

*Thank you for reading our  
'Smooth Move' booklet.*

*Together in partnership  
we can ensure a happy,  
positive and enjoyable  
transition for your child.*

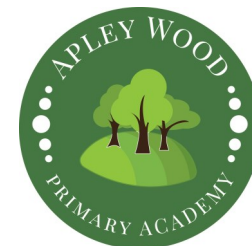
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**'Smooth Move'  
at  
Apley Wood Primary Academy**



**Summer Term Information  
About Class Transition  
For Parents and Carers**



## Moving to New Year Groups and Classes

*“The child who faces transition with love and support will view change in a more positive light”*

Transition is a time of change and a natural part of life and growing up.

Handled well, it makes us stronger people. If it is surrounded by uncertainty or negative reactions, it can make us unhappy.

We need to support every child and make this time, when we look forward to September and the changes it will bring, an exciting time for them. Our children need to anticipate the changes in a positive way so that they can deal with the move to a different year group and class with confidence.

We know that good communication is essential to making this work well and this is why we have produced this booklet for our parents and carers.

**You have an important role to play in supporting your child with this, giving them encouragement and being positive about this time of transition.**

**Thank you!**



## Monday 8th July

**3.15pm - 3.30pm: Year 1 and Year 2**

**3.30pm - 3.45pm: KS2**

This year, we are holding a face to face ‘Open Door’ session for Parents.

This will be a great opportunity for you to meet your child’s new teacher and find out more about next year.

Staff will also be able to answer any particular queries you may have at that time.

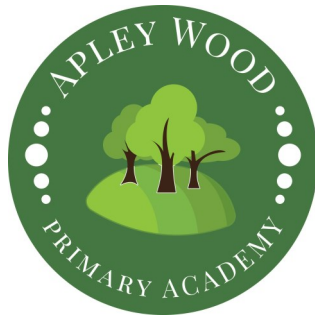


**Monday 1st July :**

**'Smooth Move' morning**

The children will take part in a range of activities to support getting to know their new staff, classes and routines.

These activities will be Character Education lessons, with a focus on well being and relationships. They will be based on getting to know each other and celebrating differences and diversity within the classroom.



**The Summer Term at Apley Wood**

**What happens at this time of the year at Apley Wood?**

Year 6 look forward to moving to their Secondary Schools and all the other children in our school begin to think about moving up to their next year group and of the changes this will bring.

Classes do alter for many reasons, as the year goes on. As a staff, we review our classes annually to ensure they continue to be as balanced as we can make them.

This brings positive benefits for the children, as they grow in confidence, widening their social groupings and circles of friends. It can give some children a 'fresh start'.

We are also able to target our available support more efficiently. We will involve the children in the process, so that we have their input before we draw up class lists.

For the academic year 2024-2025 we have decided that current **Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 classes will not be mixed and will move up as their current classes.** We feel that the balance of these classes is appropriate at the current time.

**The other year groups (current reception, Year 1 and Year 5) will be mixed into different class groups.**



## Worries

We do appreciate that children will sometimes have worries about:

- Moving to a new class
- A new room
- A new teacher
- Level of work
- Changes of friends



We will ensure that things are all discussed in an open and supportive way.

## Something Special!

There are always lots of special things in each year group for the children to look forward to...

For example:

Upper Key Stage 2 (years 5 and 6)— Opportunities to be House Captains, to go to Arthog, become librarians, buddies, take part in a London Residential trip.

Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) — Telford Music Service lessons, opportunity to go swimming, Arthog Outreach.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) — Lots of different visits to look forward to!

## Planned Timetable of activities

### **Early June 2024**

Summer term assessment data collated.

Staff begin transition activities with their own classes. For the current Reception, Year 1 and Year 5 children where we are mixing classes, this will include completion of “Character Education Smooth Move ” activity with children, to confirm preferred friendship groupings.

We cannot guarantee that children will be with all of their friends next year, but we will make every effort to ensure they are with at least one of them. Once we have finalised the class groupings the children will take part in smooth move morning in their new classes and meet their teachers.



### **Transition Day for children: Monday 1st July**

**9.00am - 11.30am: Reception & KS1**

**9.00am - 12.00pm: KS2**

Parents are informed about staff and classes for September on smooth move day. The class groupings cannot be changed after this date.