

**How we support Transition into Reception
at Bishop Bronescombe**

Open Mornings

We offer open mornings throughout the year where you can come and meet our EYFS team and have a look around our school.

Home Visits

A member of our EYFS team will visit your child's pre-school provider to learn more about the best ways to support your child during their transition into school.

We also offer new starters a home visit if your child has come from another nursery setting or hasn't attended a setting before. This is an informal visit where we can get to know you and your child. If you feel you would benefit from a home visit, even if your child attends a setting, please let one of our EYFS team know.

If your child attends BBeebies nursery, there will be lots of opportunities for your child to familiarise themselves with the reception learning environment. Our EYFS team work closely so your child will know and recognise the reception team staff, prior to starting their first year at school.

Welcome Pack

When your child starts with us, they will receive a welcome pack which includes a little book including photos of your child's new classroom. They will also receive an All About Me bag to fill up during the summer holidays.

Staggered Start

We offer a staggered start into the school year to enable your child to settle in gradually. During their first week of school, coffee mornings are held in the school hall where you can meet our Parent Support Advisor, School Leaders and find out information from other support services such as the School Nurse.

In order for your child to begin learning, they need to be secure and confident in their learning environment. We achieve this through lots of social and circle time activities and other activities that stem from the children's needs and interests, encouraging them to form positive relationships with others. In line with the Early Years Foundation Stage Guidance, we do not teach formal reading or writing immediately. Instead, there will be lots of incidental learning opportunities that aim to develop listening, fine motor skills and active thinking. We do, however, get on with the teaching of phonics - the initial building blocks to reading, as soon as possible.

We aim to make your child's first experience of school a calm and enjoyable one.