

St. Ninian's

Nursery-Primary

Transition Programme

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What is transition and why is it important?

The move from nursery school to primary school will be the most significant event in your child's life to date. For some children it will be an exciting adventure, and for others it might be a worrying experience.

Our aim at St. Ninian's is to offer a comprehensive transition programme that will fully prepare both yourself and your child for Primary school. We know that children learn best in a nurturing environment where they are familiar with their surroundings and the adults who will be caring for them. Our programme provides opportunities for children to learn how to manage this change in a positive way, allowing them to explore and discover their new surroundings at a pace that is comfortable for them.

This booklet was produced to provide you with details of each transition activity and will help you when you discuss starting school with your child.

Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns about this programme please speak to a member of our nursery team who will be happy to help.



Nursery – Primary Transition timetable 2015/2016

A.M. Group	P.M. Group	Activity
Aug – June	Aug – June	Weekly PE with Mr McCurdy in gym hall
Aug – June	Aug – June	Nursery attend bi-monthly Achievement Assemblies and share achievements
September	September	Nursery Nurses visit P1 classrooms
October	October	New P1s visit Nursery to talk about settling in at school
Nov- Feb	Nov-Feb	School tour and regular visits to increase familiarity
Thurs 03.03.16	Thurs 03.03.16	World Book Day – Join P1 for shared activity/story
Tues 1 March	Tues 1 March	Blue Group visit P1 Classroom
Tues 8 March	Tues 8 March	Red Group visit P1 Classroom
Tues 15 March		Yellow Group visit P1 Classroom
Tues 22 March	Tues 22 March	Green Group visit P1 Classroom
PM Nursery Thurs 14 April AM Nursery Friday 15 April		Creative Arts Week – shared activity with P1 Nursery and P1 classes will come together to share their favourite rhymes and activities.
w/b 18 April		Talking Photo Book: Starting School Nursery children will take the book home to share with their families from this week onwards. P6 Buddies will also be identified and will visit the nursery regularly from this week onwards.
w/b 25 April		AM groups to join P1 carousel activities- Mon 25 th – Yellow group to P1D for Literacy Tues 26 th – Blue group to P1D for Numeracy Wed 27 th – Red group to P1D for Literacy Thurs 28 th – Green group to P1D for Literacy
w/b 9 May		PM Groups to join P1 Carousel activities – Mon 9 th – Green group to P1R for Literacy Wed 11 th – Red group to P1R for Numeracy Wed 11 th – Blue group to P1R for Literacy
w/b 16 May		Playground games with P1 in infant playground (Health Week) Times to be confirmed
w/b 24 th May		Nursery and P1 will work together on an interdisciplinary learning theme
w/b 30 th May		Nursery children – lunch experience @ 11.45am – 12.30pm Mon 30 th – Green and Yellow groups (AM and PM) Tues 1 st June – Blue groups (AM and PM) Wed 2 nd – Red groups (AM and PM)
Tues 7 th June Wed 8 th June		Moving Up Mornings 9-11am Nursery children will spend the full morning in their new P1 classroom with their P1 teacher
Tues 7 th June		Parent Information Meeting 9.00am Parents are invited to stay from 9-11am while important information is shared about our school, uniform orders, curriculum, etc. Tea/Coffee will be provided to allow you to meet other parents and key school staff.

Details of Transition Activities

School familiarisation

Between August 2015 and March 2016 your child has been participating in many activities to promote familiarity with the school. These include: weekly gym lessons with Mr McCurdy, bi-monthly school achievement assemblies, regular visits to Primary 1 classrooms, regular visits from school staff, walks around the school and school grounds, involvement in school fundraising events and lots of visits from the school children.

By this point, your child is already familiar with the school environment before the formal transition activities begin. 😊

Creative Arts Week 11th – 15th April 2016

The Primary 1 children and nursery classes will work together on a shared Nursery rhyme themed topic. Activities will include: drama, arts and crafts, music and dancing. At the end of this week all the children will gather in the primary 1 classrooms to perform their favourite nursery rhyme and to evaluate what they have learned.

Talking photo books 18th April 2016

Talking photo books have been provided by the primary 1 classes. These books describe what it is like to be a Primary 1 pupil. Each pre school child will have the opportunity to take one of these books home for a few nights to discuss it with their families.



Primary 6 Buddy System

Our current Primary 6 children have the opportunity to become a “Buddy.” This role matches them up to one of our pre school children and they will become a friend and mentor to their buddy from now until the end of primary 1.

P1 Carousel Activities **April- May 2016**

Most of the formal learning in Primary one is completed in a carousel format. This approach allows linked activities related to a particular learning experience to be set up around the classroom. The children then have the opportunity to move around all of the stations and complete their learning tasks. The children really enjoy this approach as the learning is exciting and the experiences are engaging for them. The nursery children will have the opportunity to go to Primary 1 with their key worker and peers to participate in a carousel lesson.

Playground Games **16th-20th May 2016**

The Primary 6 buddies and the Primary 1 classes will host a week of playground activities for the nursery children to enable them to experience playtime in the school playground. During this week the nursery children may bring a small snack with them to eat during playtime.

When your child starts Primary 1 in August, their buddy will join them for playtime for the first few weeks to help them to feel confident and happy in the playground.

Interdisciplinary Learning **24th-27th May 2016**

The nursery and Primary 1 classes will come together to work on a Science based outdoor learning project. The aim of this project is to encourage collaborative working and to develop friendships. This project will be a mix of classroom working and outdoor learning.



Lunch Hall Experience 30th May- 2nd June 2016

11.45 am – 12.30pm

The nursery children will have the opportunity to have lunch in the dining hall and to experience a school lunchtime. This can sometimes be a huge worry for children when they start school and this experience can offer them reassurance. The dining team will be there to introduce themselves and our support staff will be there to show the children what to do.

Tea and coffee will be provided for the nursery parents during this time so that you do not need to go home and then come back again for your child.

Moving up mornings 7th and 8th June (9am-11am)

The children will get the opportunity to meet and work with their teacher and new classmates from 9am – 11am on both days. On Tuesday 7th, parents should arrive at the main school entrance for 9am. You will be shown to the hall where the P1 teachers will be ready to greet the children and take them to the classrooms.

On Wednesday 8th, parents should take their child to the infant playground to line up for 9am. Coloured cones will indicate where the children should line up. The teachers will bring the children into the classes at 9am. Parents can then return to the playground at 11am to collect their child.

On both days the children will be at school for playtime so a small snack can be brought with them.

We aim to keep you updated with any changes to the programme via our weekly newsletter, school blog and nursery parents facebook page.



Parent Information Meeting

Tuesday 7th June 9am

As your child participates in their first moving up morning, Parents are invited to stay from 9-11am while important information is shared about our school, uniform orders, curriculum information etc. Tea/Coffee will be provided to allow you to meet other parents and key school staff. The teachers will bring the children back to the hall for 11am.