

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.

| School | Type | Published Admissions Number | Requests Received | Places Offered | Additional Offers * | ICS Applies ? | Places Available | Last place offered, criteria and distance |
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| 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 |

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| 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 | Yes | 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 | Yes | All offered |
| Shackleton Primary | A | 60 | 58 | 58 | 2 | Yes | No | 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 | Yes | 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

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| 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 by 1 May 2026.

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.**