Wednesday 16th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of what has been another wonderful academic year at Prestolee, I would like to take this opportunity to share some important updates and celebrate the many successes of our school community.

Firstly, we have some staffing changes to share. At the end of this academic year, Mrs Lever will be leaving us to take up a Deputy Headship at another school in Bolton. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and wish her every success in her new role. She has made a significant contribution to our school and will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and families alike.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Lea, who is leaving to spend more time with her young family and to support the family business. We thank her for her dedication and commitment to our children and wish her all the very best for the future.

I am also pleased to share our Teaching staffs class placements for the next academic year:

- **Pre-School** – Miss Ryder
- **Nursery** – Mrs Fairclough
- **Reception** – Miss McLaughlin
- **Year 1** – Miss Brooks
- **Year 2** – Mrs Kirwan
- **Year 3** – Miss Hupton
- **Year 4** – Mrs O'Sullivan-Smith
- **Year 5** – Mrs Hough
- **Year 6** – Miss Lowther

We do not name support staff assigned to each class as we have a fluid approach to ensuring we deploy support staff effectively to meet the needs of our pupils.

To support a smooth transition into the new school year, we are looking forward to a whole-school transition day on Wednesday 1st July 2026. This will be a valuable opportunity for pupils to spend time with their new teacher and begin to feel confident about the year ahead. We are aware that Year 4 will be on a trip on this day, and Mrs Hough will be attending, this provides a wonderful opportunity for her to spend time getting to know her new class.

As the year draws to a close, we also prepare to say farewell to our Year 6 pupils, who will soon be moving on to high school. They have been fantastic role models within our school, and we are incredibly proud of

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all they have achieved. We wish them every success and happiness in the next stage of their journey, they will always remain a part of the Prestolee family.

Looking ahead to next year, we are making a small change to our school uniform. From September, we will no longer require children to wear shirts and ties. Instead, from Pre-School through to Year 6, all children should wear white polo tops under their school jumpers or cardigans. Further details can be found in the updated school uniform policy and specification, available via the link on our school website. Please follow the link below:

https://www.prestolee.bolton.sch.uk/Parents/Uniform/

From September, we are excited to be introducing several new systems at Prestolee to improve communication, streamline processes, and enhance your child's experience in school.

Firstly, we will be launching a new clubs feature on ParentPay. This will allow you to book and manage all clubs in one place, including before and after school provision as well as extra-curricular activities such as Kickstart, art, and games club. Further details and guidance on how to use this feature will be shared in due course.

We are also introducing Boom Reader, a fantastic digital reading platform which will replace traditional reading diaries. This will enable you to easily track your child's reading at home and in school. More information about how this works will be sent out soon.

Finally, we will be launching Trackit Lights, a new system which allows parents to view key information such as behaviour and attendance through a phone app. This will provide greater insight into your child's school day. Further details will follow soon. We look forward to sharing more information with you about all of these systems and supporting you through their introduction.

School will close for the summer break on Friday 17th July at 2:00pm. Between now and then, we have a busy and exciting few weeks planned for our pupils, including educational trips, music showcases, and sports days, as well as the much-anticipated Year 6 leavers' assembly and celebration party.

We are very much looking forward to enjoying these final weeks together celebrating a fantastic year at Prestolee while continuing to support our children in their learning and development.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Keane
Headteacher