



29th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all as the Class Teacher of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 at St Margaret's. I have been based up at St Margarets for around 8 years now, and it really is like a little family. We can't wait to welcome new faces into our small, yet tight knit school community, where every child is known and pushed to their full potential. We understand that starting school or moving to a new year group is a big milestone, but the staff at St Margarets will ensure that your child feels settled, safe and valued during their time in our care.

Throughout my time at St Margaret's, we have always had mixed-aged classes. These have been beneficial for children's socialisation and academic needs. They also create a caring and supportive environment where each child thrives through the support of targeted teaching, peer support and collaborative learning opportunities in a nurturing environment. One of the greatest strengths of a mixed-age class is the relationships that develop. Younger children are inspired by the confidence and independence of the older pupils, while the older children naturally become role models, helpers and leaders. It is always lovely to see children encouraging one another and celebrating each other's achievements. I am excited to be overlooking and responsible for the teaching of Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. This class will consist of approximately 15 children across the three-year group, supported by a HLTA and TA support. We are extremely lucky that we have the space that we do within the school and we can use two classrooms, as well as the outdoor space to teach children dependent on ability and year group. Reception children will have their own dedicated Early Years environment where they can learn through play, exploration and discovery to meet the Early Learning Goals.

For our Year 1 and 2 Children, core subjects, such as phonics, maths and RE, will be split into groups. We have found this to be successful in previous years. This ensures that each child is exposed to focused teaching that builds upon the National Curriculum and has the personalised teaching element that a small school can offer.

Although the children will often be learning in their own year groups for core subjects, there will be so many opportunities for us to come together throughout the day. We'll share stories, worship, practical activities, creative projects, investigations and celebrations of learning, helping us build a wonderful class community where everyone feels valued and included.



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As I have previously taught combined Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes, please be assured that each child will be learning and following the curriculum for their year group. Our topics will be focused around the Key Stage 1 National Curriculum, with clear differentiation for the children in Reception to access at their own level, through a mix of play and direct teaching. There will be lots of opportunities for adaptation and personalisation based on needs and abilities, enabling staff to give the right level of support, encourage independence and celebrate successes.

I genuinely cannot wait to begin our journey together. I know we are going to have a fantastic year filled with curiosity, creativity, laughter and lots of memorable learning experiences.

Enjoy a wonderful summer, and I look forward to welcoming you and your child in September!

Best wishes,

Miss Bamford



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