

Transition Days: Tuesday 30th June- Thursday 2nd July 2026

Transition Newsletter 4

In this newsletter we will cover all the key information you need to know to prepare for the Transition Days:

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The purpose of the Transition Days is to give students and parents/carers an experience of school life before the 'big' start in September. The aim is to help settle any nerves students and families may have before the summer holidays so they can be enjoyed and everyone knows what to expect when September comes.

What do students wear?

- Primary school uniform (not the St Anthony's uniform) - whatever you would wear at your primary school, including school leavers hoodies. This includes the footwear your primary school allows.
- No jewellery (earrings, necklaces, rings)]
- No clear plastic earrings
- No false nails/nail varnish
- No make up/ false tan
- No smart watches
- Coat/jacket (any colour)
- Small bag (any colour)

What time do we start and where do you go when you arrive?

The timings are different to the normal school day - this is so Y6 students and families can avoid the large crowds.

- School is open from 8am - if you are coming with an older student they can escort you to the Y7 yard.
- Arrive by 8.45am each day
- Head to Thornhill Terrace
- Parents/carers say goodbyes on Thornhill Terrace
- Staff/ Y8 Transition Buddies will be there to welcome and guide students to the Y7 yard.
- Parking can be busy on Thornhill Terrace at this time of the day, please park in a nearby street and walk where possible.

What time do we finish? Where can students be collected?

- Dismissal is at 2.40pm to allow Y6s to leave before the rest of the school at 3pm.
- Collect students on Thornhill Terrace
- Staff will be present on the Terrace during dismissal.

- If any student cannot find the person collecting them - tell the nearest staff member or Y8 buddy OR return back into school, tell a teacher and reception will ring home.
- Parking can be busy on Thornhill Terrace at this time of the day, please park in a nearby street and walk where possible.
- Any students meeting older siblings can meet them at the benches outside the PE department where they can wait until 3pm (staff will be nearby) - we recommend older family members show them where this is.
- **During the Transition Days students can arrive and leave St Anthony's independently if families are happy with this arrangement. Parents/carers do not have to come to collect students from Thornhill Terrace if they would like them to practise travelling independently - this is your choice and what you think is best for your child.**

What do you need to bring?

- Pen
- Notebook - optional - you may want to write down the names/ contact information of any students you meet (you won't be able to use your phone for this, so a notebook is recommended!)
- Morning snack is optional - juice and biscuit will be available
- Packed lunch is optional - a free school dinner will be available (menu below)
- Water bottle is recommended (water fountains throughout school)
- Small bag
- Phone (if very necessary for collection after school, otherwise we recommend leaving it at home - more information below)

What about mobile phones?

We understand that this is a new experience for everyone, especially to do with collection after school so students may need to bring their phone with them to school.

Unlike primary school, we cannot store phones in a box for the day - there are too many students and not enough time in the day!

So we do allow students to bring in phones but they are not to be used during the school day under any circumstances. Once they are in school, it is like they don't exist!

- **Mobile phones must be turned off and placed in bag until they have left the school grounds.**
- **Keep phones in a bag (not school leaver hoodie pocket) - it is more likely to fall out and too tempting to look at in a pocket.**
- **Teachers who see students with a phone have the right to confiscate it as they have broken the rules, it is then stored safely at reception and must be collected by an adult after school.**
- **It is the students' responsibility to look after their phone - they are moving around the school regularly so if they don't need it, we recommend leaving it at home.**

We are trusting students to follow this simple rule, there are serious consequences when phones are used on site, especially to do with photos, videos and social media use in school.

- **If a student needs to contact home for whatever reason - talk to us and we will help and contact home.**

Social Media is also a growing problem in all schools and as students are getting to know each other in their new school environment, they very often get to know each other online too. We work hard to educate the students on safe and sensible social media use and want to work with families in this.

What do we do for lunch?

- Lunch will be provided for free during the 3 Transition Days - the menu for the 3 days is attached below.
- (From September meals will be charged as normal)
- During the transition days students can have a main meal, dessert and bottle of water for free!
- If students would prefer to bring in their own packed lunch, they can do that too (no fizzy drinks)
- Students can make the choice each day - for example, one day they can have packed lunch, the next they can have school dinners.
- Biscuits and juice will be available at break time but students are welcome to bring in their own morning break snack if they wish.

We ask that no nuts are brought into school. Products with nut traces e.g. cereal bars are ok.

If your child has any allergies, please complete the online forms sent by the Admissions team so we are aware.

Students can also speak to Mrs McGann, any member of staff and the catering team if they need guidance.

Transition Day Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN		Mixed Beef and dumplings	Roast Turkey Yorkshire Pudding	Chinese chicken curry and rice	
VEGGIE		Mac'n'Cheese with a crunchy cheesy topping	Quorn sausage toad in the hole	Vegetable chow mein, sweet chilli sauce	
PASTA			PASTA BAR With selection of sauces	PASTA BAR With selection of sauces	
BREAD		Sausages and gravy	Piri piri Chicken wrap served with salad, crunchy slaw	Beef and vegetable steak	
PANINI POTATO		Jacket Potato and filling, Sandwiches / wraps	Jacket Potato Sandwiches / wraps	Jacket Potato Sandwiches / wraps	
SIDE		Seasonal Potatoes & Vegetables	Seasonal Potatoes & Vegetables	Seasonal Potatoes & Vegetables	
DESSERT		Selection of desserts Assorted Cakes	Selection of desserts Assorted Cakes	Selection of desserts Assorted Cakes	

What if you can't make it?

If a student is unable to make it for illness or an appointment, please ring the school's reception and let them know their name, primary school and reason.

The number is 0191 5658904

What will we do during the 3 days?

The aim of the transition days is to give the students an idea of what a day at St Anthony's is like, so that September doesn't feel as daunting. Students will take part in a range of lessons, transition sessions to help them get to know each other, wellbeing activities and a tour of the school. It is a great opportunity for our teachers to get to know the students, for them to get familiarised with the buildings and to get to know each other!

Here is an example of a past Transition Day timetable:

	7DA	7DO	7GA	7GO	7LA	7LO	7TA	7TO
8.45am	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival	Arrival
Lesson 1 (9.00)	French	Catholic Life	Let's Talk about Wellbeing	Science	Spanish	Science	Science	Art
Lesson 2 (9.45)	Maths	English	English	Maths	Technology	Art	Maths	Maths
Break (10.40)								
11.00am	Transition activities	Transition activities	Transition activities	Transition activities	Transition activities	Transition activities	Transition activities	Transition activities
Lesson 3 (11.30-13.00)	Catholic Life	RE	RE	RE	RE	RE	PE	
Lunch (12.00-13.25)								
Lesson 4 (13.25)	Enterprise Challenge	Maths	Tour	Library	History	Spanish	Geography	Computer Science
Lesson 5 (14.05)	English	Science	PE	PE	English	English	English	RE
2.40pm	Dismissal from Lesson 5 - lesson 5 teacher escort to Somerleyton Gate							

Parents and Carers' Information Evening - Monday 29th June 2026

Please see Transition Newsletter 3 for a reminder of the key information - it was emailed on Thursday 28th May or can be found on our [Y6/7 Transition Webpage](#)

Proof of Student's ID

The following evidence of your daughter's identity and address needs to be seen prior to the start of term - this can be done at any point during this term and in the holidays. You can visit school reception to do this.

- Confirmation of your child's name and date of birth by sight of either:
 - Birth certificate original document; or
 - Passport – original valid and in date document
- Confirmation of parent / carers name and current home address by sight of one of either
 - A paper household utility bill (gas, electric, water, or fixed line telephone) that is less than 3 months old. (Mobile phone and TV licence bills are not acceptable); or
 - A paper bank or building society statement that is less than 3 months old

If you daughter is under any of the following, the original document needs to be seen:

- Adoption Order
- Special Guardianship Order
- Residence Order

You can call into school at anytime between 8am and 4pm Monday to Friday and until 3pm in the summer holidays.

If you have any queries about this, please ring school or email enquiries@staga.co.uk with the subject 'Y6 ID documentation query'

If you have any other queries about Transition, please e mail enquiries@staga.co.uk with the subject 'Y6 Transition' or 'Mrs McGann - Y6' and we will get back to you as soon as possible.



We look forward to meeting you all and starting your transition into the St Anthony's community!