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Dear Families,

I am writing to share some important staffing news that affects our school community as we look ahead to the Summer Term.

Our wonderful Mr Averis (Year 6 Teacher) will be leaving St Mark's at the end of the Spring Term to take up a new teaching position at a primary school in Stroud from 13th April. This move will allow him to be closer to home and spend more time with his young family, and while his departure is a genuine loss for our school, we are delighted for him and fully understand why this opportunity was the right one to accept.

As we approach the end of term, we will ensure that we celebrate and recognise everything that Mr Averis has contributed to St Mark's. His impact on pupils, the staff team and families has been significant; he will be greatly missed by all.

In order to maintain stability, consistency, and high-quality teaching across the school during the Summer Term, the following temporary arrangements will be put in place:

- Mr Sim will move to teach Class 7 for the Summer Term, with Teaching Assistant support remaining the same.
- Mrs Hamill will teach Class 3 full time for the Summer Term. We are currently finalising the appropriate Teaching Assistant provision for the class to ensure strong support is in place.

These arrangements have been carefully considered to ensure continuity for the children and to provide both Class 3 and Class 7 with the highest levels of support, particularly during key points in their learning journeys.

We will shortly begin the recruitment process for a permanent class teacher, with a planned start date of 1st September 2026, to ensure that we are well prepared for the next academic year.





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Thank you, as always, for your continued support during this period of change. St Mark's is a wonderfully strong and resilient community, and I know that by working together we can ensure the very best for all our children.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspect of this update, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A Fitch".

Mrs A Fitch
Headteacher

