

EYFS Teaching Assistant - Level 2

Term Time Only – 37 hours per week

Salary FTE Equivalent £29540 to £31022 (Band H pts 14 - 17)

Required from 2nd March 2026

Fixed Term until 31st August 2026

The Role

We are looking for an enthusiastic Teaching Assistant to join our vibrant Early Years Foundation Stage team. This is a fantastic opportunity for a practitioner who is passionate about the crucial early years of a child's development and wants to work within a supportive, energetic classroom environment.

The role involves supporting our youngest learners as they begin their educational journey. You will work in our EYFS setting, assisting with the delivery of the curriculum, supporting small groups with foundational skills, and helping to create a nurturing environment where every child can thrive.

The Successful Candidate

The successful candidate will be confident and passionate about working with early years students. We are looking for an individual who is:

- **A Collaborative Team Player:** Someone who works seamlessly with teachers and colleagues to ensure a high-quality learning experience for all pupils.
- **Flexible and Adaptable:** Ready to meet the changing needs of a dynamic EYFS environment and willing to help in all areas of the classroom, including extra-curricular activities.
- **An Excellent Communicator:** Able to build strong, positive relationships with pupils, staff, and parents through clear and professional communication.
- **EYFS Understanding:** Possesses a background or understanding of the EYFS framework, phonics, early mathematics and play-based learning.
- **Resilient:** Maintains a "can-do" attitude and works well under pressure in a fast-paced school setting.

What We Can Offer

By joining our team, you will be part of a community that truly values professional growth and wellbeing. We offer:

- **A Wonderful Environment:** A warm, collaborative and supportive place to work and learn.
- **Engaged Learners:** Happy and welcoming pupils with an excellent behaviour and a thirst for knowledge.
- **A Strong Community:** Supportive staff, governors, and parents who share exciting visions for the future.
- **Professional Growth:** Access to high-quality Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and opportunities to work in collaboration with other schools across Darlington and within the Melrose Learning Trust.

Visits to the school are welcomed and will take place on **Monday 19th January 2026 at 10am** and **Tuesday 20th January 2026 at 4pm**. All completed application forms must be returned to Mrs C Rochester, School Business Manager by email to Claire.Rochester@abbeyschools.org.uk

For further information or if you would like to arrange a visit to the school, please contact us on 01325 380748.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check.

Closing date for applications: Monday 9th February 2026

Shortlisting: Monday 9th February 2026

Interviews: Wednesday 11th February 2026