



5 November 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Applying for a Primary School place – Reception, September 2026

As your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2021 – 31 August 2022, you are now able to apply for a primary school place (Reception, September 2026) via your home local authority.

Bracknell Forest Residents

The application process for primary school begins on **5 November 2025** and you can make your application for your child to start school from this date by visiting our website: [Starting primary school | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/starting-primary-school)

The closing date for applications is **15 January 2026** and the online site for applications will close at midday on this date.

Before you make your application make sure that you have read The Guide to Primary Education 2026/27. This can be found on the Bracknell Forest website using the link above.

Non Bracknell Forest Residents

If you are not a Bracknell Forest resident, then you will need to contact your home local authority for further information to apply for a primary school place. You must make your application to your home local authority no matter what school you wish to apply for.

If you wish to apply for Bracknell Forest schools, make sure you have read The Guide to Primary Education 2026/27 before applying. This can be found here: [Starting primary school | Bracknell Forest Council \(bracknell-forest.gov.uk\)](https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/starting-primary-school)

If you have made alternative arrangements for your child's education e.g. private or home education, then you must inform your home local authority of these arrangements.

Thank you,
School Admissions Team

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