

Admissions at Shire Oak CE Primary School 2025 - 2026

Thank you for your interest in a place at Shire Oak. Our admissions policy is the same as Leeds City Council schools:

- 1st priority: Children who are looked after (in public care or fostered) or who have been
2nd priority: Children with this school named on their EHCP or whose particular SEND or medical needs can only be met at this school
3rd priority: Siblings currently at school
4th priority: Distance to school (if you are in the catchment priority area)
5th priority: Distance to school

To apply for a place at our school in Years 1 to 6 please fill in a copy of the In Year Common Transfer form online at <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/before-you-move-schools>

Families applying for their child to start school in Reception Class in the September should check here <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school>

Children born between 1/9/14 – 31/8/15 will be in current Year 6
Children born between 1/9/15 – 31/8/16 will be in current Year 5
Children born between 1/9/16 – 31/8/17 will be in current Year 4
Children born between 1/9/17 – 31/8/18 will be in current Year 3
Children born between 1/9/18 – 31/8/19 will be in current Year 2
Children born between 1/9/19 – 31/8/20 will be in current Year 1
Children born between 1/9/20 – 31/8/21 will be in current Reception Class

Children born between 1/9/21 – 31/8/22 will start school in September 2026 and should apply online for a school place between November 2025 and January 2026.
Children born between 1/9/22 – 31/8/23 will start school in September 2027 and should apply online for a school place between November 2026 and January 2027.
Children born between 1/9/23 – 31/8/24 will start school in September 2028 and should apply online for a school place between November 2027 and January 2028.
Children born between 1/9/24 – 31/8/25 will start school in September 2029 and should apply online for a school place between November 2028 and January 2029.

Please fill in an application form online and we can **contact you about starting school / put you on our waiting list**. You can also contact school to check if we have spaces in the year group(s) you are requesting.

You can apply to more than one school online and be one more than one waiting list.

For a list of Leeds schools please and further information please see <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/check-school-details>
The Admissions team at Leeds City Council may be able to help with further information

- on schools with available places
- how to apply
- what to do if you cannot find a school place for your child.

The phone number for Admissions is 0113 222 4414.

Admissions information from Leeds City Council

We are a voluntary controlled school, and the admission authority is Leeds City Council, who sets our admission policy every year.

You can read our school's admission policy at [Our school admissions policies \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://www.leeds.gov.uk/apply)

How to apply for a September 2026 place

If you are applying for a reception place for September 2025, all applications are made in advance. Offers are made by the Local Authority on national offer day.

You must apply to the local authority who empties your bins. If this is Leeds, go to www.leeds.gov.uk/apply. The website is a composite prospectus for all Leeds schools and this includes:

- all of the steps you need to go through to make an application
- the key dates
- a search tool to see if your home address gives any higher priority for admission to any school(s)
- an explanation about how places are offered if there are more applications than spaces (oversubscribed)
- the online application portal - apply online and you'll be sent your offer by email
- a summary of each school's individual admission policy criteria
- data about who got a place in the last 3 years - this will help you work out if there is a reasonable chance of your child qualifying for a place.
- Information about applying under a specific admission criteria (such as your child being previously looked after). It is really important to ensure you submit all supporting evidence by the deadline to show you meet any such criteria.

You can also watch the [Leeds City Council school admissions video](#) for more information.

The council's social media pages will also tell you about any Q&A sessions where you can ask questions.

You can also see information about our school, including previous admission data, on our [school page](#) on the Leeds City Council's website.

Application timetable - The below timetable applies to applications made to Leeds City Council. If you apply to another local authority, they may have different dates.

	Children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 are due to start reception in September 2026
1 November 2025	Applications open. You can apply online at www.leeds.gov.uk/apply
15 January 2026	National deadline for applying for Reception 2026
12 February 2026	Deadline for making changes that will be considered as being on-time for our school.
15 January 2026	Final deadline for naming school in EHCP

28 February 2026	Final date Leeds City Council uses for adding late applications or receiving change of address evidence. Any new applications received after this date will not be offered a school place until the first round of reallocations in May
16 April 2026	National offer day (first working day after 16 April)
30 April 2026 midnight	First cut off for waiting list requests and deadline for accepting offers
15 May 2026	Any reception appeal submitted by this date will be heard before the summer holidays start Leeds City Council arranges our appeals.
13 May to end of August 2026	Any available places automatically allocated from waiting lists by the local authority Lower preference school offers are also withdrawn automatically (even if accepted)
June to 17 July 2026	Appeals heard by independent appeal panels
September 2026	Start primary school
June to July 2025	Appeals heard by independent appeal panels
September 2025	Start primary school

In-year applications

If you're moving into Leeds or want to change schools in Leeds, you need to make a school transfer – often called an in-year application.

Moving schools can be a difficult experience for a child. You should always speak to your child's current school before trying to move to see what support they can offer you before you make the decision to move.

How to apply for an in-year place

Leeds City Council has delegated the decision making for in-year applications to our Governing Body.

You can apply for a place online using the Leeds in-year application form at [Before you move schools \(leeds.gov.uk\)](https://leeds.gov.uk). You can apply for places at our school and any other Leeds schools who are part of the centralised Leeds in-year application scheme at the same time.

If you have moved house, please upload evidence of the house move with the online application. You can find out what you need to provide on the above website.

We have to offer places by applying our admission policy criteria to your child's application and we will contact you with our decision about offering you a place. We will tell you our decision no later than 15 school days from when you apply.

If we cannot offer you a place, we will

- write to you to explain the reasons
- explain how you can appeal and
- add your child to our waiting list in case a place becomes free.

Our waiting lists are kept until end of each school year. You will need to make a new application if you want to be on the waiting list for the following school year.

Appeals

If we cannot offer you a place, you will have the right of appeal. The appeal panel is independent of the school and council and their decision is legally binding.

Before you appeal you:

- should accept any place that you have been offered in case your appeal is not successful
- should think about why you are appealing and [check if it's likely to be successful](#)
- could read the [advice for appealing school places on GOV.UK](#)
- could get independent advice on making an appeal from a charity

Leeds City Council arranges our appeals and you can find the appeal form at [School appeals \(leeds.gov.uk\)](#)

If you are applying for a reception place for September 2024, you need to submit your appeal by the deadline to ensure the appeal will be heard before the summer holidays.

Appeals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 – these classes are limited to 30 pupils per teacher by law. This means that appeals for these places are less likely to be successful.

If our school refuses your child a place because of this limit and you want to appeal, you will need to make an infant class size appeal. You can see if your reasons are likely to be successful by reading the Department for Education's [information about infant class size appeals](#).

Other appeals - You can appeal because you want your child to attend a particular school. These are successful if the panel agree that the reasons for your appeal outweigh the school's decision not to admit any more children.

Wanting your child to go to a school because you think it is the best one in the area is not likely to convince the panel that your child should get a place there.