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**READING SUPPORT SPECIALIST**

**Term Time  
Monday to Friday 22.5 Hours**

**Salary £11,360**

**Closing Date: Monday 9 November 2026  
Interviews: Week commencing 16 November 2026  
Start Date: 4 January 2027**

Dear Prospective Applicant

Strong literacy skills are essential for lifelong learning and future success. At Amesbury, we believe that a love of reading is at the heart of every child's education.

We are looking for a dedicated and enthusiastic Reading Support Specialist to support pupils in Years 3-5, helping them develop confidence, enjoyment and progress in reading.

Amesbury Prep School is a thriving co-educational school set in the beautiful Surrey countryside near Hindhead. We educate approximately 330 children aged 9 months to 13 years in a warm, inclusive environment where every child is encouraged to thrive.

This is a part-time position, with the working pattern to be agreed with the successful candidate.

If you are passionate about reading and helping children succeed, we would be delighted to hear from you.

An application form can be found on the Amesbury School Careers page.



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## **Key Responsibilities**

The Reading Support Specialist will:

- Support the development of reading skills for pupils in Years 3-5 through the school's 1:1 reading programme.
- Listen to children read and provide encouragement and constructive feedback.
- Help manage reading resources, including books, magazines and comprehension materials.
- Monitor and record pupil progress in reading.
- Assist with assessing reading ability to ensure pupils are reading material at the appropriate level.
- Maintain regular communication with parents through reading records.
- Undertake breaktime and lunchtime supervisory duties when required.

## **Qualifications and Experience**

### **Essential**

- Good standard of education, including GCSE English (or equivalent).
- Experience of working with children.
- Strong communication and organisational skills.

### **Desirable**

- Experience supporting reading or literacy interventions.
- Experience working within a school environment.
- Knowledge of children's literature.

## **Person Specification**

We are looking for someone who:

- Has excellent verbal, written and digital communication skills.
- Is patient, understanding and supportive when working with pupils, parents and colleagues.
- Can work both independently and as part of a team.
- Can adapt their approach to meet the needs of individual pupils.
- Has a good understanding of children's literature and literacy development.
- Shows strong pastoral awareness and supports pupils' wellbeing.
- Promotes and upholds the values and ethos of the school.
- Approaches the role with professionalism, enthusiasm and pride.

## **School Aims**

Our primary aim at Amesbury Prep School is to ensure that every child enjoys a fulfilling and enriching educational journey. We strive to create an environment where each student feels valued, supported and empowered to reach their full potential.

Specifically, our goals are to:

1. Equip every child with the skills, aptitudes and resilience necessary for success in senior school and beyond.



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2. Cultivate a caring community that promotes commitment, courtesy, cooperation, tolerance and compassion.
3. Foster strong partnerships between home and school to enhance the educational experience.
4. Set a high standard of achievement and innovation, while nurturing personal development among staff.
5. Fulfil our social and environmental responsibilities to society.

### **Reporting Line**

The Reading Support Specialist will report to Head of English

### **Safeguarding**

Amesbury School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All staff and volunteers are expected to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undergo an enhanced DBS check.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the role further, please do not hesitate to contact us at [recruitment@amesburyschool.co.uk](mailto:recruitment@amesburyschool.co.uk).