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## **Dear Parents**

I am writing to you to let you know about the class structure and organisation for the next academic year, beginning in September 2025.

Looking ahead, we are likely to have approximately 140 pupils on our school roll. In our current school model, we have space for 240 pupils, so you can see that we are considerably under our capacity. As a result of our pupil numbers and the funding that comes with each pupil, we have had to make the decision to reduce the number of classes that we have by one. In addition to this, we have had to make some staff reductions which means we will be saying goodbye to: Miss Harris, Mr Leek and Miss Anderson this year. This is not something that we have taken lightly but there is no other way to ensure that we stay within the limits of our budget, whilst providing the best possible education.

Our class structure for next year will therefore be:

Class	Teacher
Year 3 - Skylarks	Miss Womack
Year 4 - Woodpeckers	Mr Oxbury
Year 4 - Merlins	Miss Dekeyzer
Year 5&6 - Falcons	Mr Conquest
Year 5&6 Curlews	Mr Morris
Personalised Learning Classroom - Robins	Mr Power

Mixed age classes are a very familiar feature of schools, especially as pupil numbers generally have dipped in South Norfolk and there are a number of schools in the Trust who have had to switch to this model. As part of this process, we will look very carefully at who is in each of the year 5 and 6 classes.

The children will learn who their new teachers are on the transition days on the 15th and 16th July 2025. As a team, we have ensured we have considered friendships, SEN needs, attainment and individual personalities when placing children in their new class to ensure they can flourish and thrive.

As always, if you wish to discuss anything further with me then please make an appointment at the school office.

Best wishes

Miss Richardson Headteacher





"They will soar on wings like eagles"





