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A message from Mr Westlake

Well, the first term of my headship here at Kingswood has come to an end! Thank you to all our parents and carers for the incredibly warm welcome you have given me since September. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our children, families and wider school community.

One thing that has particularly impressed me is the genuine community spirit at Kingswood. I am keen to continue building on this alongside you all. The excellent work of our PTA, Friends of Kingswood, is a wonderful example, and I am grateful to everyone who gives their time to support our school.

This term, we have worked hard to improve our school environment and establish high expectations. Our focus continues to be improving outcomes for every child, including those who are disadvantaged or need additional support. Every child deserves the opportunity to succeed, regardless of their starting point.

We have welcomed visitors from the Local Authority and Department for Education, as well as prospective families at our well-attended Reception open days. It has been encouraging to hear their positive comments about the calm, purposeful atmosphere and our children's conduct. I am fully committed to taking Kingswood from good to great, and I know we can achieve this together.

We will shortly announce two new clubs starting after half term, as part of my commitment to broadening opportunities for pupils. Pupil voice is also developing, with our pupil groups already making positive changes and demonstrating our school and British values.

Attendance has remained broadly in line with national averages, but we must continue to work together to improve it. Please ensure children attend school whenever possible and, where practical, arrange medical appointments outside school hours or avoid the start of the school day. This helps children avoid missing important learning in their core subjects. I would really appreciate your support.

Next term is already looking busy and exciting! We will be inviting parents and carers to Christmas events and assemblies, so please look out for further information after half term.

On a personal note, thank you again for making me feel so welcome. I am proud to be Head of School and will continue to do my very best to ensure every child at Kingswood is supported to succeed in the way that is right for them.

I wish you all a wonderful and restful half-term break.

We look forward to seeing you back on 2 November 2026 at 8:30 am.

Best regards,
Andrew Westlake
Head of School

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