

Headteacher: Mrs J Cannell

10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this message finds you well.

I would like to share some important updates regarding our class structure and staffing arrangements.

Following careful consideration of pupil numbers for Sept 2026 (which is linked to national and local falling birth rates) curriculum delivery, and the overall learning experience, we will be introducing **mixed-age classes** in some year groups from September. This approach is widely used in many schools across the country and brings a number of educational benefits, including opportunities for children to learn collaboratively, develop independence, and build strong peer relationships across age groups.

Please be assured that our curriculum will continue to meet the needs of all pupils. Teachers will plan carefully to ensure appropriate challenge and support for every child, regardless of age or stage. We are confident that this structure will enable us to maintain high standards of teaching and learning across the school.

In addition, there will be some **changes to staffing** for the upcoming year. These changes are part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that we deploy our staff in the most effective way to support all pupils.

To help provide clarity, we have outlined our proposed class structure and staffing below:

Class Name	Year Group(s)	Teacher
Carle	Nursery and Reception	Mrs Sarno
Donaldson	Reception and Year 1	Miss Meier
Jeffers	Year 1 and Year 2	Miss Elton
Cowell	Year 3	Mrs Jones
Kinny	Year 4	Miss Shoockron
Blackman	Year 5	Miss Somersall-Heath
Zephaniah	Year 6	Miss Sutton

(Please note: staffing is subject to final confirmation and may be adjusted if necessary.)

With this letter pupils who will be in Carle, Donaldson and Jeffers class will receive an additional slip sharing what class they are in. Our current year 2, 3, 4 and 5 classes will not be affected.

We understand that changes like these can raise questions, and we are committed to working closely with you throughout this transition. If you would like to discuss how these changes may affect your child, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and trust. We are excited about the opportunities the new academic year will bring for our pupils and our school community.

Kind regards

Mrs Cannell
Acting Headteacher