



Transition into Reception

At Yatton Schools, we recognise that starting Reception is a significant milestone for both children and their families. We are committed to ensuring that every child's transition into school is carefully planned, supportive and positive.

In the summer term before children start school, we invite parents and carers to a **new parents' meeting**, where they can meet staff, learn about our approach to learning in EYFS and ask questions. During this time, families are also invited to complete a **parent questionnaire**, which helps us to build a clear picture of each child's interests, strengths and individual needs. Children are encouraged to complete an "**All About Me**" book, which is shared with teachers and used to support early relationships and planning.

We work closely with local pre-schools and early years settings and visit each setting to discuss every child individually. This ensures continuity of learning and allows us to plan provision that builds on children's prior experiences. Some pre-school children also join us for a shared music celebration with our current Reception children, known as **Mini Music Makers**, providing an opportunity to become familiar with the school environment in a relaxed and enjoyable way.

As part of our transition programme, children are invited to spend time in school during Term 6, where they join a small group of one or two future classmates for a **picnic experience**, helping them to begin forming friendships ahead of September.

In September, the first few days of term are carefully planned to prioritise relationships and wellbeing. Staff meet with each family for a **20-minute parent interview**, providing valuable time to share information, build trust and ensure children feel supported from the very start. We operate an **open-door policy** and offer opportunities for school tours, ensuring ongoing communication and strong partnerships with families.

Through this comprehensive transition process, we aim to ensure that every child feels safe, confident and ready to thrive as they begin their learning journey in Reception.