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Dear Parents/Carers,

Class Information September 2026

Changes to Reception and KS1 from September 2026

Some of you might be aware of the challenges of the low birth rate all schools are now facing. For the last few years we have consistently had fewer children join us in Reception than our planned admission number of 15. Unfortunately, the birth rate is not due to increase for a number of years and schools are having to make difficult decisions around sustainability, as school funding is directly linked to the number of children we have in school. With advice from Norfolk County Council, the Governors and I have made the decision to combine our Reception and Year 1/2 classes from September 2026.

As a result of needing to change our class structure, we will be sadly losing a member of our teaching staff. Miss Strachan, who joined us in September 2023 in Kingfishers class, will be leaving us at the end of the academic year. Miss Strachan has been a great addition to our staff team, helping to further develop our KS1 curriculum and a supportive colleague who will be missed by all of the school community. We wish her nothing but success at her new school in September and beyond.

Mrs Dring has been appointed the teacher of our newly formed Reception and Year 1/2 class in September. Mrs McGregor will be our new Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) working full time in the classroom. Mrs Dring and Mrs McGregor will be further supported by Ms Lain and Miss Rogers.

The new class (name to be decided as part of the transition days) will continue to have use of both classrooms and outdoor area.

We see this change as a real opportunity for us to further develop our lower school curriculum with the early year's principles at its heart. This will enable all children to have the support and challenge they need to be happy, confident and independent learners in this different environment. We are working with external consultants and other primary schools to support us with this change and are really excited about what the new class and its curriculum will look like.

Key Stage 2 Classes

Jackdaws Year 3/4	Hummingbirds Year 5/6
Mr Johnston	Mrs Taverner (Monday-Thursday)
Class TA - TBC	Mrs Maudlin (Friday)
	Miss Lofts – Class TA

At the end of this academic year, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Tuma. Mrs Tuma has been with us for 9 years and over the time has had a number of roles, more recently: After

school club lead, MSA and Jackdaws TA. We would like to thank Mrs Tuma for her hard work and commitment to our school and wish her success in her new job.

Transition Mornings

Whole school transition mornings are planned for Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July where all children will be with the new mix of children and adults they will be working with in September. New Reception intake will be in for a few settling in sessions prior to this, where they will spend time with our current reception children.

If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the school office to make an appointment and we will be happy to meet with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Carla Stedman
Executive Headteacher

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