

# Job of The Week

## Primary School Teacher

### Key Skills and Knowledge

- Knowledge of teaching and the ability to design courses
- Sensitivity and understanding
- The ability to create the best conditions for learning or teaching new things
- The ability to work well with others
- To be flexible and open to change
- Knowledge of English language
- Maths knowledge
- Patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- To be able to use a computer and the main software packages confidently

### Salary

£33,000 - £51,000

### Working hours

37 – 45

Term Time

*You could work evenings  
for events and  
appointments*

# How to become

## Restrictions and Requirements

You'll need to:

Pass [Enhanced Background Checks](#)

### University (Undergraduate degree)

You can do an [undergraduate degree](#) that leads to Qualified Teacher Status (QTS), for example:

- Bachelor of Education (BEd)
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) with QTS
- Bachelor of Science (BSc) with QTS

### Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

**5 GCSEs** at grades **9 to 4** (A\* to C), or equivalent, including **English, Maths and Science**  
**2 to 3 A levels**, or equivalent, for a degree

### Apprenticeship

You may be able to apply to do an Undergraduate Teacher Level 6 Apprenticeship to teach children from ages 3 to 7 or 5 to 11.

**This takes up to 4 years to complete.**

You would then receive your Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

### Entry requirements

You'll usually need:

**GCSEs** at grades **9 to 4** (A\* to C) in **English, Maths and Science** for primary school teaching

### Work

You could start as a [teaching assistant](#) and do further training like a part-time degree or an undergraduate teaching apprenticeship to gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

### Volunteering

You'll find it helpful to get some experience of working with children in different age ranges, though this is not essential.

You could [volunteer at a school](#), help at an after school club or work on a holiday scheme.

# Career Path and Progression

With experience you could:

- Become a [Special Educational Needs Teacher](#) or move into pastoral care
- Become a lead practitioner, supporting and mentoring other teachers and developing best practice
- Be a curriculum leader, deputy head or [headteacher](#)
- Move into private tuition
- Teach overseas in an international school

The Get Into Teaching website has [more information on how to develop your career](#).

## Working conditions

You could work at a school or at a pupil referral unit.

Your working environment may be physically and emotionally demanding.

## Day to Day tasks

- Prepare teaching materials, set up the classroom and organise displays
- Plan and teach lessons and work with small groups of students
- Mark work and talk to parents and carers about their children's progress
- Manage the work of teaching assistants
- Follow safeguarding procedures and work with education psychologists and social workers
- Organise trips, after school clubs and sports events
- Work and attend meetings and training outside of usual working hours

# Labour Market Information

In the Careers section of the school website you can find the useful comparison tool the '[Labour Market Information widget](#)'.

Use the widget to compare different job roles in any employment sector or relating specifically to the '[Job of the Week](#)'.



## Primary education teaching professionals

Weekly Pay <b>£790</b>	Annual Pay <b>£41,080</b>
Hours/Week <b>32h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£25</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth  
**8%**

The workforce is projected to grow by 8% over the period to 2035, creating 39,300 jobs.

You might find this job in  
Education  
Employment activities  
Services to buildings  
Food & beverage services  
Office admin.

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## Nursery education teaching professionals

Weekly Pay <b>£590</b>	Annual Pay <b>£30,680</b>
Hours/Week <b>31h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£19</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth  
**8%**

The workforce is projected to grow by 8% over the period to 2035, creating 2,200 jobs.

You might find this job in  
Education

More info

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## Teaching assistants

Weekly Pay <b>£320</b>	Annual Pay <b>£16,640</b>
Hours/Week <b>34h</b>	Hourly Pay <b>£9</b>

### Workforce Change (projected)

Growth  
**8.6%**

The workforce is projected to grow by 8.6% over the period to 2035, creating 30,100 jobs.

You might find this job in  
Education  
Sale of motor vehicles  
Employment activities  
Public admin. & defence  
Services to buildings

More info

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# Labour Market Information



## Primary education teaching professionals

Primary (and middle school deemed primary) and education teaching professionals plan, organise and provide instruction to children at all levels up to the age of entry into secondary education.

Common tasks in this job:

- prepares and delivers courses and lessons in accordance with curriculum requirements and teaches a range of subjects
- prepares, assigns and corrects exercises and examinations to record and evaluate students' progress
- prepares students for external examinations and administers and invigilates these examinations
- maintains records of students' progress and development

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## Nursery education teaching professionals

Nursery education teaching professionals care for and teach children up to the age of entry into primary school.

Common tasks in this job:

- prepares and delivers lessons in accordance with early years foundation stages curriculum and encourages and stimulates children's learning
- teaches simple songs and rhymes, reads stories and organises various activities to promote language, social and physical development
- supervises and cares for children, provides a secure learning environment and ensures their health and safety is maintained during all activities
- undertakes pastoral duties

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## Teaching assistants

Teaching assistants assist teachers with their day-to-day classroom work and with routine administrative tasks.

Common tasks in this job:

- assists teacher with preparation or clearing up of classroom
- looks after lesson materials such as paper, pencils and crayons
- listens to children read, reads to them or tells stories
- assists children with washing or dressing for outdoor and similar activities

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Keep Looking...

Use these links to learn more about our Job of the Week, consider the various pathways leading to the career, what you can be doing now to help yourself and other roles in the industry...

Take a look at these short videos for inspiration



Primary school teacher:  
Tom's story



Primary school teacher:  
Hollie's story

## Useful Websites

[Teacher - Primary School | My World of Work](#)

[Careers in education and childcare - Careers - BBC Bitesize](#)

[How to become a teacher | Get Into Teaching GOV.UK](#)

[Teaching: a profession and a passion | UCAS](#)