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CLASS ARRANGEMENTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

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 2026-2027. We are projected to have 198 pupils next year. 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 2026-2027. Mr Gratwohl, as incoming Headteacher, and Mrs Salter, as Assistant Headteacher, will not have any regular teaching commitments, although they may cover across the school as and when required. Mrs Craig, our SENDCo, will continue her current hours and work for approximately 1.5 days per week.

I am pleased to share that there are no changes to the class teaching staff for September. All classes will continue to be supported by a team of very capable and experienced Teaching Assistants. We said farewell to Mrs Chaplin earlier this term and, at the end of the academic year, Miss Storke will come to the end of her temporary contract and begin her teacher training placement. Miss Storke has worked in a number of classes across the school, in addition to Tree House and leaves with our best wishes for the next stage in her career. We are currently advertising for some additional TA hours for 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, has been greatly appreciated as always.

Yours sincerely,

Mr I. Horner (Headteacher)



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EYFS and Key Stage One:		
Year Group	Class Name	Teacher
Reception	Maple Class	Miss H. Spencer
Year 1	Beech Class	Mrs A. Atkins (formerly Miss Chadwick) (Mon-Tues) Mrs I. Leonard (Weds-Fri)
Year 2	*Ash Class	Miss S. Crockett
Key Stage Two:		
Year 3	*Chestnut Class	Mrs H. Evans (Mon-Tues) Ms. J. Gould (Weds-Fri)
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 back to their traditional locations for 2026-27 (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 2026 – 2027

PLEASE NOTE:

<p><u>Autumn</u> <u>Term 1</u></p>	<p>Tuesday 1st September to Friday 23rd October 2026 INSET Days: Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September 2026 INSET Day: Friday 23rd October 2026 October Half-Term Holiday: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026</p>
<p><u>Autumn</u> <u>Term 2</u></p>	<p>Monday 2th November to Friday 18th December 2026 Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027</p>

School day timings: 8.45-3.15