



# St. Clement's & St. John's CE Infant School

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Dear St Clement's Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to see all the children back at school today after the summer holidays. They have settled in really well, displaying such politeness and care for each other. We are also thrilled to welcome our new Reception children who visited today! We hope you enjoyed your first day with us.



For those who don't know me, I am Mr. Woodward, the new Headteacher of St Clement's and St John's CE Infant School and Bethany CE Junior School. Prior to this role, I served as Headteacher at Bethany for the past seven years and was a Year 1 and Year 2 teacher at St Clement's before that. In total, I have been a part of the St Clement's and Bethany community for 17 years, and I have cherished every moment.

Many have asked how I plan to divide my time between the two schools, which is a great question! I intend to split my day evenly between St Clement's and Bethany, ensuring that I am present at both schools daily. Of course, there will be exceptions for meetings and training sessions.

While I am not at a school, I am confident in the incredible team supporting our children, staff, and parents/carers. Here are some key members of our team:

- **Miss Rutherford and Mr. Bielby:** Highly experienced Deputy Headteachers who will also split their time between the two schools.
- **Mrs. Shrimpton:** Assistant Headteacher based solely at St Clement's.
- **Mrs. Sturgeon and Mrs. Wilson:** Inclusion Leads and SENDCO across both schools.
- **Mrs. Torrens:** Working on the Spirituality and Ethos of both schools to build on our 'Excellent' church school inspections.
- **Ms. Shenton and Mrs. Rendell:** Parent Support Worker and ELSA for St Clement's.
- And, of course, all our amazing teachers, teaching assistants, office staff, midday supervisors, and site managers.

I will be regularly at the gate at the start and end of the school day, and we are all available should you need us.

Yours Sincerely

Lawrence Woodward

Headteacher

St Clement's and St John's CE Infant School

Bethany CE Junior School