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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to the New School Year!

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you and your children back for the start of the 2025–2026 academic year.

Firstly, I would like to offer our warmest congratulations to Miss Hall and Andy on the arrival of baby Aurelia Lenton, born on the evening of 18th July, wonderful news to end the school year on!

A special welcome goes to the new families joining our school community, we are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you in the weeks ahead. We also extend a warm welcome to the new staff members joining our team:

- **Mrs Richards** will be supporting the Swans as a Teaching Assistant.
- **Mrs Paterson** will be joining us on Thursday afternoons as our ELSA, while Miss Hall is on maternity leave.

The start of a new school year is always an exciting time, full of fresh opportunities for learning, growth, and discovery. Our dedicated team of teachers and support staff have been working hard to prepare classrooms and plan engaging lessons that will challenge, support, and inspire the children. Yesterday, we began the term with a staff day covering statutory updates. All teaching staff also completed their Level 2 Good Autism Practice training, led by the Autism Education Trust.

This year, we will continue to ensure that our curriculum remains inspiring and ambitious, with a particular focus on reviewing our PE, Computing, and RE provision. We are aiming to mirror the fantastic statutory assessment outcomes we achieved last year.

We will also begin important work on environmental sustainability as we move toward becoming a carbon-neutral school. As part of our Climate Action Plan, each child and staff member will receive a reusable and recyclable pencil case.

In terms of safety and security, you may have noticed that the front door has been replaced, this is part of a wider upgrade to our security systems. A new system, linking all entry points, will be installed over the coming weeks. In line with updated national guidance, we will also be reviewing and implementing lockdown procedures to ensure our site meets current safety expectations.

At the heart of Southrop is our strong sense of community, mutual respect, and high expectations for all and we remain committed to nurturing these values in everything we do. We continue to value open communication and strong partnerships with families. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

We are all looking forward to a happy and successful term ahead and, most importantly, seeing the children return to school full of energy, curiosity, and readiness to learn. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Davies
Headteacher