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A Heartfelt Goodbye

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm writing to share some news that is both exciting and emotional for me. At the end of this academic year, I will be leaving my post as Headteacher at Holy Cross as I have accepted a new Headteacher position at another school.

This has been an incredibly difficult decision to make. Holy Cross is so much more than a place of work — it has been my second home, and a big part of my life. I feel deeply privileged to have been part of this school's journey. Over the past five years, together we have built not just a school, but a community rooted in faith, love, and mutual respect. It has been an honour to walk alongside your children and a joy to celebrate their achievements, support them through challenges, and see their unique personalities shine. What makes Holy Cross truly special is the strength of its community — the way staff, pupils, and families care for one another, guided by values that go beyond the classroom. I have seen kindness in action, faith lived out daily, and a deep love that connects us all. These are the memories I will treasure forever. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for the trust you've placed in me, for your support, and for the many warm conversations, prayers, kind words, and shared smiles along the way.

I am extremely proud of everything we have accomplished together — from the steps we've taken to improve learning and wellbeing, to the culture of care and high expectations we've built. While I'm looking forward to the new challenge ahead, I will always carry memories of Holy Cross with me.



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I have been working closely with the governors to ensure a smooth transition to the next headteacher, who will continue to nurture the values we hold dear. The Governing Body will write to parents with more information about the changes in leadership, this coming week.

With heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes,

C. Gillespie

Mrs C Gillespie

Headteacher