



09 June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to give you information about **Monday 14th July**, which is the Year 6 Transition Day.

Transition Day for Year 6

We look forward to welcoming <student name> to Testbourne Community School, and ahead of then, joining us for the Year 6 Transition Day on **Monday 14th July 2025**. On the same day we look forward to seeing you at the Information Evening. This letter confirms arrangements for the day and the evening, and we hope this answers any questions you may have.

Before the day

Students need to wear their primary school uniform and bring a school bag with their packed lunch to eat, a water bottle, and a snack. If you have informed us that they normally received free school meals this will be discretely provided. Please make sure that your child has a sun hat and has applied sun cream if the weather is hot, and ensure they have a refillable water bottle to keep hydrated. They will need to bring a pen and pencil but will not need any books or other equipment.

The start of the day

School begins at **8:40am**, when the first bell sounds for students. Year 6 students should be on the main playground at 8:40am to meet the Year 9 helpers and Mrs Ballanger Head of Year 7.

If your child is catching the school bus their route is shown below: the bus drivers know to pick up the Year 6 students and have been told to look out for the students who will be wearing their Primary school uniform.



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A form will come out in due course if you need the bus as spaces are limited for the Year 6 day.

Here is our current timetable which is subject to change based on the intake September 2025.

NA60000b - Overton	Pick up	Drop off
Ashe Corner, B3400, Bus Stop	0758	1545
Berrydown Lane, B3400, Bus Stop	0800	1543
Overton, Overton Centre on B3400	0805	1540
Overton, Harveys Field	0806	1539
Overton, Southington Bus Shelter	0807	1538
Laverstoke, Laverstoke Mill	0811	1534
Freefolk, London Road Bus Stop	0812	1533
Wells-in-the-field, B3400, Bus Stop	0816	1530
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NA60000a - Stoke	Pick up	Drop off
Hurstbourne Tarrant, A343, towards Andover	0800	-
Hurstbourne Tarrant, Church Street, opp George & Dragon	-	1555
Stoke - Pillar Box	0804	1551
St Mary Bourne, Primary School	0807	1548
St Mary Bourne, George Inn	0808	1547
Testbourne Community School	0830	-

NA60000c - Overton	Pick up	Drop off
Overton, Winchester Street/ Pound Road	0800	1536
Overton, Pond Close	0805	1538
Testbourne Community School	0830	-

NA60000d - Barton Stacey / Longparish	Pick up	Drop off
Barton Stacey, Roman Road	0755	1548
Barton Stacey, East Road	0757	1550
Barton Stacey, Kings Elms Bus Shelter	0759	1552
Barton Stacey, Bullington Lane adj Peter Golding Ltd	0800	1553
Forton Turn	0805	1540
Longparish - The Plough	0810	1538
Longparish - The Cricketers	0812	1535
Hurstbourne Priors, Drury Close	0816	1532
Testbourne Community School	0830	-

****Please note that the bus place from**

Hurstbourne Tarrant isn't guaranteed.**

When your child arrives, they will be greeted on the main school playground by our Year 9 helpers and directed to the Sports Hall where they will find out their tutor. The Year 9 Helpers will remain with the tutor groups all day, and ensure your child settles into the beginning of a new routine.

If you are dropping off your child, please park on Micheldever Road or in the old bus bay, so that they can walk on to the main school playground.

At the end of the day

The students will take part in a variety of lessons and have a tour of the school, including having their fingerprint scanned to pay for food in September. **The school day ends at 3.10pm**



At the end of the day, if your child catches a school bus, they will be directed by staff and Year 9 helpers. It is really helpful if you remind your child what bus route they are on and what stop to get off at. This is all good practice ahead of September!

For those collecting their child, at the end of the school day at 3.10pm please collect your child from the main school playground but bear in mind that the site is very busy – it is a good idea to let your child know where you will be waiting.

Important information about the evening

In the evening, you are invited to an event to find out more about the school and ask any questions. This is for parents, however your child can attend with you if they would like to. The event starts from around **6pm** in the Sports Hall, where there will be some time to look at some of the key information and speak to key members of staff.

Here is a general overview of the evening, although some information may change nearer the time:

- The Head of Year 7, Mrs Samantha Ballanger, will be available to speak to any parents with specific concerns
- Our SENDCo Mrs Geraldine Gray and Assistant SENDCo Mrs Clare Sykes will be able to answer any questions about SEND support
- The PTFA will be selling pre-loved school uniform, as well as raising money by selling refreshments, and giving information about you can help with fundraising for Testbourne Community School
- Our librarian, Mrs Jo Clarke, will be on hand to talk about the library here at school and share her passion for reading.
- A stall from the Canteen giving information about lunch and break food available, including canteen menus and a chance to discuss allergy concerns
- A representative from Easy4U will be on site to answer any questions about our Laptop Scheme. More information on the scheme can be found on our website by going to: <https://go.testbourne.school/laptopscheme>.
- A map of the school will be displayed, showing the location of lockers to help you decide which locker may be suitable.



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At 6:15pm, there will be a talk from the Headteacher Mr Jon Beck, lasting around 30 minutes. After this talk, you will be guided to your child's new tutor room to meet some Year 10 Prefects and get some more information about Testbourne, as well as have another chance to ask questions.

You will also be provided with our comprehensive New Parent Handbook, which has a wealth of information for those new to the school, and covers information that we hope, along with the day and the evening give you all you need ahead of September. Please find information regarding the term times below.

Autumn Term	
First Day of Term	Thursday 04 September 2025 (Year 7 only) Friday 05 September 2025 (Years 7 & 11 only) Monday 08 September 2025 (All years)
Last Day of Term	Friday 19 December 2025
October Half Term	Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October 01 2025
Future Dates to Note	INSET day (1) – Wednesday 03 September 2025 INSET day (2) – Friday 26 September 2025
Spring Term	
First Day of Term	Tuesday 06 January 2026
Last Day of Term	Friday 27 March 2026
February Half Term	Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February 2026
Future Dates to Note	INSET (3) – Monday 05 January 2026 INSET (4) – Monday 16 March 2026
Summer Term	
First Day of Term	Tuesday 13 April 2026
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 22 July 2026
May Half Term	Monday 25 May – Friday 30 May 2025
Future Dates to Note	Early May Bank Holiday – Monday 29 May 2026 INSET day (5) – Friday 03 July 2026

We hope to see you all on 14th July. Please do contact us if you have any questions.
Yours faithfully,
Testbourne Community School