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Dear Parents and Carers,

New Reception 2026 – Settling in Sessions

Congratulations on securing a Reception place for your child, at St. Paul's Church of England Primary School for September 2026. We are thrilled to be beginning this journey with you and warmly welcome your family into our school community.

During the months ahead, there will be many occasions for you and your child to become familiar with our classrooms, routines and staff. In June, we will invite you to an afternoon tea in Birch Class where you can meet other new families, chat informally with teachers and enjoy some refreshments. Shortly afterwards your child will attend a series of stay-and-play sessions; these visits allow the children to explore the Reception environment, meet future classmates and build confidence. We ask that session 3 and 4, are just attended by the children alone, so they can really get to know their new surroundings independently.

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 11th June	1.30pm – 2.45pm	Afternoon tea and getting to know the classroom
Friday 19th June	9.15am – 11.00am	Stay and Play with Parents
Thursday 2nd July	1.30pm – 2.45pm	Stay and Play without parents
Thursday 2nd July	5.00pm – 5.30pm	Information Evening
Thursday 16th July	9.15am – 11.00am	Stay and Play without parents

On Thursday 2nd July, we will be hosting an information evening, at which point the Reception staff will outline daily expectations—arrival and collection procedures, uniform, lunches, the Early Years curriculum, starting in September and ways you can support learning at home. We ask that the afternoon session is just attended by adults, to enable you to focus on this key information and ask any questions you may have.

Starting school is a milestone, and we understand that it can feel both exciting and a little daunting. Please remember that our office and teaching staff, are always happy to answer questions, however small.

Thank you for choosing St. Paul's. We look forward to getting to know you and supporting your child, as they take their very first steps into primary education.

With warmest regards,

Mr James Johnson
Headteacher