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Dear Mells families,

Welcome Back – September 2026

I hope you and your families have enjoyed a wonderful summer break filled with opportunities to relax, recharge and create special memories together. As the holidays draw to a close, I hope everyone is feeling refreshed, energised and ready for the exciting year ahead.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say how delighted I am to be joining the communities of Beckington and Mells as your new Headteacher. Having now successfully relocated to Somerset, I have already begun to embrace the county's wonderful pace of life and warm sense of community. Everyone I have met so far has made me feel very welcome, and I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know the area.

Most importantly, I am enormously excited about the opportunity to work with the children across both schools. I am passionate about ensuring that every child receives an exceptional educational experience, one that inspires curiosity, nurtures confidence and enables them to achieve their very best. I have no doubt that the children of Mells will continue to thrive, and I am looking forward to spending time with them, celebrating their successes and supporting them on every step of their learning journey.

As you would expect with any change in leadership, there will be some refinements over the coming months. These will be carefully considered and designed to strengthen the excellent work already taking place across our schools. I will communicate with you about any specific changes and welcome your support as we move forward together.

The entire staff team is excited to welcome the children back on Monday and is busy preparing for a fantastic start to the new term. We look forward to greeting everyone at the usual time of **8:40am**. Until then, enjoy the last few days of the summer break.

Yours sincerely,

Rory McGrath
Headteacher