



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **School Update for September 2025/2026**

I can't believe that we are heading towards the end of the academic year already! Since I joined the team at Easter, it has been an incredibly busy time as we have been planning and sorting everything for the end of this year, making sure that going into next year we will be ready to improve what we can offer for your children. With this in mind, we have a few things to share with you about next year.

#### **Staff Leavers and Starters**

We will be losing Mrs Brown as she is finishing her maternity cover contract at the end of July. She will be moving with her family to continue her teaching career in Cambridgeshire. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs French, who is taking up a Senior Teaching role in one of our partner schools within Synergy. Finally, as you already know, Mrs Bourner will be leaving us to take up a Headship at three local schools. I am sure you will agree that these teachers have all been an asset to our school, and we wish them well in their new roles.

Returning to Antingham & Southrepps in September is Ms Gowland – aka Mrs Dilley. Ms Gowland is taking up the role of Executive Deputy Headteacher across our school and our partner schools. I know she is excited to return, and she is passionate about this school and the families here.

Also returning from Maternity leave (in October) is Miss Fox, who will be working a two day week so that she can also care for her young son. Job sharing with Miss Fox will be Miss Crossley, who is joining us in September. Miss Crossley will be with us for a few transition days, so hopefully you will have the chance to meet her soon. When she has been to our school, she has been well liked by the children and our team alike, so we know she will fit in well.

#### **Classes and Staffing Structure**

In order to maximise the learning and the opportunities for all of our children next year, we will have the following class structure:

Class 1 (yet to be named by the children on transition day)

This class will include our Nursery, YrR, Yr1 and Yr2 children. The class will be led by Miss Crossley and Miss Fox, and will be fully supported by Mrs Matthews and Miss Gillespie, which will mean that the learning can be effectively split between EYFS and KS1 when appropriate, whilst still allowing for some elements of whole class teaching. This class will be based in our Annexe, as this area has been expertly designed and incredibly well resourced for children to maximise their learning.

Class 2 (also yet to be named by the children on transition day)

This class will be led by Mrs Davenport, supported by Mrs Smith, Mrs Land and Mrs Whitlam. They will be based in Mrs Davenport's current classroom and also using the classroom space next door to ensure that we are maximising the children's learning at their own level.

### **School Uniforms**

In order to make our school even smarter, we are making changes to the PE uniform and to the Yr6 uniform for next year. Please note that if you already have your uniform for next year, this will also still be fine to wear until you need to re-buy.

New PE T-shirts and sweatshirts will be dark green, with 'ASR Sport' written in white on the front left chest area, and with 'Mind, Move, Motivate' written on the back. These three words were selected by some of our children to represent what PE means to them. Children will be expected to wear plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit trousers with the T-shirt or sweatshirt. Alternatively, plain dark green T-shirts and sweatshirts are also fine. Children will need to wear PE uniforms for the full day on the days they are doing PE.

Our Yr6 children will also have their own uniform colour from September. They will have black sweatshirts with our logo (or plain if preferred) and black PE T-shirts and sweatshirts, logo'd as above.

We have removed hoodies from sale next year, and we ask that you replace any hoodies you may already have with sweatshirts as soon as your child grows out of them please.

All our logo'd uniforms are available still at Swallowtail and plain polos shirts, sweatshirts and t-shirts are all available at most supermarkets.

### **School start time**

As from September we will be opening our gates slightly later at 8.40am, and we will bring the children inside at 8.45am.

### **Breakfast club**

We will continue to provide a breakfast club starting at 7.30am that you can book into. However, in order to make this financially viable we will need to charge you £4.50 per child for each session. This will be booked on Arbor and must be paid for in advance please. We are hoping to increase our capacity to facilitate more children for this too.

### **Coffee with Catherine**

Finally, I am very conscious that I have not had a chance yet to meet with you and listen to your views about what we can do to improve our school. I would like to invite you to join me for a coffee or tea and an informal chat on Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> from 2.30pm onwards, so that I can get a better understanding of what you would like from your children's school moving forwards. Everyone is welcome!

I am looking forward to getting to know you all better, so that we can work together to keep improving our school for your children.

Best wishes,

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