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Christ is the centre of our school community where we live, love and learn together.

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear family,

Staffing changes in 2026

I hope you are all well and preparing together for a happy and holy Christmas.

A New Year always brings great optimism, and sometimes challenges; working in a great school is no different. We have some staffing changes coming our way in 2026.

Year 6

You will be aware that **Mr Myles Jordan** is leaving us at Christmas to take up an Assistant Principal post. Ms Barham has been appointed and is very excited to return to St Thomas More as a Year 6 teacher, having been a pupil here. It is always wonderful to see our past pupils return to us.

Reception

Mrs Dawn McDougall is retiring at Christmas after a career serving the children of Birmingham, with the last 11 years here. Dawn has always gone the extra mile for St Thomas More, covering classes and supporting all areas of learning across the school. We wish her health, happiness, and many years of blissful and serene retirement. Mrs Onouha has been appointed to replace Mrs McDougall and will begin as soon as possible in the New Year.

I am torn to inform you that **Mrs Deborah Sullivan** will be leaving us at Easter. I am incredibly proud to say Mrs Sullivan has been appointed as Headteacher at Stanville School. Mrs Sullivan has given her all over the last 4 years as Assistant Principal and 5 years previously as EYFS lead, she has deservedly been chosen to make our neighbouring school even better. A replacement for Mrs Sullivan will be sought early in the new year, and I will write to you on its conclusion. As Assistant Principal and EYFS Lead, Mrs Sullivan has positively impacted St Thomas More in many areas, none more so than by delivering the highest EYFS results across our Multi Academy Trust.

Kitchen

Although technically not our employee, it would be remiss of me not to mention **Mrs Tracey Kinsella**, who is also leaving us at Christmas. Tracey has worked with us for 4 years now and always makes the dinner experience enjoyable. She will be replaced by Ms Christoforou, who is currently a dinner supervisor here, so she will know the children well. A replacement dinner supervisor will be sought in the new year. If interested, the advert will go live on our website after Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Principal