

Thursday 25th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I apologise for sending further communication out when your inboxes are already being clogging up with the multiple events we run in the summer term, but I needed to share some news with you in a timely manner.

As we shared with you earlier this term, Mr Fraser-Smith will be leaving Western for a new role in October 2026. We therefore needed to recruit a new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENDCo). I am very pleased to share with you that Mrs Stewart, our current Early Years Leader, has been successful in being appointed to the new SENDCo.

We therefore needed to appoint a new Early Years Leader, and I am again pleased to announce that Miss Ward, will be taking on this role from September 2026, including transition events we have planned for our new Reception children this term.

We therefore needed to appoint a new Key Stage One Leader, and I am once again pleased to announce that Miss Herfield has been successful in gaining this promotion and will join the senior leadership team next year. Miss Herfield will continue in her teaching role alongside this new opportunity.

With Mrs Stewart moving from a teaching role into a non-class-based role, this also produced a teaching vacancy in the school. I am therefore pleased to share that our current student teacher, Miss Davies, has been successful in securing this role and will be joining the Key Stage One team as Miss Ward moves into Early Years.

As I have previously shared with families, Mrs Whitelow will be starting her maternity leave in the Autumn term. During her leave from school, Miss Cullis will be joining the Western family and teaching in our Reception class.

I appreciate that this is another set of changes which there seems to be a lot of currently, but I know the team at Western feel excited about the fresh perspectives and opportunities this will bring to the school.

Thank you for your ongoing support and we hope to share who your child's class teacher for next year will be very soon.

Kind regards,



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