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9<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## **CLASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Governors and Senior Leadership Team have now finalised our staffing and class arrangements for the next academic year.

I am pleased to say that we are able to continue with our seven class model for 2025-2026. We are projected to have 205 pupils next year, which is the largest that the school has ever been. This is positive for the financial health of the school, however it is likely that all schools will continue to face budgetary pressures so maintaining strong pupil numbers will be crucial to the sustainability of our current and future provision model. As part of their regular processes, the Governors will continue to monitor spending and review value for money, both during the year and when setting each annual budget.

**Please see overleaf for your child's class from September.**

As well as having seven 'single-form' classes, the Governors are able to maintain a good level of leadership provision for 2025-2026. I, as Headteacher will continue to not be class-based for the majority of the week, although I will still enjoy teaching across the school as and when required. Amongst many other responsibilities, Mrs Salter, who works as Assistant Head four days per week, will also be teaching in class at times, both to 'release' the teachers to complete a range of tasks and to cover absence, meaning that our use of external supply teachers will be minimal. Mrs Craig, our SENDCo, has increased her hours and will now be with us for approximately 1.5 days per week.

At the end of this school year, we are bidding farewell to Mrs Caulfield, who returns from Maternity Leave on Monday after the birth of her second child. Due to family circumstances, Mrs Caulfield needs to take up a position closer to home. Having taught at Chesterton since 2019, when she had just qualified as a teacher, we will certainly miss Emily and wish her all the best for the next chapter of her life. I am delighted to share with you that we have appointed Miss Amber Chadwick to teach in Year 1 from September. Miss Chadwick comes to us with over 10 years of teaching experience and the new Beech Class pupils have already met her on Changeover Day.

Finally, I must share some positive news that Miss Norman is expecting her second child, due in the Autumn. We will finalise arrangements to cover Debbie's Maternity Leave in due course, but for now we certainly wish Debbie, James and Tilly all the best as they prepare to become a family of four.

All classes will continue to be supported by a team of very capable and experienced Teaching Assistants and I am pleased to say that all of our current TAs will remain with us in September. We are also fortunate to have Mrs Durham, Mrs Pull and Ms Davies in the office, who will continue to share the not insignificant job of keeping on top of all of our administration tasks!

As always, the Governors, along with Mrs Linfoot (School Business Manager), have worked tirelessly on the budget and associated matters to support the staff and myself in providing a well-maintained and appropriately resourced school, with high quality staff to meet the needs of all our pupils. Their support, and the support of the Chesterton parents during this challenging year, has been greatly appreciated as always.

Yours sincerely, Mr I. Horner (Headteacher)

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<b>EYFS and Key Stage One:</b>		
<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Class Name</b>	<b>Teacher</b>
Reception	Maple Class	Miss H. Spencer
Year 1	Beech Class	Miss A. Chadwick (Mon-Tues) Mrs I. Leonard (Weds-Fri)
Year 2	*Ash Class	Mrs H. Evans (Mon-Tues) Ms. J. Gould (Weds-Fri)
<b>Key Stage Two:</b>		
Year 3	*Chestnut Class	Miss S. Crockett
Year 4	Hawthorn Class	Miss M. Hawtin
Year 5	Rowan Class	Miss N. Barrett
Year 6	Oak Class	Miss S. Baxter

\*Please note that Ash and Chestnut Classes will be swapping locations for 2025-26 (i.e. children in the current Ash Class will not be moving rooms). Your children will have been to the correct classroom on changeover day.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 – 2026

PLEASE NOTE:

<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025</b>  <b>INSET Days: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September &amp; Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>October Half-Term Holiday: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b>
<b>Autumn Term 2</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>  <b>Christmas Holiday: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>

School day timings: 8.45-3.15