

April 2026

**First Visits to School – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am-10.30am**

**Open Evening – Monday 1st June 3.30pm-5.30pm**

**New Parent Meeting Thursday 11th June 9.15am-10.45am**

**Transition Together Sessions 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept, 4<sup>th</sup> Sept**

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome you to the Solent Infant School Community. This is the beginning of a very exciting journey for your child and the wider family. It is a time of great change too and for this reason we like to make the transition into school a very positive experience.

**First Visits to School**

You will be aware that there are a whole series of visits that are made leading up to September. We have already begun to visit many Nurseries and Pre-Schools ourselves to meet some of your children and their keyworkers. The principle aim of these visits is to make sure that the process is as seamless and supportive as possible. As part of the starting school process, we will be holding ‘First Visits to School’ where the children come in and spend time in their new school environment.

If your child attends nursery on that date, you may wish to speak to the nursery to see if they are able to bring your child along? If they do not attend nursery we would like to invite them to come and visit us on the following date

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Group B (children born between 1 Apr and 31 Aug)	9.30am – 10.30am
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**Please confirm with the school office if you are able to attend.**

On the day of your visit, please arrive at the school office 5 minutes before the scheduled session time. The Reception staff will then take your child down to their new class to spend an hour getting to know their peers and adults. We then ask that you return just before 10.30am to collect your child, at the end of the session.

**Open Afternoon**

We are also very aware that your child’s move into school is often of great interest to wider family members or other key people in their lives. Therefore, we would very much like to extend an invitation to your wider family, or close friends, who have all played an important part in your child’s life so far. This may include grandparents, aunts and uncles, child-minders or close family friends. It will be an ideal opportunity for them



to become familiar with the Solent ethos, environment and meet our team. We would like to invite you along with your child to our **'Open Afternoon' being held on Monday 1st June between 3.30pm-5.30pm.**

During the Open Afternoon, you will have the opportunity to wander around the whole school and meet the teaching staff team. These will not be guided tours. However, we do ask that you follow our suggested one-way system around the school. This will ensure that you will not miss out on any of our provision. Teachers and Learning Support Assistants from the Reception Team will be available in their classrooms to meet you and are happy to discuss any matter of interest. Teachers from Years 1 and 2 will also be in their classrooms and look forward to meeting you. There may also be representatives present from: The Local Governing Body, The Friends of the Solent Schools, before and after school providers and school meals provider. There will also be an opportunity to view school uniform and buy various school-related items such as a fruit bag.

### **New Parent and Carer Meeting (Thursday 11th June 9.15am-10.45am)**

As part of the induction process, we would also like to invite you to come into school to attend a parent and carer meeting. This meeting will give you an opportunity to find answers to all of those questions that we are sure you already have. In addition to this we will be discussing your child's induction visits and arrangements for starting school. You will also meet some of our Reception team, be given the opportunity to buy school items and meet other parents and carers. This meeting is for parents and carers only and we ask that on this occasion you do not bring your child with you. They will have their own opportunities to come and get to know the school later on.

### **Transition Together Sessions – What to Expect**

Our *Transition Together Session* is a gentle and welcoming way for you and your child to begin your journey into Reception. During this visit, your child will have the chance to explore the classroom, meet their new adults, and start building a positive relationship with them in a calm, play-based environment.

While your child settles and plays, the class teacher will spend time with you to learn more about your child's interests, routines, home life, and any information that will help us support a smooth and happy transition into school.

This session is an important part of helping your child feel confident, secure, and excited about starting Reception. It is a chance for you to experience the learning environment your child will grow and thrive in and by getting to know each other early on, we can work in partnership to ensure your child has the very best start to their school journey. You will be emailed details of how to sign up later this term.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you all at the open afternoon and the new parent and carer meeting.

Yours sincerely

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