



Date: September 2025
Ask for: **School Admissions**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Admission to Reception and Transfer to Junior School September 2026

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 & 31 August 2022, or is in year 2 at an infant school, they are due to commence reception, or transfer from infant to junior school in September 2026. This means that you must apply for a reception or junior school place for your child by **15 January 2026**.

To do this, you must submit an on-line application through the Primary Admissions web page of the Walsall Council website: www.walsall.gov.uk/primary_school_admissions. Alternatively, from the front page of the Walsall Council website, follow: Schools and Learning – School Admissions – Apply for a primary school place.

You will also find, on this web page, our online Information for Parents booklet that provides more information about the school admissions process. We strongly recommend that you read this booklet before making your application.

Please note that the online application portal is open daily up until the 15 January 2026.

You should only apply through the Walsall Council website if you are a Walsall resident. If you pay your council tax to a different Local Authority (LA), then you should apply through them. Contact details for neighbouring LAs are provided in the online information booklet.

You can list up to three schools in your application, in your order of preference. List all the schools that you are interested in, including those that may be located in other local authority areas.

Some schools also require applicants to complete an additional Supplementary Information Form (SIF) in addition to naming the school on the online application form. Please refer to the online Information for Parents booklet to see if you need to complete a Supplementary Information Form for any of your preferred schools. If you intend to name any schools outside Walsall, then please contact the relevant LA to check if you are required to complete a Supplementary Information Form for that school.

All places are offered based on how well a child meets the over-subscription criteria for each school and, regrettably, it is not possible to guarantee that a place will be offered at a particular preferred school. We strongly recommend that you use all three preferences and include at least one local school in your selection that you feel that your child would have met the admission criteria for in previous years.

Details of each school's admissions criteria and how places have been offered in previous years are included in the online Information for Parents booklet.

The deadline for submission of applications is **15 January 2026**.

There is ample time for you to consider which schools you intend to list and make your application, there is no priority given to applicants who make their application earlier than others.

It is however extremely important that your application has been submitted by 15 January 2026. Any applications, or changes to your preferred schools, made after this date means that your application will be processed as late, and you will not receive your offer until after the national primary offer date of 16 April 2026.

Making a late reception or junior school application will significantly reduce the chance of your child being offered a place at one of your preferred schools.

All on-time applicants will be notified of the outcome of your application on 16 April 2026.

A timetable of key dates is included overleaf.

If you require any advice or support with making your application, then please contact the Admissions and Education Sufficiency Team at schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Groom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Alex Groom
Admissions and Education Sufficiency Manager

Date	Primary 2026 Admissions - Key Dates
01 September 2025	Information for Parents booklet available online - Primary 2026.
01 September 2025	Portal for Reception 2026 & Junior 2026 applications open.
2 December 2025	Willenhall Library 9am - 12pm. Primary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their reception and infant - junior 2026 applications.
2 December 2025	Darlaston Library 1pm - 4pm. Primary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their reception and infant - junior 2026 applications.
3 December 2025	Lichfield Street Hub 9am - 5pm. Primary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their reception and infant to junior 2026 applications.
4 December 2025	Blakenall Village Centre 1pm - 4pm. Primary drop-in session to support families in the community to submit their reception and infant to junior 2026 applications.
15 January 2026 (10pm)	NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR ON-TIME RECEPTION 2026 & JUNIOR 2026 APPLICATIONS
16 January 2026 - 14 February 2026	Late applications received within this period may be considered as on time but only in exceptional circumstances (see Information for Parents booklet for more information)
15 February 2026	All applications received from this date forward will be considered late regardless of the circumstances
16 April 2026	PRIMARY NATIONAL OFFER DAY - all on-time applicants of Reception 2026 & Junior 2026 applications will receive an email confirming the school to be offered for September 2026
30 April 2026	Waiting list positions available for Reception 2026 & Junior 2026 applications.
04 May 2026	Late Offers - Phase 1 - Offers made for late applications received between 16/01/2026 & 30/04/2026
14 May 2026	Appeals Deadline - see Information for Parents booklet for more information.
10 June 2026	Late Offers - Phase 2 - Offers made for late applications received between 1/05/2026 & 05/06/2026
As Required	Further offers for late applications will be made as required.
June/July 2026	Appeal Hearings - dates to be confirmed to applicants as appropriate.
June/July 2026	Inset dates - to be confirmed by the school of offer.