

Starting School – September 2026

The table below lists the number of requests for places at each of the lower/primary schools/academies and the number of places that have been offered in accordance with the published admissions arrangements on **National Offer Day, 16th April 2026**. The information will give you an indication of the level of oversubscription, which you may find helpful if we have been unable to offer you a place at your preferred school(s), because your application was not high enough on the list for admission.

'Places available column updated during late allocation round from 21st May 2026'

School	Type	Published Admissions Number	Requests Received	Places Offered	Additional Offers *	ICS Applies ?	Places Available	Last place offered, criteria and distance
Balliol Primary	C	52	24	24		No	Yes	All offered
Bedford Road Primary	A	60	41	41		N/A	Yes	All offered
Brickhill Primary	C	30	30	30		Yes	No	All offered
Broadmead Lower	C	60	49	49		N/A	Yes	All offered
Bromham Primary	VC	90	60	60		N/A	Yes	All offered
Camestone Primary	C	60	53	53		N/A	Yes	All offered
Carlton Primary	VC	15	6	6		N/A	Yes	All offered
Castle Newnham Primary	A	90	84	84	6	Yes	No	All offered
Cauldwell Primary	A	60	76	60		Yes	No	'catchment' 822.93m
Christopher Reeves Primary	VA	15	8	8		N/A	Yes	All offered
Cotton End Primary	C	60	51	51		N/A	Yes	All offered
Edith Cavell Primary	F	45	34	34		N/A	Yes	All offered
Eileen Wade Primary	F	10	6	6		N/A	Yes	All offered
Elstow Primary	A	60	42	42		N/A	Yes	All offered
Goldington Green Primary	A	90	53	53	1	N/A	Yes	All offered
Great Barford Primary	A	30	12	12		N/A	Yes	All offered
Great Denham Primary	F	90	122	90		Yes	No	'any other' 1367.52m
Great Ouse Primary	A	60	70	60		Yes	No	'any other' 1922.53m
Harrold Primary	A	30	9	9		N/A	Yes	All offered
Hazeldene Primary	F	60	84	60		Yes	No	'any other' 1415.64m
Kempston Rural Primary	C	60	74	60		Yes	No	'any other' 2343.95m
Kings Oak Primary	C	120	77	77	1	N/A	Yes	All offered
Kymbrook Primary	F	15	7	7		N/A	Yes	All offered
Lakeview Primary	A	60	52	52	1	N/A	Yes	All offered
Livingstone Primary	F	60	76	60		Yes	No	'any other' 511.50m

Milton Ernest Primary	VC	12	5	5		No	Yes	All offered
Oakley Primary	A	40	19	19		No	Yes	All offered
Pinchmill Primary	F	15	6	6		N/A	Yes	All offered
Priory Primary	F	26	53	28		No	No	'catchment' 350.83m
Putnoe Primary	A	60	53	53		N/A	No	All offered
Queens Park Primary	A	60	41	41	6	N/A	Yes	All offered
Ravensden Primary	A	15	7	7		N/A	Yes	All offered
Renhold Primary	VC	30	19	19		N/A	Yes	All offered
Riseley Primary	VA	28	10	10		No	Yes	All offered
Roxton Primary	A	15	9	9		N/A	Yes	All offered
Scott Primary	C	60	56	56		N/A	No	All offered
Shackleton Primary	A	60	58	58	2	Yes	Yes	All offered
Sharnbrook Primary	A	30	16	16		N/A	Yes	All offered
Sheerhatch Primary	C	30	15	15		N/A	Yes	All offered
Shortstown Primary	A	60	58	58		N/A	No	All offered
Springfield Primary	A	60	39	39		N/A	Yes	All offered
St Francis of Assisi Primary	A	60	21	21		N/A	Yes	All offered
St James Primary	VA	30	32	30		Yes	No	'any other' 2129.26m
St John Rigby Primary	A	30	18	18		N/A	Yes	All offered
St Lawrence Primary	VA	30	11	11		N/A	Yes	All offered
The Hills Primary	A	60	78	60		Yes	No	'any other' 1342.74m
Thurleigh Primary	F	15	4	4		N/A	Yes	All offered
Turvey Primary	F	15	9	9		N/A	Yes	All offered
Ursula Taylor Primary	A	60	43	43		N/A	Yes	All offered
Westfield School	C	60	47	47		N/A	Yes	All offered
Wilden Primary	VA	12	12	12		No	No	All offered
Willow Grove Primary School	A	30	68	60		Yes	No	'other siblings' 6168.75m
Wilstead Primary	A	30	30	30		Yes	No	All offered
Wixams Tree Primary	A	90	55	55		N/A	Yes	All offered
Wootton Primary	A	120	100	100		N/A	Yes	All offered

Additional Offers

* Where a child living within the administrative area of Bedford Borough Council has been unable to secure a school place through the normal admissions process, the Local Authority has a duty to nominate the next nearest school with places available.

School Type

A	-	Academy
C	-	Community School
VA	-	Voluntary Aided School
F	-	Foundation School
VC	-	Voluntary Controlled

Appeals

If your application has been unsuccessful, you have the right to appeal against this decision.

You can lodge your appeal for a place at a school in Bedford Borough Council on-line at www.bedford.gov.uk/appeals or you can request a form from the Appeals Clerk, tel 01234 228905. Please read the Appeals Guidance before submitting your appeal.

If you wish to appeal for a school in another local authority please contact the relevant council for more information.

ICS – Infant Class Size Limits

The column 'ICS applies?' in the table indicates whether the school has reached its Infant Class Size limit.

Government legislation states that no infant class (Year R, Year 1 or Year 2) can have more than 30 children in it. If a school exceeds this number they will have to take qualifying measures (employ another teacher and set up a new class to keep class sizes at or under 30). If the 'ICS applies?' column states 'Yes' then it means your application has been unsuccessful on the grounds of infant class size limits and although you have the right of appeal the Appeal Panel can only uphold your appeal in the following circumstances:

- 1) it finds that the admission of additional children would not breach the infant class size limit; or
- 2) it finds that the admission arrangements did not comply with admissions law or were not correctly and impartially applied and the child would have been offered a place if the arrangements had complied or had been correctly and impartially applied; or
- 3) it decides that the decision to refuse admission was not one which a reasonable admission authority would have made in the circumstances of the case.

If the 'ICS applies?' column states N/A (not applicable) this means that the school is undersubscribed. However if we received more applications and the school subsequently becomes oversubscribed and reaches its published admissions number then Infant class size limits will apply.

Waiting Lists

If we have not been able to offer you a place at your preferred school(s), your child's name will be placed on the waiting list which has been prioritised in accordance with the admissions criteria for individual schools. If a place becomes available we will contact you, even if you have accepted a place at an alternative school/academy. The waiting lists will be maintained until the end of the Autumn term 2026 (31 December 2026). If you wish to remain on the waiting list beyond that time you will need to write to the School Admissions Service.

Schools with vacancies

Some schools currently have a limited number of places available. These schools are marked with 'Yes' on the table.

If you would like to request a place at any of the schools listed, you should do so in writing to the School Admissions Service.

Please email admissions@bedford.gov.uk

Admission of younger siblings

If you have been offered a place at a school/academy you should be aware that this will **not guarantee** a place at this school to any younger siblings in future years particularly if the school is oversubscribed.

Deferred Places

If you are offered a school place for your child, you can ask that school for the place to be deferred. This means that the place is kept open for you but must be taken up by the time your child is of statutory school age or April 2026, whichever is the earlier. **You cannot defer for the whole of the academic year and start your child in year 1 instead.**