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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share some exciting news with you regarding the future of our schools.

Following extensive planning and consultation, I am pleased to announce that **Pear Tree Infant School and Walbrook Nursery School will merge to become one school, Pear Tree Infant and Nursery School, from 4th November 2026.**

This marks a significant and exciting milestone for our school community. Our new, purpose-built school on **Princes Street** will provide a state-of-the-art learning environment, housing both a nursery and a three-form entry infant school under one roof.

This development brings many benefits for our families. Children will be able to begin their educational journey with us from the age of two and continue through to the end of Year 2, providing continuity, stability, and a strong sense of belonging throughout their early years.

In addition, the current Pear Tree Infant School site will be demolished and transformed into a sports field for the benefit of children attending the nursery, infant and junior schools, creating enhanced opportunities for outdoor learning, physical education and community activities. We will provide a further update for parents and carers once the DfE have confirmed a date for the completion of the playing field

As Headteacher, I would also like to inform you that the school is due to close for four days to allow staff sufficient time to pack, relocate, prepare the new building and receive essential site induction on the new school systems, ahead of opening for our children. The closure dates are scheduled to be:

- **Thursday 22nd October 2026**
- **Friday 23rd October 2026**
- **Monday 2nd November 2026**
- **Tuesday 3rd November 2026**

We are incredibly excited that on **Wednesday 4th November 2026** we are due to open our new school building and begin welcoming both nursery and infant children to their new learning environment.



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We are working closely with the construction team, the DfE and the Local Authority, and these dates are still subject to the continued successful progress of works on site. As with any large-scale building project, unexpected issues may arise that could affect the timeline, but we are hopeful and we are not aware of any issue as this point.

For this reason, please be aware of the following:

- If there is any delay in the handover or completion of the new building, the school may not legally be able to close on the dates above.
- In that situation, school would open as usual and the planned closure dates would need to be rescheduled.
- If the school is open on the above dates, any pupil absence on these days would need to be recorded as unauthorised, as pupils would be expected to attend school as normal.
- Therefore, please do not book holidays, travel, or appointments on these dates, in case we are required to open instead of close.

We appreciate that this requires families to hold these dates cautiously, and we want to thank you in advance for your flexibility and understanding.

As we approach the move, I will provide further communications and updates to ensure that the transition is managed smoothly and with careful consideration for all children, parents, carers and staff. Our priority is to ensure that everyone feels informed, happy, secure and supported throughout this exciting process.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to approach me. I will be happy to discuss the move and answer any queries you may have.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this exciting new chapter together.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs B. Suddhi
Headteacher
Pear Tree Infant School and Walbrook Nursery School