4th November 2026

**A Message for Year 6 Parents**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some leadership arrangements within school and, in particular, what these will mean for our Year 6 pupils.

As many of you will know, I will continue to support Hampreston First School as Acting Headteacher throughout this half term, alongside my role at Bishop Aldhelm's. I am grateful to be supported by such a talented and dedicated leadership team, which enables us to continue providing the very best experience for our children.

Following the start of Miss Sharpe's maternity leave, we have taken the opportunity to further strengthen our leadership capacity by appointing Miss Samuel and Mr Lodge as Interim Assistant Headteachers. Both colleagues will contribute to the wider strategic leadership of the school and will play an important role within the Headship Team.

I would like to reassure Year 6 families that Mr Lodge remains fully committed to the year group and retains overall responsibility for his class. Similarly, Miss Samuel will continue to maintain full responsibility for her own class. To ensure continuity for pupils, both colleagues will work to a planned rota for their leadership responsibilities and will not be out of class at the same time.

To support this arrangement, we are pleased to have appointed Miss Jackson as a regular class teacher. Miss Jackson will work closely with the Year 6 team and will provide consistency and high-quality teaching during those times when Mr Lodge or Miss Samuel are undertaking leadership duties elsewhere in school. This will ensure that learning continues seamlessly and that children benefit from familiar adults who know them well.

These arrangements are a reflection of the strength, expertise and depth of leadership we have at Bishop Aldhelm's. Investing in and developing our staff not only supports the continued improvement of the school but also provides excellent role models and opportunities for professional growth within our team.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils and look forward to supporting them through what is such an important and exciting year.

Kind regards,

Mr Scott Tait
Headteacher