



24<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that our Deputy Head Teacher, Mrs Keating, will be leaving Holmer at Christmas as she and her family are relocating away from the area. While we are truly sad to see her go, we are also deeply grateful for the time, dedication and passion she has given to our school.

During her time at Holmer, Mrs Keating has made an enormous difference to the children, the staff and the wider school community. She has been a supportive colleague, a committed leader and, above all, an inspiring presence for our pupils. She has lived out our school vision each day—encouraging us all to play our part in creating a better world. We are especially thankful for the music, joy and creativity she has brought to Holmer, alongside her leadership across so many other areas. She leaves a legacy we will cherish.

I am pleased to inform you that from January, Mrs Thomas will be promoted to the position of Acting Deputy Head. Mrs Thomas has a strong skill set and a deep understanding of our school. She will bring her own enthusiasm, care and expertise to the role, and I know she will continue to be a wonderful asset to our community. From January, she will work closely with the Year 6 staff and take on Deputy Head responsibilities while continuing to champion our school vision.

We are also delighted to share that Mrs Portz has been appointed to teach 2TW on Mondays and Tuesdays. She has already met the class and will be spending a number of days in school between now and Christmas, working alongside Mrs Thomas and Mrs Welling to get to know the children and ensure a seamless transition. Mrs Thomas will, of course, remain heavily involved with the pupils of 2TW, continuing to provide pastoral support and keeping a close eye on their progress.

Changes at any time can feel challenging, and it is never easy to say goodbye. However, we are thankful for the positive experiences, memories and joy that come from working with such dedicated staff. We are confident that Holmer will continue to thrive and grow as we each play our part in inspiring others and making the world a better place.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Kind Regards,

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