



BARRS COURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

10th November 2025

Dear Parents, Carers,

Following on from the message I shared this morning regarding the sad news about Miss Paine, I wanted to let you know that we have now spoken to the children.

We felt it was important that all pupils received the same information in a sensitive and age-appropriate way. The message was shared with them following guidance from our Educational Psychologist Service.

Please see below the wording that was used with the children:

'I need to share some very sad news with you. Yesterday, Miss Paine died. She had been very ill for some time, and sadly, the treatment she was having did not work.'

'Miss Paine may have been your teacher in the past, but she also did many other important jobs in our school. She led Red Area, was part of the English team that helps you all with your reading and writing, and she loved helping with performances – especially dancing.'

'It's okay to feel upset. Everyone reacts to this kind of news differently, and however you feel is completely normal. Your parents and carers have already been told, and I'd like you to talk to them about your memories of Miss Paine.'

'Tomorrow, we will spend some time together to talk about your memories, if you would like to, and to answer any questions you might have.'

'Please remember that it's still okay to be happy and to enjoy your day. It's really important that we are kind to one another and take care of each other.'

When the children return to school tomorrow, we will have staff available in all areas to support any pupils who are finding the news difficult to process. There will also be quiet spaces available for any children who are feeling upset and need time to reflect or talk.

Thank you for your understanding, compassion and support.

Daniel Webster

Headteacher