

Tuesday 7th July 2026

Dear Families

A slightly different newsletter for our final one of the year. There has been some very recent staffing updates we have been working on in the background that I am now in a position to share with you – I apologise if this feels late on to be communicating but time scales we have been faced with means we have had to work quickly to get everything in place. Please have a read and of course get in touch if you have any questions.

We are looking forward to our two final weeks in school...just one with our wonderful year fives who we will be saying goodbye and good luck to on Friday! Everyone is welcome to join us for their special leaving assembly – please note this will on Thursday at 2:30pm, Friday afternoon is dedicated to a very well-deserved leavers party for the children this week 😊 Wishing you all a very happy Summer Holiday when it gets here and sending the biggest thank you for another wonderful year at Birdsedge First School. Miss Barker

Staffing Updates

Mrs Breeze We will be saying goodbye and good Luck to Mrs Breeze at the end of this term who is relocating back to her family. Although she will be hugely missed I am sure we can all agree that this is such a positive thing for her with her own little family now and only wish her all the best. We thank her hugely for all she has brought to Birdsedge, our children and you as families over her time here.

Mrs Nightingale Mrs Nightingale will be reducing her work in school time as an Educational Teaching Assistant in September but will continue to work as Playworker in our Wrap Around Club. We also thank Mrs Nightingale for all her time and care to the children and families of Birdsedge in this role and look forward to still working with her in our Out of School Club.

Miss Hutton Miss Hutton will be stepping out of a full-time class role from September so she can support more at a whole school level in a Head of School role and lead teaching and learning in our Den provision. Miss Hutton will still work closely with teachers across school and be classroom based for some time to support non-contact time for teachers.

Miss Barker From September my Executive Role will be extending further to support and lead a third small school in our Trust longer term – Scholes Junior and Infant School. A school we already have been working closely with over the last term and a collaboration that we know will bring further capacity and skills to share amongst staff.

With the changes and developments above, we are delighted to share with you some new staff we will be welcoming to the team. Some of these people will replace roles but others will also be adding extra capacity which will be a huge benefit to our children. Our pupil numbers will be the highest they have been in September and we are delighted that we have been able to build extra teaching and learning support capacity for this to benefit all children.

Mr Rothery. Mr Ben Rothery will be joining us in September as a full-time teacher based in Class 3. An excellent appointment and a role that will bring consistency to teaching and less need for cover and changing around groups in afternoons which we have had to do up until now. Mr Rothery will be working in school full time next week to build relationships with the class and support a smooth transition – please do come and say hello and welcome him to the Birdsedge family.

Miss Ainley: Miss Ciara Ainley, an Educational Support Assistant at Grange Moor has recently been appointed as HLTA across both small schools to add teaching capacity for some subjects we have until now had to use outreach for such as PE – we are looking forward to having inhouse cover for some subjects to build consistency for children.

Mrs Stirling: Mrs Stirling, Business Admin Support at Grange Moor has recently been promoted to Admin Manager across the three small schools. She will be streamlining systems across small schools to share skills and workload as well as bringing some brilliant skills, experience and expertise. We are also recruiting an admin assistant to support our office teams and staff more widely in the schools. Mrs Stirling will be spending time at all three schools and will be sure to introduce herself when she is at Birdsedge working alongside Mrs Metcalfe.

Pending Recruitment: We are just coming to the end of a recruitment process for two additional support staff members to be led by Miss Hutton in The Den Provision. We will keep you posted on these appointments and of course will make sure that there is a smooth and supportive transition for children and families supported by our existing staff members.

Current staff will be making sure there is a smooth induction for new staff joining us and support children with any changes. We are looking forward to building our team and bringing more skills and experiences to our school.

Dates for the Diary

Keep an eye on the Parent Planner page of the website where we will be sharing next years planner soon.

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