

19th November 2025

Dear families

I hope you're well. I struggle to believe we are already nearly halfway through our second half term! The children have settled back into school really well following the break and we are now rapidly winging our way towards Christmas.

On that subject, we have lots of festive activities planned. Please see details of these below. We will start our festive season from Monday 8th December (I won't be telling the children I put my decorations up last weekend!).

As a Trust, our special schools regularly get together to look at different aspects of school and education. Last week, Amy, our Assistant Principal, attended English moderation. We have received some excellent feedback regarding our capturing of evidence and the examples of work we shared. The team have worked so hard on embedding our wonderful curriculum, so this was really pleasing to hear. This week, I am off to one of our other special schools to discuss the pastoral support we offer. It is really lovely to work in a Trust where we positively collaborate across different schools to make sure we are creating the best offer for our wonderful children.

We are also moving towards a new group of children joining our school in January. We've been holding Stay and Play sessions in order to support their transition and will be also supporting our existing pupils to understand that our school is going to be growing. With this growth comes the opportunity to look at our classes again, to make sure our pupils are in the best group for them. Your class teacher will be in touch to let you know if this will impact your child. It is really important to make sure our groupings are as successful as possible, both from a learning and pastoral perspective.

With new children come new members of the team too! I am so excited that we have appointed all our teaching staff for January and are well on the way to ensuring we are fully staffed with Learning Support Assistants too. We would like to welcome Reeana Choudhury and Alice Freestone as Learning Support Assistants this term. I would also like to share that Isabel Dolman (Mercury Class Teacher) has decided to start a new adventure and will be leaving us at the end of the term. Selma Habib and Sheridan Brookes (Learning Support Assistants) have also left us for pastures new. We would like to wish them the very best for the future.

As always, please do continue to get in touch if you need to. We really love the contact we receive from our families and are always happy to help and support where we can. We know that working together will have the best outcomes for our children.

Best wishes,

Em

Principal