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Dear parents and carers

Celebrating our successes and looking ahead: School Development

As we reach the end of the first half term, I would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of our successes from last year and provide a flavour of our intentions for the year ahead.

Celebrating 2025 – 2026

Our School Development Plan for 2025 -2026 was built around developing our mathematics, reading and writing skills, strengthening our Christian vision and the development of our governors. We have much to celebrate!

Our Key Stage 2 SATs results for 2026 were particularly pleasing:

- 74% of pupils achieved the expected standard of reading, writing and mathematics combined, an increase of 6% compared to 2025 and above the national figure of 63%.
- 82% achieved the expected standard in mathematics, an increase of 9% compared to 2025 and well above the national figure of 73%, with an impressive 37% achieving the higher standard, compared to 27% nationally.
- 87% achieved the expected standard in writing and 81% in reading, both comfortably above average.

These results are testament to the amazing efforts of not only our children but also our staff and their supportive families. In addition, we have been able to further enhance our approaches to teaching mathematics, develop our whole book reading approach and continue to extend our writing curriculum.

Our SIAMS inspection in February was also a highlight. It was lovely to hear that Bishop Wood is "living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish." The report highlighted our inclusive culture, the relationships within school, the collective worship and the kindness and care that we show across our school community. The full report is available on our website.

Our priorities for 2026 – 2027

Whilst it is lovely to reflect on our successes, we are always looking to move forward and so this year, our School Development Plan has three key priorities:

1. Ensuring disadvantaged pupils thrive – Ensuring that all our children, regardless of circumstance, are given the teaching, support and opportunities to ensure they can achieve their very best.

2. Strengthening inclusion and SEND provision – Developing our approach to inclusion to ensure that those with additional needs are able to access the curriculum and achieve their full potential, increasing their confidence, skills and independence.

3. Supporting staff wellbeing and positive school culture – Enhancing communication, consistency and professional support to ensure that our staff can provide the very best for the children, both in terms of learning experiences and school culture.

More detailed information on these priority areas can be found here. Whilst these are our main priorities for the year, work continues across all other aspects of school life, including ongoing school improvement, safeguarding and ensuring the highest standards of education and care for every child.

Keeping our plans on track

Our 2026 – 2027 School Development Plan was scrutinised and approved by governors this week. We will continue to review our progress, evaluate the impact of our work and amend where needed at various points during the year by governors and school leaders, with governors and school leaders keeping parents informed of our progress.

I am incredibly proud of our school community and grateful for your continued support. Our aim is to enable our children to be the best that they can be, living life in all its fullness and I look forward to another successful year.

Yours sincerely



Mr Stanley
Headteacher