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Dear Thakeham families,

I am writing to share an exciting development for our school. Following discussions with our Governing Body, we are delighted to announce that Thakeham Primary School is entering into a formal partnership agreement with St Mary's C.E Primary School, Washington effective from 1st September 2026.

This partnership marks a promising new chapter for our school community. In the face of changing educational landscapes, coming together allows both schools to remain financially resilient and structurally strong, ensuring we can continue delivering high-quality education locally. By working closely together, both schools will be able to share resources, enhance the curriculum, and provide greater opportunities and professional development for our staff and pupils. Importantly, both Thakeham Primary School and St Mary's C.E Primary School, Washington will retain their individual names, unique identities, and governing bodies, while enjoying the benefits of close collaboration.

As part of this agreement, we are also restructuring our leadership. We will be welcoming Mrs Houston (current Headteacher at St Mary's C.E Primary School, Washington) as our new Executive Headteacher. Mrs Houston will provide strategic leadership across both schools, splitting her week equally between both sites and spending half her time physically here at Thakeham. She will work closely with the senior leadership team here at Thakeham Primary School to ensure day-to-day school life, routines, and classrooms continue to run smoothly and consistently for your children.

We will be holding a Parent Drop-in Session on Thursday 9th July at 3:30pm in the school hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet members of our Governing Body, Mrs Houston and the Thakeham senior leadership team to ask questions and learn more about what this exciting partnership means for your child's education.

If you are unable to make this date you are also warmly invited to email your questions to office@thakehamps.co.uk by Monday 6th July 2026 and we will respond accordingly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,
Tom Gray

Chair of Governors (On behalf of the Thakeham Governing Board)

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