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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

New Classes for September 2026 and Transition

As we head towards the end of a very busy term, we are turning our attention towards preparing ourselves for the next stage of our learning and our new classes for September 2026. We know that for many children, change can bring about a host of different emotions and feelings and at Olton, we like to prepare our children by having time, wherever possible with our new class teachers. **On Wednesday 1st July**, children across the school from Nursery to Year 5, will have the chance to meet their new teacher and start to build those important relationships in readiness for September. On the transition day, start and finish times will be as normal for your child's current year group, but we will ask parents to collect from the new classrooms or collect from the playground, dependent on the year group/class. This will give you an opportunity to meet your child's new teacher. We will send information about where parents need to collect from nearer the time. We have decided not to mix our classes across the school to provide stability for our children. The following classes will be spending the day with their new teacher on Wednesday.

Reception Moving to Year 1

Meerkats to Miss Thorne (Otters)
Bobcats to Miss Kadeed (Sea Lions)
Lemmings to Miss Laishley (Dolphins)

Year 1 Moving to Year 2

Dolphins to Mrs Barham (Penguins)
Sea Lions to Mrs Olwage (Seals)
Otters to Mrs Waring and Mrs Tiernan (Whales)

Year 2 Moving to Year 3

Whales to Mrs Garner (Gibbons)
Penguins to Miss Sampson/Mrs Attwell (Leopards)
Seals to Miss Broughton (Pandas)

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Year 3 Moving to Year 4

Gibbons to Mrs Chavda (Possums)
Leopards to Miss Brown/Miss McCone (Wallabies)
Pandas to Miss Hunt (Dingoes)

Year 4 Moving to Year 5

Wallabies to Mrs Priddey (Aardvarks)
Dingoes to Miss Wareing (Impalas)
Possums to Mrs Brady (Antelopes)

Year 5 Moving to Year 6

Antelopes to Mrs Lewis (Racoons)
Aardvarks to Ms Rahman (Armadillos)
Impalas to Miss Walton (Coyotes)

Our new starters in Nursery and Reception have their own timetable for transition day which was shared at the induction evenings. Our current classes in Year 6, will also be starting their transition to secondary school next week by visiting their new schools. Secondary staff have met with teachers at Olton to prepare and plan for their exciting step on their journey to secondary. As with any school year, we are always sad to say goodbye to our leavers and this year we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff too.

We have had three teachers covering roles where staff went on maternity leave or left their teaching role part way through the year. A huge thank you to Mrs Harris who has been with us since Easter teaching Lemmings since Miss Askey went on maternity leave, Miss Rashid who has covered Antelopes since Miss Bates went on maternity leave and Ms Abbas who has taught Gibbons since May half term.

Ms Sainsbury, a long standing member of staff, will be retiring at the end of the year. Having worked at Daylesford Infants and then Olton Primary for over twenty years, she will be a familiar face for many of you. She has supported so many children and families during her time both as a class teacher and a SENDCo and she will be much missed by us all.

We are also very sad to be losing Mr Bell and Miss Sullivan from our support staff team, both of whom are moving on to new roles. Mr Bell will begin his career as a higher level teaching assistant and Miss Sullivan is relocating and will be working closer to home.

We would like to thank our staff leavers for all of their dedication and hard work in supporting so many children during their time in school and wish them much happiness and success for the future.

We have Miss Sampson returning after maternity leave and we also welcome Mrs Barker, Mrs Barham and Miss Brown to Olton. All three new members of staff will be here to meet their new class on **Wednesday 1st July**. Miss Jordan will continue to provide bespoke teaching support to some of our children with SEND and Miss Morgan will have a teaching group in the morning and then provide other adhoc cover.

Our annual school reports for EYFS and KS1 will coming home on **Monday 6th July** and then KS2 reports will follow later in the week. Your child's school report will come out via email and you will need to input their date of birth to access to report. Where children have

completed statutory assessments such as SATs, the phonics screening check or the Year 4 multiplication check, the results of these will also be sent out via email on the day the report is emailed.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes.

Mr Chamberlain, Mrs Gray and the Team at Olton