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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another school year, we want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements and special moments we've shared as a school community. We hope that you have had time to read our inspection report from our recent Ofsted visit at the Infants! If not, you can find it on our website.

It's that time of year when we offer our heartfelt congratulations to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. You have served your time at The Walsh Schools with pride, resilience, and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of all you have achieved and the young people you have become. You have left us with so many great memories which we know you'll take with you too. As you move on to secondary school, we wish you every success and happiness in this exciting new chapter! Additionally our Year 2 graduation assembly was a real success and thank you to those that attended.

To any pupils and families who are leaving us this year, we send our very best wishes. Thank you for being part of our school community – you will always be part of the Walsh family, and you will always be welcome here.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Your encouragement, involvement, and positivity make such a difference. A special thank you to everyone who joined us for Sports Day and the Summer Fair – your presence and enthusiasm helped make these events truly memorable. Thank you also to those of you that have supported Café W this year, it will continue to run next year too...there may even be an upgrade coming to the coffee we serve!

Our heartfelt thanks also go to the PTFA for their tireless efforts in organising and supporting so many popular events throughout the year. These occasions bring joy to our children and help strengthen our school community. We encourage any parents who might be able to spare a little time to get involved – your help really does make a difference.

As we say goodbye to the school year, we also say a fond farewell to some valued members of staff. Thank you to **Mrs Seaman** for her dedication and care as Nightingale class teacher – she will be greatly missed. We also say goodbye to **Miss Cox**, who has worked across various year groups with energy and commitment – thank you for everything. And we wish **Miss Wells** all the very best as she begins her maternity leave – we look forward to hearing your happy news! A special thank you goes to **Mrs Reigate**, one of our cleaners. She has been with us since 1994 and retires this summer. What a wonderful



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commitment to our schools! We wish her a very happy and well-earned rest!! We also wish Mrs Rehman, one of our lunchtime supervisors, all the best for the future too.

**A clarification on foundation subject attainment grading in end of year reports:**

We have recently revised our approach to assessing children in foundation subjects, aligning with the guidance provided by The Good Shepherd Trust. You will have seen that we will report pupil progress in foundation subjects using the following standards:

Working Towards the Expected Standard (WTS) - 1 star

Working at the Expected Standard (EXS) - 2 stars

Please note that we are no longer using the Working Above the Expected Standard (GDS) classification for foundation subjects. However, we will continue to assess and report using GDS in Reading, Writing and Maths, whilst ensuring that our pupils receive comprehensive feedback in all areas.

On a personal note: as you may be aware my eldest son Henry started Reception last September. As a parent I cannot believe how quickly this year has gone and cannot believe he's about to start Year 1! As I see him grow up, I try to do my best to capture the moments that may be his last at this age. Sometimes I find myself wishing the days and weeks away, but I need to remind myself to be as involved as I possibly can be. He's now tall enough for some of the more hair-raising rides at Paultons Park so we're looking forward to exploring that this summer!

Finally, we wish you all a safe, restful, and joyful summer holiday. Thank you for being part of our school community – we look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year of learning and growth.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P Bailey  
Headteacher