

December 2025

Dear Families,

As we approach the Christmas break, I hope you are all able to enjoy the festive preparations without too much rushing around!

This year's Christmas performances have been truly wonderful, and I am very much looking forward to attending the final show tomorrow morning. These productions take an enormous amount of work, and I cannot thank our staff enough for inspiring such enthusiasm and creativity in the children.

Speaking of dedication, I must highlight the remarkable challenge our staff undertook in October. It is no small feat to climb Snowdon, and to do so in order to raise £10,000 for new school computers is extraordinary. Their determination and teamwork were inspiring. Well done, Team BFS!

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Webb following her maternity leave, and we extend thanks to Miss Kings, our student teacher in Green Class, whose contribution this term has been invaluable.

Our PFTA also deserves special recognition. Their tireless fundraising provides vital support for the school, especially given the limited government funding per child. Every contribution helps us offer additional facilities, activities, and resources. Please do continue to support their efforts. They make a real difference.

This term has also brought changes within our Governing Body. Becky Jones and Jo Taylor have completed their four-year terms as Parent Governors, and I am very grateful for their commitment and support. I am so pleased that Jo has agreed to continue as an Associate Governor. We welcome our new Parent Governors, Sam Smith and Eve Brown, as well as Associate Governors Natalie Roberts and Danielle King. I look forward to working closely with them in the years ahead. We also say goodbye to Paul Lewis, who has served as both Parent and Associate Governor for seven years. He will be greatly missed.

Governors have met several times this term and carried out visits linked to their areas of responsibility. We also spent a valuable morning reviewing literacy and numeracy across the school, including nursery. These open mornings are essential, giving us the opportunity to see the school in action, engage with the children, and celebrate their work.

The children themselves have enjoyed enriching experiences this term, including a visit to the British Museum for Year 4, a classical performance at Birmingham Town Hall (due tomorrow), and woodland walks. Next term promises more exciting opportunities, beginning with the *Let's Perform* event, where the children will plan and present their own performances for one another.

Finally, on behalf of the Governing Body, I wish you all a joyful Christmas and a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in the spring term.

With very best wishes,
Isabel Welch
Chair of Governors

