

# Transition into St Anthony's Nursery

At St Anthony's we want to make sure your child's transition into Nursery goes as smoothly as possible. We know it is an exciting and special time starting Nursery, but it can also be an anxious and scary time for our little ones and for their parents. Therefore, we have a number of transition steps in place to help with this. Our EYFS co-ordinator, teachers, teaching assistants and school INCO (Inclusion co-ordinator), as well as our children's families are all involved at every step of the process.

## Gathering Information:

Questionnaires are sent home to gather information about each child and their family. This information helps us to better meet the needs of each child and tailor our resources, activities and environments to their interests.

## Parent Meetings:

In July, parents are invited to attend a New to Nursery Meeting. This meeting is run by the EYFS co-ordinator, and school INCO. At the meeting staff are introduced, routines, expectations and the curriculum are explained, along with everything you will need to start Reception. Further meetings are held in the Autumn Term to help with specific topics such as role play and developing fine motor skills. Information from these meetings can also be found on the school website.

## Welcome Stay and Play

In July and September, children are invited in with their parents for a Welcome Stay and Play visit. This is an opportunity for children and their families to explore the Nursery, its outdoor area and meet all our staff.

## September Staggered Starts:

In September, Nursery children come into school on staggered days for the first few weeks of September. This is so that children get a chance to settle into their new school in smaller, quieter groups. We also find that starting Nursery can be quite tiring for some children.

