

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the half term draws to a close, I wanted to share some staffing updates with you.

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Allen. Tina has been an essential part of the Nursery team at Earls Colne for the past 12 years and has given children a fantastic start to their educational journey. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Tina for all of her hard work, dedication and care that she has given and wish her all the best as she moves on to pastures new. She will be greatly missed by children and adults alike.

As one chapter ends another one begins and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Parsons back to Earls Colne. She worked in our Nursery for a number of years before leaving but she missed us so much that she has decided to come back. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience to the team and we look forward to her return.

We will also soon be saying a temporary goodbye to Mrs Yallop, one of our incredible Giraffe teachers, who will be beginning her maternity leave soon. Ellie is planning on spending the first week of next half term with us (so long as Baby Yallop doesn't decide to make an early appearance)! We would like to wish Ellie, her husband David and the rest of the family all the best as they prepare to welcome their new bundle of joy to their family. All of us at Earls Colne are sending our love and best wishes to them all during this special time and are looking forward to hearing all about- and meeting- the new arrival!

Taking over from Ellie will be Miss Carrington. Zoe has spent the last two weeks in school working alongside Mrs Yallop, Mrs Parish and Mrs Wood in Giraffes, working with all of the children in the class and getting used to life here at Earls Colne. Many of you will have already seen Miss Carrington on the playground with Giraffes at the end of the school day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and understanding as we make these changes. We have a wonderful team at Earls Colne and we know everyone will make Wendy and Zoe feel at home and that they will be fantastic additions to it.

We hope that everyone enjoys a relaxing break next week and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 3rd November.

Warmest wishes

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