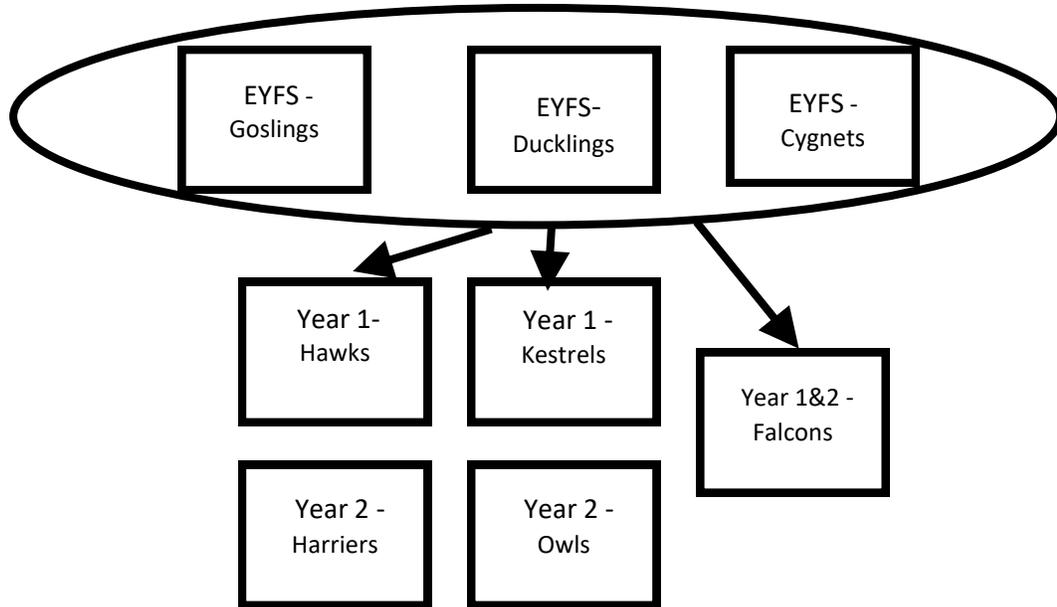
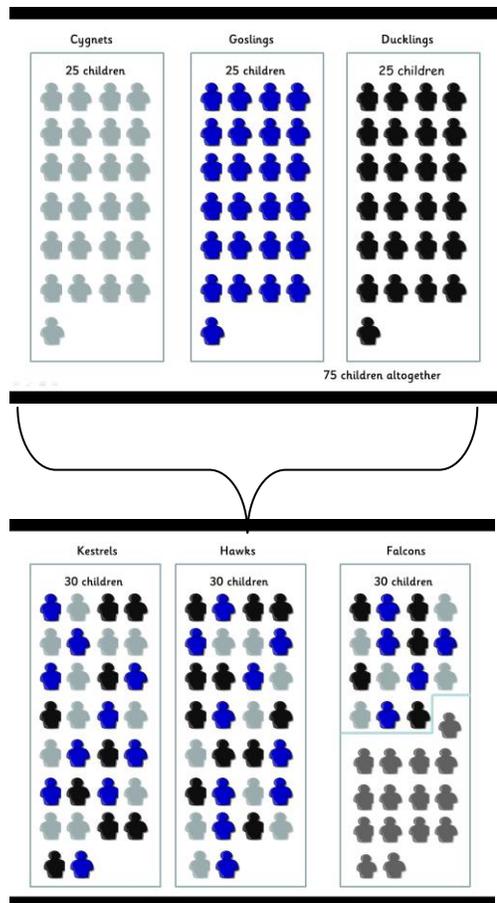


Transition from EYFS to Year 1

At St John's we have an intake of 75 children into EYFS which means that when children start in our school they can be in smaller classes of 25. When the children move into Year One (the first class in Key Stage One), they move into classes of 30. All the classes in Key Stage One and Key Stage Two have 30 children. The infant classes are arranged like this:



What does this mean for the children leaving EYFS?



How are the classes the same?

All three classes follow the same curriculum and topics, go on the same trips and have the same enrichment activities, including forest school. All three classes are taught phonics through the Read Write Inc. programme as well as following the same literacy themes. All three classes use the same reading scheme books that go home. Learning Support Assistants (LSAs) work with each of the Year One classes. The teachers in each of the classes differentiate work to meet the individual needs of the children in their class.

How are the classes different?

The three teachers meet together weekly to plan for all the children, ensuring that all the year one children receive the same learning experiences. However, the delivery and style of teaching may vary depending on the needs and abilities of the children.

How is it decided which class to place your child in?

In the transition from EYFS to Year One we take into account your child's development across **all** seven areas of learning. We will also look at the Characteristics of Effective Learning for each of the children. This gives us a holistic profile of your child which reflects both their aptitude and attainment. From this information we will decide on the right class for your child. We will consider friendships and good working relationships.

What next?

Just as we carefully thought about transition from nursery to school we do the same for the children's transition to Year One. The children will begin learning choice sessions in the Year One classrooms and teachers and learning support assistants will spend time in our classes reading stories, talking to the children and joining us for learning choices sessions. We will also begin our unit "Moving on" to prepare the children for the move, and the children will also meet and support the new nursery children who visit school. Moving classes is a time for celebration for all that the children have achieved and we take great care in removing any anxiety the children may feel and replacing it with joy and excitement. We would really appreciate if you could support us in this aim by talking to your child about all their achievements and of the great things to come.

The children find out which Year One class they will be in on Monday 4th July, and they will spend their first transition lesson with their new class teacher during the day. You will receive notification of your child's Year One class along with their end of year report at the end of the same day. On Friday 8th July, the children have their second transition lesson in their new class. At the end of the school day you will have the opportunity to meet your child's Year One teacher in their classroom, followed by the PTA BBQ (at Worrall Road).