



# Aston Fields Middle School

Striving for Excellence: Learning for Life

16<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the Christmas break, I would once again like to thank you all for your ongoing support. In addition, the governors and I would like to thank you again for your generous donations to our school fund. This will enable us to provide much needed additional resources and opportunities for our pupils. Thank you!

This term, as ever, has been incredibly busy in and outside of the classrooms, with pupils taking part in a range of activities to broaden their academic and personal development. This week is no exception, with our Carol Service, Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of two local charities supporting children with bereavement), a Year 5 pantomime trip and our Key Stage 2 Personal & Social Development Day. Our pupils continue to build good character in many ways, and this is celebrated through our Character Commendations and the Roll of Honour. We will be publishing this term's Inside Out shortly and hope that you will be impressed and incredibly proud of the character your children has demonstrated in the wide range of opportunities available to them.

In addition to the events already mentioned, pupils in all year groups took part in Modern Britain Day this month, an annual event designed to develop pupils' character and understanding of essential British values such as individual and mutual respect and tolerance. Pupils work together to explore the benefits of our multi-cultural society. This builds on our message of kindness and support delivered regularly through assemblies and activities surrounding Anti-bullying Week. In addition, we have delivered assemblies on tackling racism in our society, educating pupils on what racism is, the effects it has on the victims and how they can support each other to make the school and our wider community an even friendlier and more accepting place.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you and goodbye to Mr Brooks. Mr Brooks has been at the school for 6 years, running the History Department. He has also been part of the Senior Leadership Team, supporting many of our pupils to thrive and overcome vulnerabilities. He has been an advocate for our pupils who are looked after or previously looked after and worked extremely hard to ensure equity of provision. He will be missed. Mr Brooks is leaving us to join South Bromsgrove High School and so I know many of our pupils will continue to benefit from his hard work and dedication. We wish him all the best!

In January, we will welcome Mrs J Welch as our new School Business Manager, Mr W Rolston as our new Cover Supervisor and Mr D O'Grady as our new History Teacher. We know they will be excellent additions to our team and support many pupils.

Please remember that pupils break up on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** and return to school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026**, following a TE Day on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January. I will write in the new year to confirm future term dates, but these are also available on the school website.

Finally, I hope you all have a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and happy holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Hales  
Headteacher



ACE School of  
**CHARACTER**

**Headteacher:** Mrs A. Hales BSc (Hons), PGCE, NPQH  
**Deputy Headteacher:** Mrs J. Birrell BSc (Hons), QTS, SLE  
**Deputy Headteacher:** Mr G. Hall BA (Hons), PGCE, NPQSL, SLE  
**Drummond Road, Bromsgrove, B60 2ET**