Mundesley Infant and Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: MIJS Transitions 2026

I am pleased to write to you with details of our class structures for the next academic year, along with more details about our transition morning. The structure for Mundesley Infant and Junior Schools will be as follows:

Year Group Structure	Class Name	Teacher(s)	Support Staff
Reception	Puffin Class	Miss Edwards	Miss Cutting Miss Wright
Year 1	Seal Class	Miss Allison	Mrs Cornhill
Year 2	Turtle Class	Miss Hooker Mrs Pettifer-Saunders Mrs Famer-Wright (Mat. Leave)	Mrs Isbell Mrs Temple / Miss Fernandes
Year 3/4	Hare Class	Mr Loftus	Miss Sambrook
Year 4/5	Porpoise Class	Miss Gray Mrs Kelly	Mrs Page
Year 5/6	Bittern Class	Miss Hedge	Mrs Carlton-Paterson

Split Classes

As you can see from the table above, pupils at our Junior School will be taught in mixed-age classes next year. This is a well-established and successful approach used in many primary schools and one which brings many positive opportunities for children, including developing confidence, independence and supportive friendships across year groups. This is not unusual for MIJS, and children in our current Falcon and Porpoise Classes have experienced this style of learning successfully throughout this academic year.

Our staff know the children well and have carefully organised classes to create balanced learning environments where every child can thrive both academically and socially. Please be reassured that friendship groups have been carefully considered and, whilst it is not possible for every child to be placed with all of their friends, all children will be with close peers within their new class. In addition, pupils will continue to sit within their year groups at lunchtime ensuring opportunities to maintain and strengthen friendships across classes.

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and to the many benefits these mixed classes will bring for our children and wider school community.

If your child will be in one of our mixed-age classes next year, you will receive a text message confirming their class allocation

Warm Welcomes

We are delighted to welcome both Mr Loftus and Miss Hooker, who will be joining us from primary schools within our Federation and who we are confident the children will enjoy learning with. I am sure that they will be a fantastic addition to our school community.

Farewells and Best Wishes

As we near the end of the academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks and best wishes to several valued members of staff who will be moving on to new opportunities.

Miss Neil, our Year 3 teacher, and Mrs Ward our Year 4/5 Teacher will both be leaving us at the end of this term to take up new teaching roles at other schools and we also say a fond farewell to Miss Brown who leaves us to join Bacton Primary School and so remains within the AIM Federation family. We would like to thank them all for their dedication and commitment to Mundesley Infant and Junior Schools and wish them all the best for the future.

Transition Time

Our transition event will take place on **Wednesday 24th June**. Pupils will be dropped off at their new classroom and will spend the morning with their new class teams. Pupils will eat lunch and have playtime in their new school before returning to their current classrooms for a normal end of day collection.

This provides a valuable opportunity for the children to spend time in their new classroom, meet their teacher, support staff, and classmates, and begin to settle into their new learning environment. We hope this experience will help ease any worries and will allow the children to feel more confident and familiar with the people and surroundings they will be joining in September.

Please ensure your child is dropped off at their new classroom locations on Transition Day.

26/27 Yr Group	Class Name	Drop Off Location
Year 1	Seal Class	MIS Playground Ramp
Year 2	Turtle Class	MIS Playground Ramp
Year 3/4	Hare Class	MJS Front Entrance
Year 4/5	Porpoise Class	MJS Front Entrance
Year 5/6	Bittern Class	MJS Front Entrance

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for making my first year with you all such a positive one.

Claire Pateman

Head of Schools MIJS