Level 3 Teaching Assistant (Key Stage 1)

This vacancy is: Permanent

Hours: 35 hours per week term time only, 39 weeks (38 plus 1 week INSET) - 8.30am until 4.00pm

Salary: Grade 5 Scale Point 8-14 (FTE £27,709 to £30,515 per annum)

Actual: £22,547 to £24,830

Location: Sankey Valley St James' CE Primary School, Dorchester Road, Great Sankey, Warrington, WA5 1XE

Closing Date: Wednesday 18th November 2026

Tel: 01925 659307

Headteacher: Deb Feltham

Start date: ASAP

Join our caring, ambitious and successful school community and make a real difference to children's lives every day.

At **Sankey Valley St James CE Primary School**, we are looking to appoint an experienced, enthusiastic and highly motivated **Level 3 Teaching Assistant** to join our Key Stage 1 team. This is an exciting opportunity for a committed professional who is passionate about helping children thrive both academically and personally.

Working alongside talented teachers, supportive families and dedicated colleagues, you will play a key role in creating a nurturing, inspiring learning environment where every child is encouraged to achieve their full potential.

We are looking for someone who:

- Is an outstanding practitioner with high expectations for children's achievement, behaviour and wellbeing.
- Holds a recognised NVQ Level 3 qualification or higher for Teaching Assistants.
- Has experience of at least 12 months working successfully as a TA L3 within Key Stage 1.
- Is confident in delivering high-quality phonics teaching and interventions.
- Can adapt learning activities to meet the needs, interests and learning styles of individual pupils.
- Can contribute effectively to the assessment and observation of children's progress and development.
- Has experience of working effectively with children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), adapting provision and support to enable all pupils to make excellent progress.
- Has strong behaviour management skills and can establish positive, nurturing relationships that promote high standards of behaviour, engagement and learning.
- Builds positive relationships and communicates effectively with children, parents/carers and colleagues.
- Is enthusiastic, adaptable and eager to contribute to the wider life of the school.

- Has an enthusiasm for high-quality outdoor learning and play, with an interest in supporting and developing OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) opportunities to enhance children's wellbeing, creativity, independence and social development.
- Will actively support and promote the school's Christian values and ethos.

Why join us?

At Sankey Valley St James, our staff are at the heart of everything we achieve. We are proud of our welcoming and supportive school community and are committed to ensuring all staff feel valued and empowered to develop professionally.

In return, we offer:

- The opportunity to work in a happy, inclusive and thriving school.
- Friendly, dedicated and supportive colleagues who genuinely work together as a team.
- Enthusiastic children who love learning and are a joy to work with.
- Strong support from our Governing Body and school leadership team.
- Positive and supportive relationships with parents and carers.
- A genuine commitment to staff wellbeing and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.
- High-quality professional development opportunities to support your continued growth and career progression.

How to Apply

The job description, person specification, privacy notice and application form are available on our website: **https://www.sankeyvalleystjames.org.uk/**

Completed application forms should be returned to the Headteacher by post or email no later than **Wednesday 18th November 2026**.

Email: office@sankeyvalleystjames.org.uk

Visits Welcome

We strongly encourage prospective applicants to visit our school and experience our warm and welcoming atmosphere for themselves. To arrange a visit, please contact the school office on **01925 659307**.

Safeguarding Statement

Sankey Valley St James CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and satisfactory pre-employment checks.

Key Dates

Closing Date: Wednesday 18th November 2026

Provisional Interview Date: Week commencing Monday 23rd November 2026

Come and join our dedicated team and help inspire the next generation of learners. We would love to hear from you.