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Dear Parents,

I am writing to share some important information regarding staffing from September 2026.

At the end of this academic year, in July, we will be bidding a very fond farewell to Miss Batchelor-Robbins, who will be embarking on an exciting new adventure as she takes up a teaching post in Dubai, following five years of dedicated service at St Leonard's.

During her time with us, Miss Batchelor-Robbins has made a significant and lasting contribution to our school community. She has taught across a range of year groups, including Early Years, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4, demonstrating great commitment, enthusiasm and care for the children in her classes. She has built strong and positive relationships with pupils, families and colleagues alike and has been a much-valued and well-loved member of the team.

In addition to her classroom teaching, Miss Batchelor-Robbins has played a key role in leading sport across the school. She has been instrumental in developing our sporting provision and has worked tirelessly to promote participation, enjoyment and success for all pupils. She has also contributed to the wider local partnership and played an important role in achieving the Gold School Games award for our school. Her passion and energy have enriched opportunities for our pupils and will leave a lasting legacy.

Alongside this, we will also be saying farewell to Mr Wheatley, who has supported the school this year, joining us mid-year on a long-term supply basis. Mr Wheatley has quickly become a valued member of the team, providing stability and continuity for pupils and staff during the year.

We also extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Taylor and wish her all the very best. She has provided valuable support across Key Stage Two, particularly in working across three-way mixed classes spanning both upper and lower key stages. Her flexibility, commitment and support for pupils and staff have been greatly appreciated.

All three colleagues will be greatly missed; however, we are incredibly grateful for their contributions and wish them every success in their future endeavours.

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Following a robust and thorough recruitment process, I am pleased to confirm that we have appointed two experienced full-time teachers who will join us in September 2026.

We warmly welcome Mrs R Bourne and Mr E Saunders, who have both written a short introduction to share a little about themselves.

Mrs Bourne

I am delighted to be joining St Leonard's Primary School as a new teacher after 20 years at an outstanding Church of England school, Deanery CE in Sutton Coldfield. I have been teaching for 23 years across all key stages, including Early Years, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two, and feel incredibly fortunate to have spent my career helping children learn, grow and achieve their full potential.

Outside of school, I am a keen reader and enjoy nothing more than getting lost in a good book. I also love spending time at the beach, whether that is enjoying a seaside walk or simply relaxing by the sea. In addition, I am a qualified gymnastics coach and have a passion for helping children develop confidence, resilience and new skills through sport. I have taken my current school gymnastics team to local, regional and national finals. I am also a big Aston Villa supporter and enjoy following their matches whenever I can.

I am very much looking forward to becoming part of the St Leonard's community, getting to know the children and families, and working alongside the staff team to provide the very best for your children.

Mr Saunders

I am delighted to be joining the St Leonard's school community in September and am already looking forward to getting to know the children, families and staff over the coming months.

I join St Leonard's after ten years at Repton Preparatory School, an exceptional independent setting where I had the privilege of teaching a wide range of year groups from Year 3 to Year 8. I have a particular passion for mathematics and science.

During my time there, I also led PE and Games lessons, ran a variety of co-curricular activities, and held roles as both Head of Boarding and Head of Year 8. These experiences have given me invaluable insight into supporting pupils both academically and pastorally, and have strengthened my belief in nurturing the whole child.

Outside of school, I am a keen sports enthusiast and enjoy both playing and following a variety of sports, particularly rugby, which I play, coach and referee. I firmly believe that sport, alongside wider co-curricular opportunities, plays a vital role in developing teamwork, resilience, leadership

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and confidence. I am also a fan of board games and reading, and enjoy spending time walking and running with my dog, Bluebell.

I am incredibly excited to be joining such a welcoming and close-knit school community, and I hope to bring enthusiasm, positivity and a strong commitment to helping every child thrive. I am passionate about building positive relationships, creating an inclusive environment, and encouraging pupils to embrace challenges and make the most of every opportunity.

The children will meet their new teachers in their new classes on shuffle up day on Wednesday 8th July.

Kind regards,



Mrs K Cullen

Headteacher

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