

I was brought up in North Yorkshire and went to St Joseph's Primary school in Wetherby followed by The Bar Grammar School in York.

After leaving school, I worked as a nanny for a year before going to Trinity and All Saints College of Leeds University to study for a joint Honours degree in French and Primary Education. During my degree, I spent a term studying at the University of Angers during my first year and a year in France working as an English Language Assistant.

After graduating, I moved to Northumberland where I taught in a Years 5-8 in a Middle School in Alnwick for three years and then Nursery to year 4 at Whittingham First School for four years.

My husband and I moved back to North Yorkshire when our children William and Anna were young and I worked at All Saints Primary School in Thirsk teaching Reception and Year 1 before becoming Deputy Head and Y3/4 teacher at Leeming RAF Primary School.

I became Headteacher at Marton cum Grafton in September 2003 and absolutely love working here with such fantastic children, dedicated staff and governors and supportive parents.