



# Transition

## Reception to Year 1

Thursday 14th May



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# Aims

- What is a transition?
- Why is supporting transitions so important?
- What is the difference between Reception and Year 1?
- Year 1 expectations
- How you can help at home
- Language options



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# Reception Blue

## Class of 2026



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# Reception Yellow

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# Reception White

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# What is a transition?

- Transition: 'the process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another'
- Moving from Reception to Year 1 encompasses many changes, including a change in environment, routine, uniform, curriculum, expectations, friends and familiar adults.



# Prioritising well-being

- Transition is not about 'academic readiness'; it is fundamentally about emotional security. The well-being of children must be at the heart of any transition approach.
- When children feel safe, valued, and understood, they are far more likely to engage in learning.



# Prioritising well-being

- Children moving into Year 1 face a host of new experiences – new spaces, new adults, new routines, and often new expectations.
- By making the unfamiliar familiar, we can reduce anxiety and increase confidence.
- Gradual introductions: Allowing children to spend time in their new environment before they begin Year 1.



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# Supporting transitions



- Maintaining familiar elements: Using familiar resources, routines, and even language from the EYFS to create continuity in Year 1 classrooms.
- Focusing on emotional literacy: Providing opportunities for children to express their feelings, explore their emotions through play, and engage in discussions about their new experiences.



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# The Transition Process

- Children will visit Year 1
- Meet members of the current year one teaching team
- Experience the environment in which they will begin learning in from August 2025
- Art and Music will take place in Primary Art and Music rooms
- Handover meetings and progress is shared



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# Reception Graduation

Wednesday 10th June 8:45-9:45 am



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# Year 1 at HeadStart



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# A typical Year 1 Timetable

| Y1Y | 8:00<br>8:20 | 8:20<br>9:15       | 9:15<br>9:35  | 9:35<br>10:30 |                 | 10:35<br>11:30 | 11:30<br>12:20 | 12:20<br>12:55 |                 | 13:00<br>13:55                                                                                           | 13:55<br>14:15  | 14:15<br>15:10 | 15:10<br>15:20         |
|-----|--------------|--------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------------|
| M   | Flag Raising | English            | Morning Break | Computing     | Transition time | Thai           | Lunch          | Phonics        | Transition time | Swimming                                                                                                 | Afternoon Break | Maths          | Storytime              |
| T   | Phonics      | English            |               | Library       |                 | Maths          |                | Phonics        |                 | Languages<br>(Thai 1 <sup>st</sup> , Russian,<br>Mandarin 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>Mandarin, French,<br>EAL) |                 | Art            | Storytime              |
| W   | Phonics      | English            |               | Maths         |                 | PDIA           |                | Phonics        |                 | Languages<br>(Thai 1 <sup>st</sup> , Russian,<br>Mandarin 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>Mandarin, French,<br>EAL) |                 | Music          | Storytime              |
| T   | Phonics      | Physical Education |               | English       |                 | Maths          |                | Phonics        |                 | Languages<br>(Thai, Russian,<br>Mandarin)                                                                |                 | Science        | Storytime              |
| F   | Phonics      | Maths              |               | English       |                 | Humanities     |                | Assembly       |                 | Languages<br>(Thai 1 <sup>st</sup> , Russian,<br>Mandarin 1 <sup>st</sup> ,<br>Mandarin, French,<br>EAL) |                 | Golden Time    | School closes at 15:00 |

# Phonics



# Reading

# Writing



# Maths



# Science





# Humanities



# PE



# Computing



# Important changes

- More independence
- Option to use the school bus
- 8:00 am starts
- Homework
- Phonics/Guided Reading
- Use of Art and Music rooms
- Additional ECAs
- Language options



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# How you can help at home?

- Talk about the transition **positively**
- Encourage your child to ask questions
- Ask children about their concerns **and** what they are excited about - positive framing
- Start bringing your child to school by 8 am to prepare them (and you!) for the earlier start.
- Ensure you have purchased a new uniform for Primary



# Languages options



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# Languages options

| Language Options (Year 1–6) |                                                                                       |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Option                      | Description                                                                           |
| Option A                    | 5 periods of Thai First Language per week (Thai passport holders only)                |
| Option B                    | 4 periods of French Foreign Language per week and 1 period of Thai Foreign Language   |
| Option C                    | 4 periods of Mandarin Foreign Language per week and 1 period of Thai Foreign Language |
| Option D                    | 4 periods of Mandarin First Language per week and 1 period of Thai Foreign Language   |
| Option E                    | 4 periods of Russian First Language per week and 1 period of Thai Foreign Language    |



# Explaining our language options

There are 5 language options to choose from — for more information about each of them, please scan the QR code below to download the guide.



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# E.A.L. and Language Options

Please download one of our English, Mandarin, Russian or Thai version of our EAL brochure for more information about our EAL programme.



Please note that EAL lessons take place at the same time as other language lessons.



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# E.A.L. lessons and the timetable

| Year 1 | 08:00<br>08:20 | 08:20<br>09:15 | 09:15<br>09:35 | 09:35<br>10:30 |                 | 10:35<br>11:30 | 11:30<br>12:20 | 12:20<br>12:55 |                 | 13:00<br>13:55      | 13:55<br>14:15  | 14:15<br>15:10<br><i>Friday 14:15<br/>14:55</i> | 15:10<br>15:20<br><i>Friday 14:55<br/>15:00</i> |
|--------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| M      | Homeroom       | English        | Morning Break  | Maths          | Transition time | Swimming       | Lunch          | Phonics        | Transition time | PSHE                | Afternoon Break | Thai/Languages /EAL                             | Homeroom                                        |
| Tu     |                | English        |                | Maths          |                 | PE             |                | Phonics        |                 | Science             |                 | Thai/Languages /EAL                             |                                                 |
| W      |                | English        |                | Art            |                 | Music          |                | Phonics        |                 | Thai/Languages /EAL |                 | Maths                                           |                                                 |
| Th     |                | English        |                | Maths          |                 | Humanities     |                | Phonics        |                 | Thai                |                 | Library                                         |                                                 |
| F      |                | English        |                | Maths          |                 | Computing      |                | Phonics        |                 | Thai/Languages /EAL |                 | Spellings /S&L/ Golden Time <i>14:15-14:55</i>  | Homeroom                                        |



# Change of Language option

Please check with our admin office to confirm which **preferred language** is currently on file for your child.

If you wish to make a change, simply ask the team to show you the **QR code** for our online **Language Options Form**.



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# Thai Programme at HeadStart

**1. Thai First Language (ไทยหลัก )  
(Thai/Half Thai) Early Years - Year 9**

**2. Thai Foreign Language (ไทยต่างชาติ )  
(Non Thai only) Early Years - Year 9**



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# Thai First Language

## โปรแกรมไทยหลัก (สำหรับนักเรียนไทย /ไทยลูกครึ่ง )

- นักเรียนที่ถือสัญชาติไทย จะต้องเรียนวิชาภาษาไทย 5 คาบต่อสัปดาห์ ตามข้อกำหนดของกระทรวงศึกษาธิการ
- According to the regulations set out by the Thai Ministry of Education, Thai students with a Thai passport must study Thai language and culture programmes 5 sessions per week, up to Year 9.



# หลักสูตร

ทางโรงเรียนได้ใช้หลักสูตร รวมทั้งหนังสือและแบบเรียนแบบเดียวกับของกระทรวงศึกษาธิการ มุ่งเน้นที่จะพัฒนาทักษะการอ่าน เขียน ฟัง พูด และการใช้ภาษาไทยที่ถูกต้อง สอดแทรกการเรียนรู้เรื่องวัฒนธรรม ค่านิยมและขนบธรรมเนียมประเพณีไทยตามข้อกำหนดของกระทรวงศึกษาธิการ

## Curriculum

We use curriculum and books following the Thai **Ministry of Education** guidance by focusing on four skills for learning; listening, speaking, reading and writing.

The curriculum also incorporates learning about Thai culture, values, and traditional customs.



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# Thai First Language

## จำนวนคาบ / ชั่วโมงเรียน Learning Hours

- นักเรียนจะเรียนภาษาไทย 5 คาบต่อสัปดาห์  
(Student will learn Thai First Language everyday.)

## การประเมินวิชาภาษาไทย Thai Assessment

- เฉพาะ ภาคเรียนที่ 1 และ ภาคเรียนที่ 3  
(Assessments take place in Term 1 and Term 3 only.)

## การบ้านวิชาภาษาไทย Homework

- มีทุกวัน ใช้เวลาในการทำ 10-15 นาทีต่อวัน  
(Homework is provided everyday and homework should take 10-15 minutes to complete.)

# Thai Foreign Language

**Thai Foreign Language is** designed for non-Thai students.

## **Key Focus Areas :**

- Speaking and Listening, and Reading and Writing in basic Thai
- Students will demonstrate an understanding the relationship between Thai language and culture, and use Thai appropriately for different occasions.
- **No homework**



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# Thai Foreign Language

| Key topics in Year 1                               |                                       |                        |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Term 1                                             | Term 2                                | Term 3                 |
| Topic                                              | Topic                                 | Topic                  |
| Basic Reading & Writing /<br>Counting Numbers 1-50 | My Family                             | Parts of the Body 1    |
| Thai Greeting (Culture)                            | Thai Flag & National Anthem (Culture) | The 7 days of the week |
| Introducing Yourself                               | My School 1                           | Thai Culture           |
|                                                    |                                       |                        |

Thanks for coming today

