

YEAR 5 TRANSITION MEETING

Thursday 20th March 2025

WHAT WE WILL COVER

- Secondary Schools
- SATS
- What the school do to support transition
- Residential
- Year 6 Activities

KENT TEST

We strongly advise you to go and have a look around the different secondary schools with your child, this will be an authorised absence. The list of open days will be published on the year 5 page on the website (if you need a printed copy, please let us know)

Key Action	Scheme Date
Registration for testing opens	Monday 2 June 2025

Closing date for registration	Tuesday 1 July 2025
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Test date for pupils in Kent Primary schools	Thursday 11 September 2025
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- The Kent Test will be taken at school and children not doing it will complete various curriculum based activities.

Assessment decision sent to parents	Thursday 16 October 2025
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ALL SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION TIMELINE

Application for Secondary Transfer opens	Monday 1 September 2025
Transfer offers sent to parents	Friday 11 October 2025
National closing date for application forms	Friday 31 October 2025
National Offer Day: e-mails sent after 4pm	Monday 2 March 2026

- It is a parents' responsibility to submit an application for a child's secondary school. [Secondary school places - Kent County Council](#)
- You must accept the offer by the deadline on the letter
- The local council must provide a place at another school, if your child is not offered a place at any of the schools you've applied for. This is usually your nearest school with places still available.
- For more information and how to apply please go onto:
- [School admissions: How to apply - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

SATS

- SATS will be completed before May half term - dates are determined by the department of education. This year they are throughout the week commencing Monday 12th May.
- All eligible children will participate
- Assessments:
 - Maths: 2 reasoning papers, 1 arithmetic paper
 - English: Grammar and punctuation, spelling, reading paper
 - Writing: Moderated by KCC
- There will be more information closer to the time of SATS
- Please remember that Year 6 is not defined by SATS

YEAR 6 TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

- Being a responsible citizen
- Encouraging Resilience
- Self independence and readiness to learn
- Understanding transition into how subjects are taught from primary to secondary
- Supporting your child at home with these skills would really benefit the children – children should be getting their things ready for school, getting dressed themselves, remembering their own PE, please encourage this.
- We will cover all of these topics throughout the curriculum especially in RHSE. Children will also take part in a personalised transition program in the summer term to further support them.

RESIDENTIAL

- It has been booked for the latter part of Term 6
- We will start a pre payment system in Term 1
- It will be Monday to Friday
- Further details of cost, equipment, clothes needed along with travel arrangement will be given nearer the time

EXTRAS

- Bike ability
- Community Police Visit
- Head boy and head girl
- Sports Captains
- Production – there will be a school production at the end of the year
- Leavers Service
- Leavers Party

PARENTS

IN OTHER PRIMARY SCHOOLS, THE PARENTS OFTEN FORM A COMMITTEE/WHATSAPP GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS TO ORGANISE THINGS SUCH AS:

- **Leavers' Book:** coordinating photography and writing to go in a printed book for each Leaver.
 - **Leavers' party (not at school):** book venue, organise music, food etc. The children could be asked to vote on what sort of party they would like.
 - **A fundraising event:** e.g. cake sales, a parents' quiz, stall at the summer fair.
 - **Legacy Gift to the school:** liaise with class to source ideas for a Leavers' gift to present to the school and organise collection.
 - **Teachers' collections:** e.g. for those accompanying to Heatree.
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- These are just some ideas to kickstart thinking. The school does not take part in parent-led Year 6 events. Most Year 6 parents meet outside of school to plan and share ideas but if finding a venue is difficult then we could host meetings at the school.

QUESTIONS?