



Blandford St. Mary
CE Primary School

'Let all that you do be done in love'
'Love, Hope, Respect, Perseverance, Responsibility'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone has had a good Christmas and managed to find some time to relax during the holiday period. It has been lovely to welcome all the children back to school and I have been impressed with how quickly the children have got back into their school routines.

We are delighted to welcome a new Teaching Assistant, Mrs Tracy Harris, to our school team. Mrs Harris will be working in our Reception class, and we are thrilled to have her expertise and experience join our early years provision. She is a valuable addition to our staffing team and will make a positive difference to our youngest learners.

In other staffing news, Mrs Jerrard has requested a reduction in her working hours for family reasons. We fully support this decision, and are pleased that she will continue working with us all day on Fridays in Year 3 and will continue carrying out her important ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) duties.

We are also very proud to share that Miss Lucy Carter successfully completed her ELSA training in the autumn term and is now a fully qualified ELSA. Miss Carter strengthens our pastoral support offer across the school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to gently remind everyone that our Friends of School AGM is taking place this Thursday 8th January at 3:30 pm. If you are able to attend, please do consider coming along. The FoS require a minimum number of members to be present for the meeting to go ahead, which enables them to continue their fantastic work supporting our school community. Once FoS dates for their Spring term events have been confirmed, we will share our full calendar of diary dates with you via email.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.
Wishing you all a wonderful start to 2026.

Kindest regards

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