Admissions Timetable 2025 – 2026

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| **Date**  | **Action** |
| 1 September 2025 | Please read our parents guide to applying for a primary school place in Wiltshire on [Forms, guides and policy documents](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-forms-guides-policies) before making your application.* Some foundation and aided schools with religious admissions criteria will ask you to complete a supplementary application form
* These forms are available from the schools directly and must be returned to them by the closing date
* Completing a supplementary form does not mean that you have made an application

You must still make an application to Wiltshire Council |
| 15 January 2026 | Deadline* All paper and online applications must be received by midnight.
* If you apply after this time your application will not be considered until all those received before the deadline date have been processed.

This means that the outcome of your application may not be decided until the end of **May 2026** |
| January - April 2026 | The School Admissions Team will liaise with schools and other authorities to make sure that, where possible, parents get a single offer for the highest preference school. If we are unable to offer you a place at any of your preferred schools, and you live in Wiltshire, an alternative place will be allocated for your child at the next nearest school to the home address with available places. |
| 16 April 2026 | Offer day* Letters are posted out to all parents who applied by the **15 January 2026**deadline offering them a place at one school
* Parents who apply online will be able to log back on to the online system on national offer day to view the outcome of their application, you will require your username and password which was created at the time of application. It is important that you keep these details safe as the school admissions team are not able to send duplicate emails to you confirming these details.

Decisions on applications will not be given out over the telephone |
| 30 April 2026 | Deadline* For parents to accept the place they have been offered
* If you have been refused a place at your preferred school you can appeal: [Appealing against a decision](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-admissions-appealing)
* Waiting lists are set up

Further information will be contained in the decision letter that will be posted out to you on national offer day |
| 22 May 2026 | Second round offers * Late applicants (**second round applications received between 16 January 2026 and 24 April 2026**) will be considered alongside any applicants who were refused in the first round
* All applications will be considered in line with the schools individual over subscription criterion and any spare place and places that have become available after the 16 April offer day, will be reallocated

For further information about the process for allocation places please view 'Determined Co-ordinated Scheme for Primary Schools' which can be found in the [Forms, guides and policy documents](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/schools-learning-forms-guides-policies) |
| June/July 2026 | Third round offers * Late applicants (**third round applications received** **after 24 April 2026**) will be considered alongside any applicants who were refused in the first round and second round
* All applications will be considered in line with the schools individual over subscription criterion and any spare place and places that have become available after the 22 May second round offer day, will be reallocated

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| June/July 2026 | Appeals are heard |
| 31 August 2026 | DeadlineAny applications received after this date will be considered as in-year transfer applications |
| September 2026 | Your child starts primary school |
| Last day of summer term 2027 | Waiting lists are closed |