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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some planned changes to our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) staffing structure from January 2026.

As many of you may already be aware, we have a smaller number of children in EYFS this year. This reduction reflects lower birth rates within the local area, which mirrors a growing national trend. Currently, we have 35 pupils in total across both Nursery and Reception.

To ensure we continue to provide a high-quality, well-resourced learning environment, we will be combining our Nursery and Reception cohorts into one EYFS unit, led by the experience and expertise of Mrs Chadwick.

Please be reassured that:

- Children will continue to follow the full EYFS curriculum.
- Core learning such as phonics and maths will continue to be taught separately, ensuring age-appropriate progression.
- Other curriculum areas will be taught together, with carefully planned adaptations to ensure that provision meets all children's starting points and that progress remains both strong and sustained.

From January, Nursery children will continue to enter the EYFS base through the Nursery entrance, as usual.

Mrs Breen will remain the assigned TA3, and Mrs Ward will also share responsibility for the children alongside Mrs Chadwick. We understand that any change can feel concerning, but please be assured that our academic expectations, quality of provision, and level of support for every learner will remain the same. Our EYFS team is dedicated to nurturing a safe, engaging, and enriching environment for all children.



If you have any questions or would like to discuss these changes further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,  
*E Clayton*  
*Headteacher*

