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Monday 30th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We can't quite believe that the end of the school year is almost upon us! The time has flown so quickly. With this in mind, the children will be experiencing their transition (or 'move up') day on Wednesday, 2nd July. I wanted to share some staffing updates with you ahead of this date.

Several valued members of our school community will be moving on to new opportunities, and while we are very sad to see them go, we are incredibly grateful for their dedication and contribution during their time at St James'.

We will be saying goodbye to:

- **Miss Craven**, who has been a senior leader and Year 6 teacher for 6 years, will be moving to one of our trust schools to take up the role of Deputy Headteacher.
- Miss Jama, who has been CL3 at our school for 2 years, is moving on to take on a teaching position in Abu Dhabi
- Miss Mohamed, our CL4 teacher, is leaving to take up a teaching position in Saudi Arabia.
- Miss Smith, who has worked tirelessly as part of our support staff team, will be greatly missed by colleagues and pupils alike.
- Miss Hussain, who has worked across the school, especially providing invaluable support to our Year 6 pupils, is leaving to get married.

Each of them has made a lasting impact on our school, and we know that many of you and your children will want to join us in wishing them all the very best in their next chapters.

We are delighted to welcome some new teachers to our school next year. Miss Symonds will be joining us as a permanent member of the teaching team. We are also pleased to introduce three new teachers who will be joining our staff: Miss Berry, Miss Blackledge, and Mrs Afzal.

We look forward to the enthusiasm, talent, and fresh ideas they will bring to our school community.

Next year, our classes will be taught by the following staff:

Class	Key Stage	Year Group	Staff
Little Saints	EYFS	Nursery	Miss Emma, Miss Ashley, Miss Abbey
Nursery	EYFS	Nursery	Mrs Finch
Class 1	EYFS	Reception	Mrs Whitton
Class 2	EYFS	Reception	Mrs Pilling
Class 3	KS1	Year 1	Miss Symonds





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Class 4	KS1	Year 1 / 2	Miss Berry
Class 5	KS1	Year 2	Mrs Afzal
Class 6	KS2	Year 3	Miss Blackledge
Class 7	KS2	Year 3 / 4	Mr Hannon
Class 8	KS2	Year 4	Miss Thomas
Class 9	KS2	Year 5	Miss Costello
Class 10	KS2	Year 5 / 6	Miss Casserley
Class 11	KS2	Year 6	Miss Collins
Class 12	KS2	Year 6	Mr Mitchell

Your child will bring home a slip on Tuesday informing them and you of their new class and teacher.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Belfield Headteacher

