

23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a short update to share some key developments at Foxwood – including our new school build, staffing changes, and recent feedback from our parent voice survey.

Firstly, planning for our new school site, currently referred to as ‘Foxwood 2’, is well underway. As a reminder, this new provision will be for our secondary-aged learners, and our existing building – ‘Foxwood 1’ – will become a full primary site. We’re working towards an opening date of September 2027. At the moment, we’re deep in the process of ground surveys, topographical reports, and assessing the impact on the ancient woodland next to us – a valuable space that we’re fortunate to have on our doorstep.

This development is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to create something truly special for all Foxwood students. I’d like to invite you to a drop-in forum on **Wednesday 11th June 2025** between **3.20pm and 4.30pm**. I’ll be sharing more detailed plans and will be available to answer questions. The planning application is scheduled to be tendered by the end of June.

With a projected increase in pupil numbers to around 250, we’re making careful adjustments to staffing – all while managing the pressures of a SEND funding model that, in real terms, has remained largely unchanged for the past 15 years. We’re pleased to be welcoming new teachers and additional TAs in September. At the same time, we want to formally thank and say goodbye to Maxine Williams, who left us shortly after Easter.

Thank you to everyone who completed the recent parent voice survey. It’s good to hear that more parents feel confident about what the curriculum looks like and what their children are learning. Following last year’s feedback, we’ve made a point of sending regular classroom updates – and we’ll continue to do so. These are also available on the school website. As always, class staff are more than happy to talk you through planned learning.

Please do remember that you don’t have to wait for the annual survey to share your thoughts – we’re always here and always ready to listen.

Finally, I wanted to share a personal note. I was recently invited to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. The event recognised those working in education and skills. I was nominated as Headteacher, but in reality, it was a nod to the whole team at Foxwood. Every member of staff plays a role in ensuring our children and young people learn, enjoy themselves, build independence, and are prepared for life. It was a real honour for myself and for Foxwood and reminds us of the important work we all do.

Warm wishes,



James Hutchinson - Headteacher.