

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last year, we introduced a new approach to class groupings, where all classes were mixed as children moved into their next year group. As we enter the second year of this approach, we are pleased to share that it has brought many benefits. We have seen classes become more balanced in terms of academic and individual needs in addition to social dynamics. Pupils have had the chance to develop friendships and collaborate with a wider group of peers, which has helped strengthen our school community and enhance the learning environment across year groups.

We believe that continuing to mix classes annually will provide ongoing benefits, including:

- Broadening children's social experiences and working relationships.
- Maintaining a balanced class composition that reflects pupil development and supports effective teaching.
- Encouraging inclusivity and a stronger sense of belonging across the school.
- Supporting a purposeful and positive classroom atmosphere.

As in previous years, children will be asked to list five friends they feel they work well with, and we will ensure that each child is placed with at least one of their selected peers. These choices will be made on the first week back after the May half term break.

We kindly ask that during the break, you take time to talk with your child about the friends they might like to choose. This will help support them in making thoughtful decisions when the time comes.

Staff will follow a clear and considered process when creating new classes, using their professional judgment alongside the Senior Leadership Team and our SENDCO.

Our priorities will continue to be:

- What is in the best interests of each individual child and the class as a whole.
- The happiness and well-being of all pupils.
- Supporting a smooth and positive transition.

This year, we will be giving the children the opportunity to get together as their new class, allowing them to feel reassured by seeing which of their friends they are with. This new class information will then be shared with you. We would also like to welcome you all into school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to meet your child's new teacher/s and see their new classroom.

We have mapped out the key transition dates to share with you. Please see flowchart overleaf.

Thank you for your continuing support,



Mr Richards

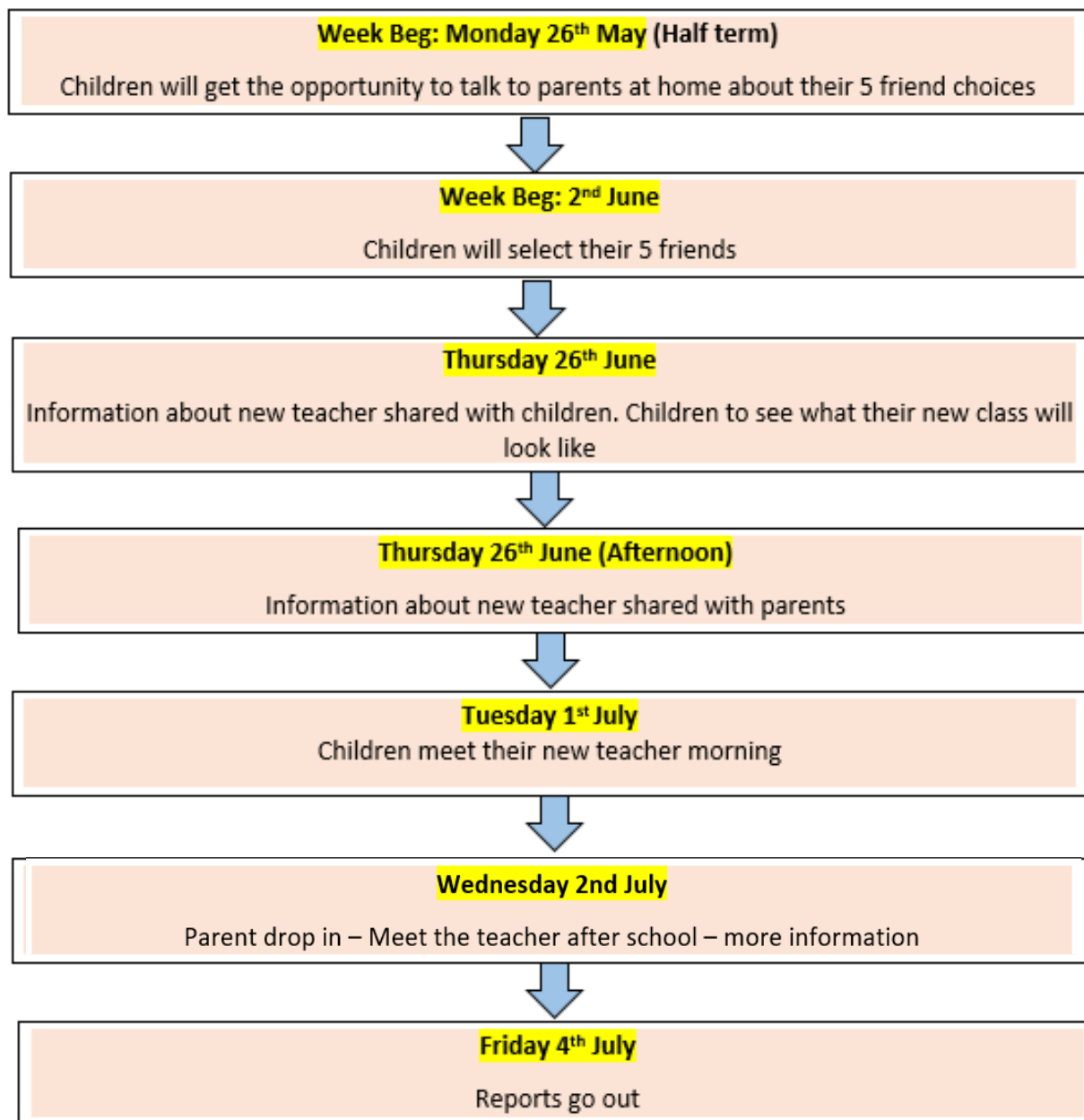
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**Transition Flowchart for parents 2025**



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