

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to officially welcome you and your children to Beechwood Junior School. We are very much looking forward to meeting our new cohort and getting to know them individually ahead of their official start in September. We hope the children's time with us will be enjoyable and they will develop and grow into knowledgeable, confident, and resilient young people.

### **Transition activities**

To help them make a smooth and happy transition to our school, we have been working with Glenfield to create several opportunities for the children to visit and meet staff, so they feel less anxious about the change ahead. These are listed below.

Please note that during the city-wide transition day on **Wednesday 2nd July 2025** you will need to bring your children to Beechwood, with drop-off being at 8.40am. Please enter the school via the Glenfield Avenue entrance and use the first red double doors on the left opposite the sports pitch. Pick up is in the same location at 3.25pm. Those children who attend breakfast and after school club will be brought to school and picked up by members of the Glenfield team.

When?	What?
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Y2 children to visit Beechwood with Glenfield staff from 9am to 11am.
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	City wide transition day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025	New Y3 'Meet the Teacher' event for parents at 4.15pm in the school hall. Please enter via the red doors at the front of school.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Additional transition morning 9am-11am for small groups.
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Additional transition morning 9am-11am for small groups.

### **Information and Paperwork**

Following the transition day on **Wednesday 2nd July 2025**, your child will be given an envelope which will contain all the relevant paperwork you need to fill in to enable us to register them as a pupil at our school. This will also contain permission forms and information regarding medical history and allergies etc. It is important this up-to-date information is returned to enable us to keep your children happy and safe. Please complete the documentation and return to the office by **Thursday 4th September 2025** when your child starts with us.

If you came for our tour earlier in the year, we gave you a copy of our current Parent Handbook. We are working on an updated version which we will be able to share with you in July. In it you will have all the up-to-date costings and information regarding uniform, lunches, after school provision etc.

Once the children start with us officially in September their information will be transferred to our system, and you then be able to download and access the MCAS App which we use to

communicate with parents as well as pay for a variety of things, such as trips. School lunches can be ordered and paid for on the Dolce School Grid system.

### **Dates for your calendar**

All term dates for the 25/26 school year can be found on the Southampton City Council website.

#### [School year calendar 2025-2026](#)

We will be shortly finalising dates for different events during the new academic year e.g. assemblies, parents' evenings etc and will send these to you. But to enable you to plan ahead we wanted to share our INSET dates.

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact me. We are very much looking forward to you and your children joining the Beechwood Junior School community.

Kind Regards

Mrs C Street

Deputy Head