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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**

Dear Parents,

At the end of half term, you received details of the Teaching Team for September 2026. You may have noticed a few staff changes and I would like to take this opportunity to share these with you.

Firstly, we are delighted to welcome **Miss Batterham**, who will be joining us as a full-time teacher in Year 6 (Class 7). Miss Batterham is in her fifth year of teaching and brings valuable experience across Years 5 and 6 from a large school in Birmingham. She is highly skilled at fostering an inclusive classroom environment where all children feel confident, supported and able to flourish. During her interview day, she quickly built warm relationships with both pupils and staff, and delivered a lesson that was engaging, skilful and nurturing. She also has extensive experience of working collaboratively across Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, and we are very excited to welcome her to our team. Miss Batterham will spend a day teaching her new class on Wednesday 1st July and will work alongside the Year 6 team on Monday 6th July to support a smooth transition.

We are also pleased to welcome **Mrs Godwin** to our Teaching Assistant team, where she will be based in Year 5. Mrs Godwin brings many years of experience working in both special school settings and mainstream education, making her highly knowledgeable and skilled in supporting children with a wide range of needs. She is currently working in Year 4 on a short-term basis, and we are very pleased to have secured her as a longer term member of staff from September.

Finally, we say a fond farewell to **Mrs O'Connor**, who has worked across the school as both a class teacher and Higher Level Teaching Assistant. Mrs O'Connor has secured a SENCO role in another school in Gloucestershire. She has made a significant contribution to our school community during her time with us, and we are very grateful for her commitment and care. Although Mrs O'Connor will finish her role as a Teaching Assistant on 15th June, she will continue in her Class Teacher capacity in Class 6 on Fridays until the end of term. We wish her every success and happiness as she moves on to this next chapter.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mrs A Fitch  
**Headteacher**

