

Timeline for applying for a reception school place for September 2026

1 September 2025	Parents/carers can apply for a school place Online - www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/ admissions Paper Application Form is contained in Section 7 of this booklet
15 January 2026	Closing date for on time applications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online applications must be submitted to the Council by this date. Don't forget to press the submit button on your account• Paper applications to be returned to: School Admissions, Cheshire West and Chester Council, Wyvern House, The Drumber, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 1AH. Paper applications must be received by this date to be considered as 'on time'
20 February 2026	Deadline for supporting information <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Any information received by this date will be considered for the initial allocation of school places, for example, change of address, change in circumstances, reasons for the local Council to consider a late application/change of preference as on time• Any information received after this date cannot be included in the initial allocation of school places, however, will be considered later in the process following the 16 April 2026
16 April 2026	Notification of offers <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Online offers made available for parents/carers to view via the online account• Emails sent to parents/carers notifying of the school place offered.
18 May 2026	Closing date for on time appeals Appeals received by this date will be heard by 20 July 2026