



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing, as promised, to update you on staffing following successful interview days held over the past couple of weeks.

Mrs Lumpkin is now on maternity leave, with her baby due imminently. To cover Mrs Lumpkin, I am pleased to let you know that we have appointed Mrs Denise Exley to work as part of our Admin Team during this period. Mrs Exley will be working across both schools in the Academy and will be based at the primary school 3 days a week, alongside Mrs Rollinson.

We said a fond farewell to Miss Payne at the end of January. I am delighted to inform you that we have appointed Mrs Charlotte Peace to the position of EYFS (Reception Class) Teaching Assistant. Mrs Peace is really pleased to be joining the staff team, and we are excited to have her on board. Mrs Peace joins us full time in Reception Class after half term.

This week we held interviews for a Class Teacher to, in the first instance, teach Year 4 when Mrs Gemmell retires at the end of April. We received a very high number of applications for this position and interviewed a very strong field. I am pleased to let you know that we successfully appointed Mrs Chloe Smith to the role, and she will join us at the start of May. Mrs Smith will be spending time in school over the coming months in order to meet and get to know our wonderful Year 4 children.

I am incredibly excited about the appointments we have made and am confident that all three of our new staff will be brilliant assets to our school. Please be rest assured that my absolute priority is ensuring continuity for all pupils and families during these changes and transition opportunities are being put in place for all pupils involved.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Amy Preece  
Head of School