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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the academic year, I wanted to update you on children, and staff changes, including farewells and welcomes!

Welcoming Our New Starters

In September, we look forward to welcoming our new Reception children and their families to our school community – we are so excited to have another year with a full cohort. Starting school is such a special and important milestone, and we are excited to begin that journey with them. Please keep these new families in your prayers as they prepare to join our Catholic school family.

Farewell to Year 6

At the same time, we bid a fond farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They have been a shining example to the younger children and have grown into kind, confident, and compassionate individuals. It has been a privilege to see them develop academically and spiritually during their time with us.

We pray that they carry the values and faith they have nurtured here into their secondary schools and beyond. May God guide them, protect them, and inspire them always. To our Year 6 families who are leaving us, thank you for all your support over the years. You will always remain a part of our school community and we look forward to welcoming you back for future occasions and celebrations.

Staff Team Goodbyes

We also say goodbye to some much-loved members of staff this term. We thank Mr Philip Short (*Supply and Cover Teacher*) and Mr James Burden (*Lunch Time OPAL Team Member*) for their dedication, care, and service to our school. We send them with our deepest gratitude and prayers for the future. On the 12th September we will also be saying a sad farewell to Mrs Hannah Bain who will be starting theological training within the Church of England. We are delighted that Mrs Bain has been called to ordained ministry within the Church of England and wish her our very best wishes and prayers for the future.

In September, we will also welcome new staff to our team, and we look forward to the enthusiasm and fresh ideas they will bring. New colleagues will include:

Mrs Talarico – LKS2 Apprentice Teacher – Patience Class (*Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday*)

Miss Young – LKS2 Teacher – Patience Class (*Thursday & Friday*)

Miss Casey McColgan – KS1 Teacher – Knowledge Class

Miss Kimberley Fowler – Teaching Assistant in KS1

Mrs Sophia Evans – Teaching Assistant in EYFS

Ms Amelia Browne – Teaching Assistant in LKS2

In addition, Miss O' Mahony has been appointed as the permanent Phase Leader for EYFS and Miss Kayleigh Fallows will be returning from maternity leave at the beginning of Term 2 to work alongside Mrs Warren in Understanding Class. We look forward to working with them both.

A Final Word

As we head into the summer holidays, I hope that the coming weeks offer you and your families time to rest, reflect, and recharge. May your homes be filled with peace and joy, and may the Lord bless you and keep you safe.

Thank you once again for your continued partnership in the mission of Catholic education. We look forward to seeing you in the new term.

With every blessing,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs O'Rourke
Headteacher