

BIDSTON AVENUE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see our children return to school after the summer. They have come back full of energy, looking smart, and ready to learn. Transition for our new Reception (F2) and Nursery (F1) classes is now complete, and we are delighted with how quickly the children have settled.

A very special welcome goes to the families who are joining us for the first time. You are now part of the *Biddy Ave family!* We hope you and your children enjoy many happy years here. In the past couple of weeks, we've welcomed around 60 new pupils. This naturally places extra demand on our admin team, so thank you in advance for your patience with office queries. Mr Gibson, our Business Manager, and is supported brilliantly by Mrs Roberts and Mrs Hogan, and they will do their best to help you.

For the first few weeks of term, our focus across school is on **bonding**. Children need to feel secure, wanted, and known by their teacher and classmates. These early relationships matter enormously. Every child belongs here; every child is wanted here and these first days and weeks are about making that message clear and strong.

You may notice some **staff changes** this term:

- Miss Done is our new Year 5 teacher
- Miss Davies and Miss Kilmore are our new teaching assistants in years 1 and 4.

Please do say hello if you see them around school.

If you have any **concerns**, your child's **class teacher is always the first point of contact**. They know your child best and can respond quickly. If you need further support, our leadership team is here to help:

- Mrs Illume – Y5/6 Leader
- Miss Mearns – Y3/4 Leader
- Mrs Birch – Y1/2 Leader
- Mrs Caldicott – Foundation Stage Leader (Nursery & Reception)
- Miss Butterworth – SENCo
- Mrs O'Toole & Miss Brookes – Assistant Headteachers
- Mrs Hackett – Deputy Headteacher, Safeguarding Lead & Pastoral

Class teachers can be spoken to at the door at the end of the day or contacted via the school office email. We encourage you to talk with us: small adjustments often make a big difference for children.

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Please avoid raising school or personal concerns on social media or WhatsApp groups. These are not the right places to resolve issues and can sometimes cause unnecessary upset. Speaking directly with your child's teacher means problems are addressed quickly, supportively and in the right manner.

You should already have received two key documents to support your child this term:

1. A **Year Group Welcome Letter** – with details about PE, homework, and routines.
2. A **Curriculum Plan** – giving an overview of what your child will be learning.

If you haven't had these, both can be found on our updated school website under the **Welcome Letters** and **What is my child learning this term?** sections.

Reading remains at the heart of our work. It is one of the strongest predictors of future success. Please aim to read with your child at least five times a week – **"Strive for 5."**

Mrs Brady will soon be running **Read Write Inc. phonics workshops** for parents... so look out for them! Our Year 1 phonics results have been fabulous, and we want every child leaving Year 1 and 2 to have passed the phonics check.

And a reminder, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are not too old to be listened to. They may not always admit it, but they still need your encouragement to read. It makes a huge difference to their confidence and their future chances.

Finally, I hope you had a good summer with your families. We look forward to working with you this year and we hope to have another successful and happy year at Biddy Ave!

Yours sincerely,

Mr S.G. Brady
Headteacher