



Orchard Primary and Pre-School

5 September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and are feeling refreshed for the new academic year ahead.

First, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for all the kind words and thoughtful gifts you shared with us at the end of last term. Your generosity and support mean so much to our entire school community. Last year was truly amazing, filled with remarkable achievements and wonderful memories that we will treasure. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and the progress they made.

As we begin this new chapter, I must bid farewell to some valued members of our team whilst warmly welcoming our new staff. Please join me in welcoming Miss Oakley, Miss Waddell, and Miss Parr to the Orchard family, and in welcoming back Mrs Ralph from maternity leave. I know they are all excited to meet you and work with your children.

Our new pupils have settled in beautifully, and we are thoroughly enjoying getting to know each of them. It has been delightful to see their enthusiasm and watch them become part of our school community.

I am pleased to update you on our playground development. Whilst the recent wet weather has caused some delays, the exciting new facilities should be completed very soon. Thank you once again for helping us raise the significant funds needed for this wonderful addition to our school.

This term brings several exciting developments. We are launching a new SEND class led by Miss Parr, which will provide alternative provision specifically designed for our SEND pupils. Additionally, we will be introducing an exciting new reading programme - please look out for more information about this in the coming weeks.

You will also notice improvements to our communication systems, with our new website now live and a new parent portal launching shortly. This month promises to be particularly busy with Parents' Evenings, workshops, a coffee morning, and an Open Evening all planned. We are all looking forward to what promises to be an exciting and successful year ahead.

Warm regards

Sarah Bitcon

Head Teacher