

## **Mrs Williams Co-ordinator for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities**

I joined the school in 2013 and my role is to support the children when they have additional needs. This includes supporting children who have medical needs, difficulties with communication and interaction and sensory or physical needs. Some children need help with social skills, emotional development and others have barriers to learning and need intervention to help them learn alongside their peers.



When a child has additional needs the school and home team need to work closely together to ensure the children get the help they need when they need it. This may involve helping the children to be assessed. I have a Psychology degree and Diploma in supporting children with Speech and Language difficulties. We might invite outside specialists to help us and I can signpost the family or class teachers to people with expert knowledge who can further explore a child's difficulties. By discovering a child's strengths we can best help them to make progress. We aim to help children feel included and valued, making adjustments for children where needed.

My role involves working closely with the Leadership Team and Specialist staff, Managing and Training the Learning Mentors Mr Mullholland and Mrs Van Nierop, Nurture Practitioner Mrs Remond, Speech and Language Teaching Assistant and the SEN TA's who support children with complex needs.

**Early Identification is important. Contact Mrs Williams calling the office on 01606 288110.**