

Monday 8th September 2025

Dear Families,

It has been a joy to welcome everyone back to school this week, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks for the incredibly warm support I've received in my role as Headteacher across the three schools in our South Hams Hub. It's been a wonderful start to the term, filled with smiles, excitement, and a real sense of community.

Over the past few days, I've had the pleasure of spending time across all three schools — spending time with the children, meeting families and getting to know Thurlestone and West Alvington routines. Whilst at Thurlestone, it has been lovely to meet the children and joining them in their lessons. They have already made a great start to their learning.

It has been a pleasure to welcome our new learners to school. Our reception children have settled well and even managed to join us for our first whole school worship. It has been great seeing friends reconnect and new friendships begin to blossom. The energy around the school has been fantastic, and it's clear that our school vision — *Together we shine like stars reflected in the sea* - is already being seen in everything we do.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff team for their tireless work in preparing for the new school year. Their commitment and care have helped create a calm, purposeful, and nurturing environment for all our children.

I'll be writing to you soon with dates and details for upcoming events and visits, parent events, and key dates for the year ahead. We'll also be sharing curriculum booklets for each class — we truly value your support as we share your child's learning journey together.

We're looking forward to a year full of learning, laughter, and growth — and we're so glad to be sharing it with you.

Warm regards,

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