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Reception 2026 Transition Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to welcome your child to Reception in September 2026. We understand that starting school is a significant milestone for both children and families, and we are committed to ensuring a smooth, positive and well-supported transition from preschool into main school life.

To support this, we have organised a series of transition events designed to help your child become familiar with staff, routines and the learning environment, as well as to give parents the opportunity to ask questions and feel confident about the journey ahead.

Parent Information Meeting

Mrs Juliette Branch (Otters Class Teacher) and Mrs Kathryn Andrews (Head of School and SENDCo) will be hosting a parent meeting for all families of children starting Reception in September 2026.

This will take place on:
🗓️Tuesday 23rd June at 3:20pm
⏰The meeting will last no longer than one hour.

This session will provide:

- An overview of what your child will experience in Reception
- Information about school expectations and routines
- An introduction to learning and provision within Otters Class
- An opportunity to ask any questions you may have

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend.

Transition Days for Children

To support the children in becoming familiar with their new environment, all Reception starters will take part in two transition days alongside children currently in Year 1 and Year 2.

These will take place on:
🗓️ Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July

On these days:

- Children will attend Otters Class during the school day
- They will access the classroom alongside their new peers
- Entry to school will be via the main school entrance, where Mrs Mills will greet the children and accompany them to class
- Children should attend in their normal clothes (please do not purchase school uniform for these sessions)

It is worth noting that the Otters classroom will already feel familiar to many children, as this is where Nursery children currently have their school lunches.

These transition opportunities are carefully planned to help children feel secure, confident and excited about starting school. We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child as they take this important next step in their learning journey.

If you have any questions at all in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kathryn Andrews
Head of School & SENDCo

Mrs Juliette Branch
Otters Class Teacher