

Starting Infant, Junior & Primary School in Slough 2026/27

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IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE TIME TO READ THIS INFORMATION WHICH OUTLINES THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR A RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE

Dear Parent/Carer,

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, and you live in Slough, you can now apply for a reception school place in an infant or primary school for September 2026. The Citizen's portal on the council website is now open to receive applications. There are clear and simple prompts to guide you through making your application.

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019, lives in Slough and currently attends an infant school, they will need to transfer to Year 3 in a junior school.

You will also find the *Starting Infant, Junior and Primary School booklet* on the council website. The booklet contains a wealth of information to help you choose the right schools, make an application and understand how the application process works. It provides a profile of all of primary schools alongside information about admission arrangements.

Who should apply?

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you must apply for a school place for September 2026.

When do I need to apply?

You can apply anytime from 1 September 2025. **To receive an offer of a school place on national offer day, you must submit an application by 15 January 2026.**

Please note: In order to maximise your chances of being offered one of your preferred schools

- You **MUST** submit an application with any required documents/supplementary forms on time.
- Your child **MUST** meet the admissions criteria of the school to be offered a place.

and there is

- **NO** automatic transfer from a nursery to into a school.
- **NO** automatic offer of a sibling place without making an application.

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Closing date to apply 15 January 2026

What happens if I miss the closing date?

For the avoidance of doubt, all applications submitted and received after the closing date (15 January 2026) will be deemed as late applications. They will be considered after those that are received on time and after the first round of offers have been made.

How do I apply?

If you live in Slough you **MUST** apply through Slough Borough Council. The easiest way to apply is online.

Go to www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions and follow the instructions on the screen.

If you do not have internet access at home you can still apply online at your local library or at the council offices.

Who can make the application?

Applications must be made by a parent or carer who holds legal parental responsibility for a child. Only one application should be made per child.

Contact the Admissions Team

If you would like more information about the school admissions process or the admission arrangements, please read the 'Starting Infant, Junior or Primary School' booklet

Or visit: www.slough.gov.uk/school-admissions

Email: _admissions.helpline@slough.gov.uk

Contact Centre:

Telephone: 01753 475111 (Monday to Friday)

Please note that the School Admissions lines open as and when needed around admissions time.

Best wishes,

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