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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another academic year, I want to thank you all for your continued support and reflect on what has been a truly exceptional year for Bidston Avenue.

Our **children have achieved the school's best-ever outcomes** in Reading, Writing and Maths Combined at Year 6. Our Year 1 and Year 2 phonics results, alongside Year 4 multiplication scores, are also some of the highest we've recorded – placing us amongst the top-performing schools both locally and beyond. These outcomes are the result of hard work, dedication, and a real team effort between pupils, staff and families.

Outside of the classroom, our trips, clubs and residential have gone from strength to strength. From UK Parliament to Arete, and from Barnstondale to Shanghai, our children have embraced every opportunity to learn, grow and explore. These experiences wouldn't happen without our staff giving their time and care, or without your continued trust in us – we're very grateful for both.

We're also fortunate to be supported by a brilliant wider community. Our **Home School Partnership** has helped bring extra joy to school life through events like discos and the Year 6 leavers' meal and celebration. They'll be re-launching in September and are keen to welcome more members to help shape future events – please do consider getting involved.

We also owe huge thanks to **Graham, Stewart and Angela** from the **Inspired Reading team** (through The Johnson Foundation), who visit weekly to encourage and support our readers; to **Kathleen and Chris from Coram Beanstalk**, whose volunteer reading work is making a real difference; and to **Grandma Janet**, a much-loved regular in Year 1, who cheers our children on and brings a calm, supportive presence to the classroom. These volunteers give time, energy and warmth, and we're so lucky to have them.

A special thank you must also go to our **Governing Body**, who work tirelessly behind the scenes. They give up their time to attend meetings, challenge and support the senior leadership team, and take part in subject reviews. They keep a close eye on key areas such as SEND, safeguarding and school improvement, acting as the eyes and ears of the Trust and playing a vital role in our ongoing success.

April 2025 marked a major milestone in the school's journey as we officially joined The People's Learning Trust (TPLT), the first Premier League-affiliated Multi-Academy Trust in the country. We're incredibly

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proud to be a founding school of the Trust, which aligns closely with our values and ambitions. One immediate benefit has been gaining access to significant capital investment: over £600,000 of building and improvement works are scheduled over the summer, with more than £400,000 unlocked solely because of our new academy status. This is investment not just in the school today, but for generations to come.

Our **Nursery** continues to thrive and is already full for September 2025 – a reflection of the care, quality and nurturing environment that families have come to trust. We are still welcoming names for our waiting list and for future intakes, so do get in touch if you're looking ahead.

As we say farewell to **our brilliant Year 6 pupils**, I want to wish them all the very best as they move on to their next chapter. They leave ready to thrive and they take a little piece of BiddyAve with them. This year, that includes our youngest daughter, Violet, and it's been a real privilege to watch this group grow up... not just as a headteacher, but as a proud dad. Our Year 6 children have given so much to our school, in classrooms, on stage, on the pitch and across the globe. We're going to miss them all.

We also wish **Mrs Jackson** a happy and healthy maternity leave and send our very best to **Mrs O'Loughlin** (Mrs O) as she retires after 25 years of dedicated service to our school and community. Her impact has been lasting, and we thank her for everything.

To all families – whether you're returning in September or moving on – thank you for your continued support and belief in what we're doing. And to our staff team: your passion, kindness and relentless effort makes all of this possible.

I wish you all a safe, restful and joyful summer break and we will see you on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 (New F2 children have designated start dates – see that information for your start).

Yours sincerely,

Mr S.G. Brady

Headteacher (and proud parent)