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Dear Parents,

As you may have seen in today's weekly [Headteacher blog](#) to families that Mr. Averis has announced he will be leaving St. John's at the end of the school year. It with sadness that on behalf of the Governors of St John's Primary School and Nursery that I received his resignation before the Christmas holiday, letting me know that he will leave his post as Headteacher of our school at the end of the summer term 2026.

Mr Averis has been the Headteacher of St John's Primary School (and more recently the nursery) for over eleven years. During this time, he has worked very hard with governors, staff and the community to ensure that the children who come to our school are in an environment which is safe, happy and that enables them to learn well.

I am very grateful that Mr Averis has given us a longer than required period of notice. This has enabled the governors to begin the recruitment process with the aim of having a new Headteacher in post for September 2026.

We are pleased to reassure you that the school will continue to operate as usual during Mr Averis's notice period. During the summer term the governors look forward to letting you know who will be the new Head of St Johns Primary School and Nursery.

Yours sincerely,

Patience Atkinson-Gregory
Chair of Governors

