Exercise book

48 pages, 8mm feint ruled with margin

Name Mrs Okafor

Subject Thank you

From Everyone at Hillside Primary



Retiring after 22 years at Hillside Primary

Summer term 2026

Dear Mrs Okafor,

Twenty-two years of Year 4 is a lot of times tables, a lot of Viking longships made from cereal boxes, and a lot of children who walked out of your classroom a bit braver than they walked in. We wanted you to have all of that in one place. Inside are messages from parents, pupils past and present, and the staff who've worked alongside you. Keep it, and come back to it whenever the quiet gets too quiet.

Rachel, Amelia's mum, and everyone

Hillside Primary

End of career report

Summer term 2026

Name	Class	Attendance	Messages
Mrs Okafor	Year 4	22 years	64

Gold stars: 312

Subject	Grade	Agreed by
Kindness ★	A*	Unanimous
Patience	A*	55 of 58
Sense of humour	A*	49 of 57
Making learning fun	A*	56 of 58
Classroom displays	A	31 of 52
Terrible jokes	A*	44 of 50

In a word

Kind Unflappable Funny Calm Fair
Legend Encouraging Warm Brilliant Vikings

Comments

> Has had an outstanding career. Must try to relax more.
>
> Mr Hughes

> A pleasure to have in class. Every single day.
>
> Priya and Dev

Signed

Rachel, Amelia's mum, and everyone

OUTSTANDING

8 messages for Mrs Okafor

Class of 2006 — 2005–06

1 message

You told me I was good in a crisis after I sorted out the class fish tank flood. Twenty years later it's my actual job. Thank you for noticing.

Daniel Year 4, 2005–06

Now: Paramedic, West Yorkshire Ambulance Service

Class of 2012 — 2011–12

1 message

I teach Year 4 now. I do the Viking day. I do the voice for the times tables. Every September I steal something else from you. I hope you don't mind.

Sophie Year 4, 2011–12

Now: Teaching Year 4 in Bradford

Class of 2019 — 2018–19

2 messages



Thank you for letting me look after Biscuit over the Easter holidays. I promise he was fine.

Oscar Year 4, 2018–19

Now: Year 11, revising (honestly)

Two children, two years in your class, and two very different kids. You worked out exactly what each of them needed. Kiran still reads with a torch under the covers because of you. Enjoy every minute of retirement.

Priya and Dev Parents of Anya and Kiran

Class of 2026 2025–26 — 2 messages



Amelia came home every day of Year 4 with a new fact about the Vikings. She still corrects us when we say they wore horned helmets. Thank you for making her love learning, and for the patience you showed her in the spring when things were hard at home.

Rachel Amelia's mum

You are the best teacher I have ever had and I have had four. I hope you get a dog.

Lily Year 4

From the staffroom

2 messages



Twenty-two years of shared playground duty and you never once let me forget my hi-vis. You were the first person here who made me feel I knew what I was doing. The staffroom won't be the same without your flapjack.

Mr Hughes Year 5, next door

You have taught nearly seven hundred children at Hillside. Every one of them was known, by name and by nature. That is a rare thing, and it's the thing we'll miss most.

Mrs Bell Head teacher

Things you always said

"Magic five, everyone"	𝍸 𝍸 𝍸 𝍸 +3
"Is that your best handwriting?"	𝍸 𝍸 II
"I'm not cross, I'm disappointed"	𝍸 III
"Biscuit is watching"	𝍸
"Walking feet, please"	III

Retirement homework

Due: never

- [ ] Get a dog (a calm one) — set by Lily
- [ ] Have a lie-in on a Monday — set by Mr Hughes
- [ ] Go to Norway and see a real longship — set by Amelia
- [ ] Never mark another spelling test — set by Sophie



Thank you, Mrs Okafor.

Everyone at Hillside Primary