court Lane Infant Academy

Irene has worked at the school since 2002 in different roles. She has been a lunchtime supervisor and cleaner. Irene is currently a teaching assistant supporting a pupil with complex needs. She also works as a librarian, instilling the love of books for many pupils.

She has helped organise and promote community events such as the reading challenges, Portsmouth Book Awards and author visits. Irene has also promoted World Book Day in the community by running sibling story sessions for pre-school children.

The children relish the opportunity to go to the library where Irene reads stories with passion and enthusiasm. Pupils and staff love working with Irene due to her nurturing, calm and kind-hearted demeanour.

Tracy Barker

Priory School

Tracy ensures a positive learning environment, feeding 1250 students and 160 staff daily, and excels in community events. Her leadership and dedication make her invaluable.

Tracy is a catering manager and a true unsung hero. She collaborates with all stakeholders and does it with a smile.

She leads a large team of staff and they are excellent due to her leadership. Her work is essential in ensuring students make the most of their learning every day.

Tracy values student opinion and regularly welcomes student voice for feedback and ensuring the students receive healthy options they like. Tracy understands the importance of quality catering provision in helping students to be happy and healthy and therefore have a better chance to learn and succeed.

WELLBEING AWARD

AWARD SPONSOR

This award recognises individuals or teams who have made significant contributions to promoting wellbeing within a school or college in Portsmouth.



Nominations:

- ▶ **Lydia Miron - City of Portsmouth College**
- ▶ **Rebecca Farrington - City of Portsmouth College**
- ▶ **Charlotte Bevis - Cliffdale Primary Academy**
- ▶ **Helen Beer – Court Lane Junior Academy**
- ▶ **Sharon Hartt and Jasmine Hewett – Highbury Primary School**
- ▶ **Emma Hibberd – Medina Primary School**
- ▶ **Victoria Lightfoot – Priory School**
- ▶ **Louisa Rowlands – Wimborne Primary School**

Shortlisted nominations:

Sharon Hartt & Jasmine Hewett **Highbury Primary School**

Sharon is the school's pastoral lead and Jasmine is part of the pastoral team working in her role as ELSA. They have both worked tirelessly to support children, staff, and parents of the Highbury community.

Their dedication to the team goes beyond their role profile, seeking out charities to ensure the needs of the children and their families are fully met. Their recent work with the 'Simon Says' charity has demonstrated their commitment to supporting families with bereavement concerns.

They have worked closely with the charity completing an action plan, facilitating staff training, attending bereavement groups, supporting children and families and evidencing the impact of their work.

Due to their hard work and commitment, the school has been recognised as a Simon Says Champion School.

Emma Hibberd

Medina Primary School

Emma excels in supporting students and staff, fostering a culture of care. As a listener and adviser, she creates an open, supportive space where staff feel heard and valued.

Her proactive approach ensures that every individual has the tools and support they need to thrive, both professionally and personally.

Emma's ability to balance her responsibilities while fostering a culture of care makes her a true asset to their school community.

Victoria Lightfoot

Priory School

Victoria is an outdoor classroom apprentice. She has offered every year seven student (250 students) a six-week experience in the on-site outdoor classroom.

Victoria has created an inclusive environment full of respect and opportunities to develop their Game-changer characteristics. Student feedback has been incredibly positive. Students have loved the experience and have gained chances to meet other peers out of their usual groups, making important connections.

She has arranged for students to do outdoor cooking together and learn bushcraft. Her commitment to student enjoyment is exceptional.

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD

This award recognises the sustained and substantial impact an individual has made on the education of children and young people in Portsmouth.

AWARD SPONSOR



Nominations:

- ▶ Outreach team - Cliffdale Primary Academy
- ▶ Karen Geddes – Court Lane Infant Academy
- ▶ Llewela Ann Thomas – Court Lane Junior Academy
- ▶ Alex Franklin and Hayley Taylor - Mayfield School
- ▶ Christine Turner – Meon Way Federation
- ▶ Anna Mazzola – Priory School
- ▶ Anne-Marie Wood – Priory School
- ▶ Sarah Blackmore – The Portsmouth Academy
- ▶ Claire Copeland – Trafalgar School

Shortlisted nominations:

Llewela Ann Thomas

Court Lane Junior Academy

Llewela has been working in Portsmouth since 1972, including time spent at Manor Court Secondary, St John's College, Portsmouth High School, Mayville High School, and College Park Infants, where she was assistant headteacher and SENCO between 1987 to 2010.

After a short period of retirement, she joined Court Lane Juniors in January 2018, where she has worked tirelessly as a teaching assistant ever since. She provides continuous support and guidance to staff around her, and children working within her care have the highest-quality bespoke provision due to her intricate knowledge and proficiency.

Llewela is the epitome of professionalism and continues to have a lasting impact for children with SEND at Court Lane Juniors. She has created a legacy for supporting children, and their families, across Portsmouth for over 50 + years.



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Christine Turner

Meon Way Federation

Christine has been a teacher and senior leader in schools for 36 years. She has undertaken many roles during this time including deputy headteacher and is now currently a head of school at Meon Junior School.

Her passion for ensuring that every child becomes a reader has been infectious across the community. One of her greatest joys is awarding the Millionaire Reader badge to celebrate individuals who have read a million words.

During her career, Christine has mentored and supported teachers and middle leaders. Her supportive yet challenging approach has ensured their success. She has dedicated her career to Portsmouth's children and has touched the lives of class teachers and leaders.

Claire Copeland

Trafalgar School

Claire has introduced and developed relational and restorative practices, benefitting students and staff. She has worked with colleagues and delivered extensive training to help embed ways of working relationally which extend beyond our school community.

This work continues to benefit the young people of Portsmouth across primary, secondary and college settings and has supported falling suspension rates, increased pupil attendance and reports of improved staff wellbeing and retention.

This continued work sees Claire now working with the Restorative Lab, facilitating a city-wide leadership course which focuses on research led practice and supports colleagues across all sectors to learn about conflict resolution and incorporate purposeful opportunities to build, maintain and repair relationships into their settings.

LONG SERVICE AWARD

AWARD SPONSOR

This award recognises school and college staff who have worked for 20 years or more in Portsmouth. This category isn't shortlisted and everyone receives a trophy.



- ▶ Jon Gray - Admiral Lord Nelson School
- ▶ Daniel Waldren - Admiral Lord Nelson School
- ▶ Deborah de Caen - Admiral Lord Nelson School
- ▶ Andrea Emmerson - Admiral Lord Nelson School
- ▶ Lyndsey Driscoll - Admiral Lord Nelson School
- ▶ Robert Green - Admiral Lord Nelson School
- ▶ Anne Hibberd - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Lynda Miller - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Mandy Rutledge - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Lorna Isaacs - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Julie Truscott - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Johur Bibi - Ark Ayrton Primary Academy
- ▶ Lisa Reid - Bramble Infant School and Nursery
- ▶ Deborah White - Bramble Infant School and Nursery
- ▶ Sharon Lesley Dodsworth - Castle View Academy
- ▶ Jeanette Levers - Castle View Academy
- ▶ Chris Bonner - Castle View Academy
- ▶ Yvonne Ray - Castle View Academy
- ▶ David Nutland - Castle View Academy
- ▶ Lisa Jervis - Castle View Academy
- ▶ Michelle Dove - Castle View Academy
- ▶ Shelley Richardson - Castle View Academy
- ▶ Sue West-Thomas - Castle View Academy
- ▶ Michael Aston - Castle View Academy
- ▶ Ann Davies - City of Portsmouth College
- ▶ Louise Matthews - Cliffdale Primary Academy
- ▶ Tina Neil - Cliffdale Primary Academy
- ▶ Karen Geddes - Court Lane Infant Academy
- ▶ Carolyn Coleby - Gatcombe Park Primary School
- ▶ Claudine Hutchinson - Gatcombe Park Primary School
- ▶ Natasha Baker - Gatcombe Park Primary School
- ▶ Joanne Terrett - Gatcombe Park Primary School
- ▶ Tracy Ann Jones - Gatcombe Park Primary School
- ▶ Dawn Russell - Gatcombe Park Primary School
- ▶ Janice Ricketts - Highbury Primary School
- ▶ Megan Palamidas - Mayfield School
- ▶ Lesley Rogers - Mayfield School
- ▶ Nancy Sinclair - Mayfield School
- ▶ Teresa Abbott - Mayfield School
- ▶ Susan Bulloch - Medina Primary School
- ▶ Kerry McGill - New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Sarah Hibbert - New Horizons Primary School
- ▶ Joanne Clemens - Parade Community Pre-School
- ▶ Catherine Robinson - Parade Community Pre-School
- ▶ Jane Rodrigues - St Paul's Catholic Primary School
- ▶ Victoria Cresswell - Stamshaw Infant School
- ▶ Kate Pavitt - Stamshaw Infant School
- ▶ Karen Palmer-Roach - Stamshaw Junior School
- ▶ Samantha Grainger - Stamshaw Junior School
- ▶ Claire Copeland - Trafalgar School
- ▶ Gemma Pearse - Trafalgar School
- ▶ Grant Morris - Trafalgar School
- ▶ Paula Young - Trafalgar School
- ▶ Jillian Davey - Trafalgar School



