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Monday 29th June 2026

Whole School Transition Arrangements Term 6 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to inform you of the programme of events planned to help your child experience a smooth transition to their new class in September. A series of activities have been planned with the expectation that they will help lessen the anxiety some children may have about moving up to their new class. The information provided below will describe the activities that will take place over the next few weeks, to support your child's smooth transition to their new class and teachers.



All children will be told today by their current teacher who their new Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant (TA) is for September. This will be shared through a class circle time to allow children to ask any questions they may have about the new class. Following this, a member of staff from the children's new class will visit the children and read them a story, so that the children can begin to put names to faces. A letter will also be sent home this afternoon, advising you of your child's new Class Teacher and TA.



Over the following weeks, there will be plenty of opportunities for all children to form greater bonds with their new Class Teacher and TA. This may include children celebrating their work with their new Class Teacher and TA; staff popping in for story time at the end of the day; TAs leading an intervention or listening to children read. Children will also receive a welcome letter to start their new year group, by the end of term 6.



The whole school transition morning will take place on **Thursday 2nd July**. Children will start registration in their current class and then move to their new classroom for the morning. They will spend the morning working with their new Class Teacher and TA and will then return to their own classroom after lunchtime.





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Teachers and TAs will also be meeting with your child's previous Class Teacher and TA during the term, to pass over information about your child which may be relevant to help them settle quickly in their new classroom environment. Careful plans will be put in place for any children who may particularly struggle during transition. If you are concerned that your child may be anxious about the move to their new class, please speak to their current class teacher.



On **Monday 20th July**, at the end of the school day (**2:45pm – 3:30pm**), parents and carers are invited to come into their child's current classroom. You can use this opportunity to spend time looking through your children's books before taking them home to enjoy. *Please note that if your child is currently in Year 5, all books will be kept in school until after the 11+ and will be returned to you before Christmas.* During the visit, you are also more than welcome to visit your child's new classroom, so you know where to go in September at the end of the school day.

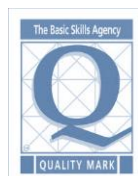
The aim for this programme of events is to ensure that all children have a happy and successful transition to their new class. If you do have any concerns around this time of year, please approach your child's current Class Teacher, who will be able to help support both you and your child.

Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to seeing you all on the open afternoon on the 20th of July.

Kind regards,

The Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH) Team

(Miss Gobell, Mrs Oakes, Mrs Alcalá, Mrs Boyd, Ms. Randle and Dr. Wilce-Cordner)





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Whole School Transition Timetable – Overview 2026

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>EYFS</u>	<u>Years 1 and 2</u>	<u>Years 3,4 and 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Told of new class and teacher	29 th June	29 th June	29 th June	
Teacher Story time	30 th June	30 th June	30 th June	
Teachers and TAs visiting their new classes/children	Throughout Term 6	Throughout Term 6	Throughout Term 6	Throughout term 6, secondary schools are visiting pupils in school.
Transition Morning	2 nd July	2 nd July	2 nd July	Most current Year 6 pupils will also on this day be visiting their new secondary schools. Those who are not will be working with the EYFS teachers and other members of staff not allocated to classes.
Collaborative schools transition day				Morning of the 15th of June
Year group welcome pack	By the end of Term 6	By the end of Term 6	By the end of Term 6	
Open afternoon	20 th July	20 th July	20 th July	20 th July
Meet the Teacher Events	September 2026	September 2026	September 2026	New Year 6 September 2026

