



BOTLEY C of E (Controlled) Primary School

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1st June 2026

Dear Parents,

I am writing to provide you with information about next year's class structure. We are continuing to work with the background of bulge years passing through the school due to larger intakes of 60 children into Year R to support with previous shortage of school places within this local area and then returning to our agreed admission number of 45 children before again increasing next year. As such Key Stage One will be continuing as mixed classes next year, with each class containing a half and half mix of Year 1 and Year 2 children, whilst Key Stage Two will continue as single year group classes in Year 5/6 but be mixed in Year 3/4. There will therefore twelve classes in total within the school next year - please see the table below for how the classes will be organised.

Once we have finalised which teachers will be where we will let you know – this will be in advance of our transition day at the end of the month.

Year Group	Classes
Year R	1
	2
Year 1/2	1
	2
	3
Year 3/4	1
	2
	3
Year 5	1
	2
Year 6	1
	2

Next week, all children in Years 2-5 will have the opportunity to name some friends that they would like to go into a class with. They will be placed with at least one of these friends. You might like to talk to them about this in advance. Children in Year R and Year 1 will be placed in classes by their teachers using their expert knowledge of them to do so.

Please note that once classes are set they cannot be changed under any circumstances. As such, if there is anything that you wish to raise in advance of classes being finalised, for example any views on your child's relationship with any other children, please do get in contact with me via email (j.cooil@botley.hants.sch.uk) or I am happy to meet with you if you would prefer. It is important that you do communicate anything to me by the week ending the 12th June 2026 even if you have previously raised it or have already spoken to your child's class teacher about it. This will ensure it will be taken into consideration when classes are set.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Cooil".

Mr J. Cooil
Headteacher