21 January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of an upcoming staffing change within our Reception / Year 1 team, effective from 26 January 2026.

Mrs Mehat will be leaving us on Friday 23rd January 2026 on maternity. We wish her and her family well and are looking forward to meet her new arrival.

Therefore, from 26 January, Mrs Gurtler will be moving into Year 2 as full-time class teacher. This decision has not been taken lightly and has been made following careful consideration of the needs of the school and the children across all year groups.

Mrs Gurtler brings a wealth of experience that will be of great benefit to the Year 2 team.

We are also pleased to share that Mrs Whinney will be joining Reception / Year 1, as class teacher.

Mrs Whinney is very much looking forward to working with the children and becoming part of the team. She will be working alongside Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Greensmith.

To ensure continuity and a smooth transition for all children, Mrs Wilkinson, our EYFS Leader, will be closely involved and fully on board to support both staff and pupils during this period of change. The wellbeing, progress and happiness of the children remain our highest priority, and we are confident that the team will work together to provide consistency and reassurance.

We understand that changes in staffing can raise questions, and we appreciate your continued support.

If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing partnership.

Adam Dawson

Headteacher

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