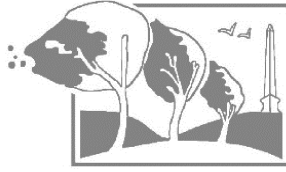


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8th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

We are very pleased to confirm that arrangements are now well underway for our new Year 7 cohort to join us at Court Fields School at the start in September.

At this time, students can feel a mixture of emotions – excitement at the prospect of new opportunities, nervousness at the scale of a secondary school and the number of new people to be met, and a little sad to be leaving the primary school they know so well. We hope to remove any worries during the **Transition Days on Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July** when all the students who will be transferring in September come for a two-day experience of life at our school, ready for their start in September.

Welcome Day Arrangements

On Tuesday 30th June students should arrive at the School Canteen at Court Fields at 9.30am for a day of school-based activities and familiarisation.

- The usual practice is that students who attend Beech Grove, St John's, Rockwell Green and Wellesley Park attend their respective primary school as usual and are then escorted to Court Fields by primary school staff.
- Families of students who attend other primary schools will need to arrange to transport the students directly to Court Fields ready for the Welcome Day at 9.30am.
- The students will leave at 3.00pm on Tuesday to go home directly or collected from the Main Hall. Should you wish your child to walk home directly, please ensure the consent form below is completed prior to these days.
- **Permission to walk home during transition days** - please click the link to complete: [Consent to walk home link](#) – you may need to copy and paste into another browser

[Permission to walk home Transition Days - 30th June & 1st July 2026 – Fill in form](#)

- **Please note that we will not be able to release students to walk home without consent via the online link. Students being collected will be dismissed by E Block Playground at the Welly Park/Beech Grove end of school**

The students will need to attend in their primary school uniform both days, no PE kit is required. We have been fortunate in securing funding to provide each child with a ready filled pencil case, which will be given on out when they arrive on the second transition day.

On Wednesday 1st July, students should come straight to Court Fields and arrive by **8.35am** so that they can register in E Block Playground, by the Welly Park Entrance.

Students will be met by their tutor and follow a full day of learning experiences. The programme on this day is designed to give an introduction to the school's routines, and to some of the specialist areas and facilities.



Students will leave at 3.10pm on Wednesday afternoon in the same manner as Tuesday. Students will find out their groups when they arrive on 30th June and 1st of July. During the two days, our Year 7 Transition Leaders will be supporting the students in classes and escorting them around the school.

Lunchtime Arrangements

To enable students get a taste of our canteen experience, we have arranged for students to be provided with a cooked lunch and dessert on both of the days. We will be providing meat and vegetarian options.

Please do contact the school office if your child has any specific dietary requirements, alternatively, students may choose to bring a packed lunch, which will be eaten, in the Hall. Students will have a mid-morning break on Tuesday and Wednesday and we request students bring a snack for these times. All students will be offered a free cooked lunch both days including those eligible for free school meals.

If you think that you may be eligible for free school meals in September then please visit <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals> where you can either fill in the online form or print a paper copy which should be directly returned to Entitlement Team, County Hall, Taunton, TA1 4DY. If you are already in receipt of free school meals this will automatically continue in September. However, from September the council have advised that there will be two categories for free school meal eligibility:

Targeted: Children in households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. These pupils will be entitled to Free School Meals and will attract pupil premium and other disadvantaged funding.

Expanded: Children in households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of above £7,400. These pupils will be entitled to free school meals only and will not attract pupil premium. Please contact Somerset County Council for further information.

‘The Big Step’ 24th – 26th August 2026

A three-day programme at Court Fields designed to help new students settle in, grow in confidence and make new friends before September.

Activities include:

Immersive escape rooms

CSI style investigations

Glow-in-the-dark dodgeball

Archery, crazy golf and scavenger hunts

Martial arts, cooking, team building and creative workshops

Cost: £85.00 for all three days – booked directly with ‘The Big Step’

Website: thebigstep.org

Year 6 Parents/Carers Meeting – Wednesday 1st July

We will be holding a Transition Evening on Wednesday 1st July for all parents/carers. **It is essential that you attend even if you have older children at the school as there will be some different information shared.** There is limited space in the Hall, so only we are requesting parents/carers only, unless you are unable to source childcare. Due to the size of the Year Group we will hold two sessions:

- **Session 1** – Parents and Carers and children transferring from Beech Grove, Langford Budville, Rockwell Green and Sampford Arundel. At **6.00pm** there will be a presentation in the **School Hall** by the Headteacher. From **6.30pm** onwards there is an opportunity to meet pastoral and support staff in the **Canteen**.

- **Session 2** - Parents and Carers and children transferring from Wellesley Park, St John's, Milverton, West Buckland and all other schools. At **6.00pm** there is an opportunity to meet pastoral and support staff in the **Canteen** then at **6.35pm** there will be a presentation in the **School Hall** by Mrs Matthews, Mrs Westwood, Miss Milton (Head of Year 7) and Mr Sussex (Assistant Head of Year 7).

School Uniform and PE Kit

South West School Wear and Workwear Online will be providing uniform samples for you to see during the Transition Evening and the chance to pre-order. All uniform is available to purchase from Workwear Online in Westpark Trading Estate, Wellington (workwearonline ltd.com) and South West School Wear in East Reach, Taunton (swschoolwear.co.uk).

All students wear the same tie and their houses are shown via a blazer badge, which will be on sale at the Parents' Meeting (cash or card accepted). The tie cost is £4.25, the house badge is £1.00. The required branded PE kit for Year 7 includes the black PE top and quarter zip tech-fleece (PE hoodies are not allowed for Key Stage 3). Black sports shorts or sports leggings, black football socks as well as black sports socks are required but can be purchased at any online or high street sports shop, as well as via our uniform suppliers.

Our 3G pitch opened in autumn 2024, so students will need astro-trainers, for outdoor use, as well as sports trainers for indoor use. School shoes should not be worn at any time for PE.

School uniform MUST BE named and we recommend that you use woven name tapes, name stamps etc in all school clothing, or a permanent marker pen.

Calculators

The school's Maths Department recommend that all students have the same calculator, and these will also be on sale for £9.35 which can be purchased on the Transition Evening.

Year 7 Residential We have secured our Year 7 residential that will take place on 19th -21st July 2027 at The Skern Adventure (formerly Ultimate Adventure Centre) in Bideford. The approximate cost will be £280.00. We will provide further information in due course.

Year 6 Data collection

You should have received a login for Applicaa, our online admissions platform to complete your child's information. **If you have not yet completed** these forms please do complete as soon as possible. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact us in order for us to help you navigate the process. It is vital these are completed as soon as possible to ensure all our admin processes are carried out prior to September. We will require various consents for the students such as bio metric print/code to allow cashless payments and access to Arbor in September. It is vital to return this asap, also providing at least two emergency contacts.

The new term for Year 7 students starts on Monday 7th September from 8.40am – 3.15pm. Year 7 & 11 will be the only students attending that day. School buses will be running at the normal time for students who attend the village schools.

We look forward to meeting you on Wednesday 1st July.

Yours sincerely,

S Westwood

Mrs S Westwood, Deputy Head – Pastoral & Safeguarding