

Key dates in the Reception process

Date	Activity
1 September 2024	Application process opens online for 2025/26
15 January 2025	Closing date for applications. Any evidence to support your application must also be submitted before this date.
29 January 2025	Last date for any late applications to be submitted and considered as exceptions
16 April 2025	National offer day. Login online to see your offer. We will send emails to applicants who have provided a valid email address and post letters second class today to applicants who have not provided an email address.
23 April 2025	Deadline for late applications and late changes to be considered in the late offer process
30 April 2025	Date for parents to accept or refuse the offer from offer day
17 May 2025	Deadline to submit an appeal to ensure it is heard in the first round of appeals.
23 May 2025	Late offer process will be run to allocate places that have become available. Late applicants and late changes will be included, along with children known to the LA where no application has been submitted
June - 31 August 2025	Late offers made recurrently
June onwards	Appeals are heard
September 2025	Your child starts school. If your child was not offered a place in your first preference school, they will remain on waiting lists for the schools you have requested until at least 31 December. If the school clears the waiting list after this date, they will contact you. If you want to change your school preferences from 1 September, you must complete an in-year application .