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Spotlight on: Jodie Piper, Receptionist

You had your first baby in May. How are you enjoying being a Mum?

Yes, I had little Molly on May 24th so she's nine months now. I am loving everything about being a Mum! She's getting to that age now where she's into anything and everything. Believe it or not she's almost walking - she stands and balances and you can just tell she's going to go for it any day...

Who won the office sweep stake predicting baby's weight?

Lizzie won it - I'm not sure exactly what she predicted, but Molly was 8lbs 4oz. I'm glad Nick didn't win - he predicted an even bigger baby than that!

You're back at work now after maternity leave. What made you want to come back and are you enjoying it?

Well, whilst I love being at home with Molly, I knew I'd need to come back to work and it's nice to be back amongst the team at Verbatim. I'd been here five years before I went on maternity leave, so I count everyone here as a friend. I did miss the social side of it whilst I was off, and it's so nice to have conversation with another adult during the day now! I've been back two months and love the relaxed atmosphere. I've brought Molly's in a few times to meet everyone. I get to sit down here during the day, which gives me a bit of a rest!

The company are obviously great about accommodating flexible working.

Yes, there are quite a few part-timers here - for instance, my Mum and I job-share, when one of us is here, the other is looking after Molly. It is great to know you can talk to your employer about flexible working.

Have you got time for anything other than being a Mum and work?

I'm actually doing an accountancy course in any spare time I do have! It's a practical book-keeping course - it's something that's interested me for a while, and I think it will be useful in the long-term. I'm treating it like a hobby which really stimulates my brain.



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