



Transitions

Transition into EYFS

At our school, we offer a range of support to help children settle in and feel secure as they begin their educational journey. Before starting in Nursery, all parents are invited for a home visit and a class visit. For children starting in Reception who did not attend our Nursery, we offer a "stay and play" session. These visits provide children with the opportunity to meet their teachers in a safe setting and allow parents to ask any questions or share important information about their child. In the summer term, Reception children also have the chance to meet their teachers in the classroom and interact with Year One pupils, helping them prepare for the transition ahead.

To ensure a smooth start, new Nursery children are given staggered entry times at the beginning of the school year. This approach helps them feel welcomed and allows them to explore their new environment at their own pace. In Reception, a two-week settling-in period is provided to allow children to become familiar with new routines and build confidence before starting full-time school.

Preparation for Key Stage 1

In the Summer Term of Reception, a programme of transition starts to prepare the children for KS1. This includes spending time in the Year 1 classrooms, meeting the teachers and support staff, joining KS1 for afternoon play and attending KS1 assemblies more regularly as the term progresses. Towards the end of the year, the balance of adult-led and child-initiated learning shifts as children progress through the Foundation Stage in order to help children prepare for the more formal learning they will experience in Year 1. Each year a formal handover occurs, with the Reception teachers going through the EYFSP with the receiving Year 1 teachers.