

Primary, Infant and Junior Schools Admission Policies Directory 2026/2027

West Essex

Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford Districts

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Essex County Council

Online admissions

Parents and carers who live in the Essex County Council area (excluding those living in the Borough of Southend-on-Sea or in Thurrock) can apply for their child's school place online using the Essex Online Admissions Service at:

Please ensure that you read the information in this directory alongside the 'Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027' admissions guide, which provides all the information you need to know on the admissions processes.

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

The online application system has a number of benefits for parents and carers:

- you can access related information through links on the website to find out more about individual schools, such as home to school transport or inspection reports;
- when you have submitted your application you will receive an email confirming this;
- You will be told the outcome of your online application by email on offer day if you requested this when you applied.

You will be able to make your application online from **10 November 2025**.

The closing date for primary applications is **15 January 2026**. This is the statutory national closing date set by the Government.

Key Points to Remember

- **APPLY ON TIME** - closing date 15 January 2026.
- **Use all 4 preferences.**
- **Tell us immediately in writing (email or by letter) about any address change.**
- **If entitlement to school transport is important to you, please make sure you read and understand the 'Home to School Transport' section in the 'Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027' admissions guide and also the Education Transport policy at www.essex.gov.uk/schooltransport. School priority admission (catchment) areas are not relevant to transport eligibility. Transport is generally only provided to the nearest available school where the distance criteria is met. It is vital you carefully consider the transport implications before you make your application for a school place. If you need any further advice please contact us at educationawards@essex.gov.uk.**

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Introduction to the Schools' Admissions Policies Directory for West Essex

This Directory should be used with the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet which is available on our website at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions by parents and carers whose children will be starting primary education or transferring from infant to junior school in West Essex in the school year that begins in September 2026.

In this Directory you will find the School Admission policies of all the primary, infant and junior schools in the West Essex locality. This includes areas 2 (Uttlesford), 11 (Epping Forest) and 12 (Harlow) on the map below. On page 6 it explains what the different parts of these policies mean.

You can make your application via our website: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **15 January 2026**.



The information contained in this booklet is correct as at the time of printing. Policies may change in the light of decisions made by the Schools' Adjudicator, the Education Skills and Funding Agency or any change in the law. An addendum will be available on the website and on request.

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Co-ordinated admission arrangements and what they mean

The law requires a Local Authority (LA) to co-ordinate admissions to all primary schools (except independent (fee-paying) or special schools) in their area. Primary schools includes infant schools.

Essex parents must apply for primary school places by completing the Common Application Form. This can either be completed online at **www.essex.gov.uk/admissions**, or you can use a paper application form. **Please do not do both.** Parents can express preferences for up to four schools both in and out of Essex, in the order in which they would like them considered.

On 16 April 2026, parents will be sent one offer of a place at the highest preference school that can be met. If none of the preferences can be met a place will be offered at the nearest Essex school to the child's home address with a space available. Here are some examples of this process:

Example 1 – Parent has applied for four schools and the first preference can be met:

Preference 1 – Offered

Preference 2 – Not offered – right to appeal given*

Preference 3 – Not offered – right to appeal given*

Preference 4 – Not offered – right to appeal given*

Example 2 – Parent has applied for four schools and the second preference can be met:

Preference 1 – Not offered – on waiting list and right to appeal given

Preference 2 – Offered

Preference 3 – Not offered – right to appeal given*

Preference 4 – Not offered – right to appeal given*

Example 3 – Parent has applied to four schools and no preference can be met:

Preference 1 – Not offered – on waiting list and right to appeal given

Preference 2 – Not offered – on waiting list and right to appeal given

Preference 3 – Not offered – on waiting list and right to appeal given

Preference 4 – Not offered – on waiting list and right to appeal given

Child will then be offered a place at the nearest Essex school to the home address with a space available.

* You will note from examples 1 and 2 that children are only held on waiting lists for preferences higher than the one that can be met.

On 16 April 2026 (National offer day) Essex resident families will be sent a notification of the school offer being made. This will either be an email (for those that applied online) or a letter for all other applications.

School information explained

Any Primary School

Acacia End, Chelmsford CM1 2AA

Telephone 0345 603 2200

Email: anyprimary@essex.sch.uk

Website: www.AnyPS.essex.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr A Smith

Community (Co-educational)

4–11

School Number: 881-0123

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **70**

Number on roll: 187

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place in the school. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

More information about the school will be available on its website.

This indicates the type of school. See the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet for more information.

Department for Education unique identification number for the school.

No. of Reception places available in Sept 2026.

See Note 1 years R-6.

Total No. of pupils at the school in January 2025 years R-6.

The last admissions criterion under which pupils were admitted to the school last year.

See Note 2

The normal age range of the school is shown here. (4-11 for primary, 4-7 for infant and 7-11 for junior. A # shows that the school has a nursery unit.

A summary of the school's admissions policy.

For Community and Voluntary Controlled schools, the definition of a sibling can be found in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet. Some academy, foundation and voluntary aided schools also use that definition. Where it is different, the definition can be found under the individual school's entry.

Note 1

The Published Admission Number (PAN) is the number of places that the school has available for the new Reception intake in 2026. In general this will be the same as the PAN for 2025. The total number of applications received was collated on 16 April 2025. The PAN and the number of applications received for 2025 should give you an idea of the demand for places at the school. Treat this information carefully and talk to the school about it. For instance, some applications may have been second, third or fourth preferences and these increase the overall number of applications. However you should be aware that if you only apply for schools that are oversubscribed you may not receive a place at any of them.

Note 2

Timing of Admission. As required by law with effect from September 2011, all infant and primary schools provide for the full time admission of all children offered a place in the reception year group from the September following their fourth birthday. This means that you have the right to a full time place at the school your child is offered from September 2026. Parents can request that the date their child is admitted to school is deferred until later in the school year or until the child reaches compulsory school age in the school year. Where entry is deferred, the school will hold the place for that child and not offer it to another child. The parent would not however be able to defer entry beyond the beginning of the term after the child's fifth birthday, nor beyond the academic year for which the original application was accepted. Parents can also request that their child attends part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age. You would need to check with the individual school(s) what the part-time provision would be. Where parents choose to defer entry, the school may reasonably expect that the child would start at the beginning of a new school term/half term.

ASHDON

Ashdon Primary

Ashdon, Saffron Walden CB10 2HB
 Telephone (01799) 584219
 Email: admin@ashdon.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.ashdon.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Ms M Reynecke-Raybould
 Community (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2710

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**
 Number on roll: **54**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **33**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

BIRCHANGER

Birchanger CE (VC) Primary

Birchwood, Birchanger, Bishop's Stortford CM23 5QL
 Telephone (01279) 812362
 Email: admin@birchanger.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.birchanger.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Ms C Berry
 Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3241

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**
 Number on roll: **97**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **24**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

BUCKHURST HILL

Buckhurst Hill Community Primary

Lower Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill IG9 6DS
 Telephone (020) 8505 7300
 Email: office@bhcps.efspt.org
 Website: bhcps.efspt.org
 Headteacher: Mr K Richardson
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11
 School Number: 881-2973

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**

Number on roll: **376**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **153**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

St John's CE Primary, Buckhurst Hill

High Road, Buckhurst Hill IG9 5RX
 Telephone (020) 8504 2934
 Email: office@stjohns.efspt.org
 Website: www.st-johns-school.com
 Headteacher: Mr J Furness
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3122

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**

Number on roll: **414**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **223**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

CHIGWELL

Chigwell Primary Academy

Mandir Lane, Chigwell IG7 6ED
 Telephone (020) 8500 2666
 Email: mainoffice@chigwellprimaryacademy.co.uk
 Website: www.chigwellprimaryacademy.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs C Furia
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2125

Published admission number 2026/2027:

Reception class: **30**

Year 3: **15** (Maximum number in year group is 45)

Number on roll: **186**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **70**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with one or more siblings[‡] in the School;
3. children of school staff fulfilling a skills shortage role*;
4. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the School. Children in this criteria will be ranked in order of distance.

*This option is only available for all staff with a permanent contract to work at the school (and not employees in REAch2 cluster or central teams); it will be subject to confirmation by an independent REAch2 non-executive that, on the evidence available, the member of staff is recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

Chigwell Row Infant

Lambourne Road, Chigwell Row IG7 6EZ
 Telephone (020) 8500 3355
 Email: office@chigwell.efspt.org
 Website: chigwell.efspt.org
 Head of School: Mrs L Anstey
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–7
 School Number: 881-2323

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**

Number on roll: **38**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **33**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or
 b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

CHIGWELL

Limes Farm Infant and Nursery

Limes Avenue, Chigwell IG7 5LP
 Telephone (020) 8501 1115
 Email: office@limesfarm.efspt.org
 Website: https://limesfarm.efspt.org
 Headteacher: Miss S Taylor
 Academy (Co-educational)
 3–7 #
 School Number: 881-2707

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **133**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **50**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school or Limes Farm Junior School;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

Limes Farm Junior

Limes Avenue, Chigwell IG7 5LP
 Telephone (020) 8500 7566
 Email: Office@limesfarmjuniorschool.co.uk
 Website: www.limesfarmjuniorschool.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs S Pardalis
 Community (Co-educational)
 7–11
 School Number: 881-2647

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **153**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **32**

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription any remaining places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or Limes Farm Infant school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. children living in the priority admission area of Chigwell Row Infant School;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

CHIPPING ONGAR

Chipping Ongar Primary

Greensted Road, Ongar CM5 9LA
 Telephone (01277) 363789
 Email: admin@chippingongar.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.chippingongar.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs H Russell
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2685

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **205**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **65**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 3

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children living in straight-line distance.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

Ongar Primary

Milton Crescent, Shelley, Ongar CM5 0FF
 Telephone (01277) 362354
 Email: admin@ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.ongar-pri.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs D Attridge
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2840

Published admission number 2026/2027: **28**
 Number on roll: **176**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **28**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 3

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. straight line distance.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

CHRISHALL

Chrishall Holy Trinity and St Nicholas CE (A) Primary School and Pre-School

Palmers Lane, Chrishall, Royston, Herts SG8 8QE
Telephone (01763) 838592
Email: admin@chrishall.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.chrishall.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs T Bratley
Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3795

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**
Number on roll: **126**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **15**
In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 7

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children including those children who appear (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. siblings‡ residing within the former ecclesiastical parishes of Holy Trinity, Chrishall and St Nicholas, Elmdon with Wendon Lofts (including Duddenhoe End);
3. all other children residing within the former ecclesiastical parishes of Holy Trinity, Chrishall and St Nicholas, Elmdon with Wendon Lofts (including Duddenhoe End);
4. all other siblings‡ of those children already on roll in any but the final year of school;
5. children living in the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Icknield Way villages (Chrishall Grange, Heydon, Great and Little Chishill and Flint Cross);
6. those who would benefit on pastoral, medical, social or psychological grounds and can provide evidence from an appropriate professional to show that attendance at this school is essential;
7. children from outside the Ecclesiastical Parish of the Icknield Way villages. Preference will be given to those who worship within a Christian community.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

♦ If you are applying under criterion 6 or 7 it is necessary to complete the Supplementary Information Form.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

CLAVERING

Clavering Primary

Stortford Road, Clavering, Saffron Walden CB11 4PE
 Telephone (01799) 550300
 Email: admin@clavering.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.clavering.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Miss R Allsop
 Community (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2720

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **182**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **45**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

DEBDEN

Debden C of E Primary Academy

Debden, Saffron Walden CB11 3LE
 Telephone (01799) 540302
 Email: admin@debden.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.debdenprimary.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mr M Hawley
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-2155

Published admission number 2026/2027: **23**
 Number on roll: **145**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **58**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. children living on Carver Barracks;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

ELSENHAM

Elsenham CE (VC) Primary

Elsenham, Bishop's Stortford CM22 6DD
 Telephone (01279) 813198
 Email: admin@elsenhamsch.uk
 Website: www.elsenhamsch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs Linda Todd
 Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3244

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **383**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **94**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

EPHING

Coopersale and Theydon Garnon CE (VC) Primary

Brickfield Road, Coopersale, Epping CM16 7QX
 Telephone (01992) 574890
 Email: admin@coopersaletheydongarnonsch.uk
 Website: www.coopersaletheydongarnonsch.uk
 Headteacher: Mr D Bateman
 Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
 4–11

School Number: 881-3123

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **200**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **82**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living within the priority admission area of Coopersale and Theydon Garnon CE Primary School;
4. children living within the priority admission areas of Epping Primary, Epping Upland CE, Ivy Chimneys and Theydon Bois Primary Schools;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

EPPING

Epping Primary

Coronation Hill, Epping CM16 5DU
 Telephone (01992) 572408
 Email: admin@eppingprimary.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.eppingprimary.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs T O'Donnell
 Community (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-3837

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **411**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **122**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living within the priority admission area of Epping Primary School;
4. children living within the priority admission areas of Coopersale and Theydon Garnon CE, Epping Upland CE, Ivy Chimneys and Theydon Bois Primary Schools;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

Epping Upland C of E Primary

Carters Lane, Epping Green, Epping CM16 6QJ
 Telephone (01992) 572087
 Email: admin@eppingupland.efspt.org
 Website: eppingupland.efspt.org
 Headteacher: Mrs Julia Ferguson
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-3125

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **189**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **54**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or
 b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living within the priority admission area of Epping Upland Primary School;
5. children living within the priority admission areas of Coopersale and Theydon Garnon CE, Epping Primary, Ivy Chimneys and Theydon Bois Primary Schools;
6. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

EPPING

Ivy Chimneys Primary

Ivy Chimneys Road, Epping CM16 4EP
 Telephone (01992) 573518
 Email: office@ivychimneys.efspt.org
 Website: www.ivychimneys.net
 Headteacher: Ms R Sigston
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2823

Published admission number 2026/2027: **45**
 Number on roll: **331**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **122**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or,
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living within the priority admission area of Ivy Chimneys Primary School;
5. children living within the priority admission areas of Coopersale and Theydon Garnon CE, Epping Primary, Epping Upland CE and Theydon Bois Primary Schools;
6. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

Theydon Bois Primary

Orchard Drive, Theydon Bois, Epping CM16 7DH
 Telephone (01992) 813083
 Email: office@theydon.efspt.org
 Website: www.theydon.efspt.org
 Headteacher: Mr A Rall
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2873

Published admission number 2026/2027: **45**
 Number on roll: **318**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **131**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or,
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living within the priority admission area of Theydon Bois Primary School;
5. children living within the priority admission areas of Coopersale and Theydon Garnon CE, Epping Primary, Epping Upland CE and Ivy Chimneys Primary Schools;
6. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

FARNHAM

Farnham CE Primary

Farnham, Bishop's Stortford CM23 1HR
 Telephone (01279) 771339
 Email: admin@farnham.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.federationfarnhamrickling.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs T Bratley
 Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
 4-11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3700

Published admission number 2026/2027: **10**
 Number on roll: **28**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **5**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: **8**

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

In the event of oversubscription Governors will apply the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. siblings of children currently attending the school, who will continue to attend in the next academic year;
3. children living in the priority admission area of Farnham parish (Farnham, Farnham Green, Hazel End, Hassobury, Chatter End, Levels Green) and Stansted Mountfitchet (map available on request at the school);
4. parent or child with an active affiliation* with one of the churches in the Benefice of Farnham, Birchanger and Stansted. A statement of support is needed from the Incumbent of the three parishes;
5. parent or child with an active affiliation* with a church outside the Benefice of Farnham, Birchanger and Stansted. A statement of support is needed from the Incumbent concerned;
6. parent or child with an active affiliation* to another Christian denomination. A statement of support is needed from the Minister of the denomination concerned;
7. parent or child with an active affiliation* to a faith other than Christian, who want a school with an ethical faith base. A statement of support from the faith leader is required;

8. remaining applications.

Distance from the school measured by straight line distance between the home address and the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

* Governors interpret active affiliation as attending worship on a minimum of 8 occasions annually for at least two years prior to the application.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church [or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church [or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria the straight line distance from the school to the home would be measured, with those living nearest having the highest priority.

♦ For consideration under criteria 4,5,6 or 7 this school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held: For two terms.

FELSTED

Felsted Primary

Watch House Green, Felsted, Dunmow CM6 3EB
 Telephone (01371) 820215
 Email: admin@felsted-pri.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.felsted-pri.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs B Collins
 Community (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2510

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **203**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **59**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

FYFIELD

Dr Walker's CE (VC) Primary, Fyfield

Walker Avenue, Fyfield, Ongar CM5 0RG
 Telephone (01277) 899298
 Email: office@fyfielddrwalkers.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.fyfielddrwalkersprimary.co.uk
 Headteacher: Dr L Lawson
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3238

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**
 Number on roll: **47**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **8**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 3

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

GREAT CHESTERFORD

Great Chesterford CE Primary Academy

School Street, Great Chesterford,
Saffron Walden CB10 1NN
Telephone (01799) 530292
Email: admin@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.greatchesterfordprimary.co.uk
Headteachers: Mrs A Sargeant
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11 Church of England
School Number: 881-3710

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **186**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **25**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: **9**

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where there are more applications than places available, decisions will be made according to the order of the criteria listed below:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children who are resident in the Ecclesiastical parishes or civil parishes of Great and Little Chesterford, Littlebury, Littlebury Green, Catmere End and Strethall and are siblings[‡] of pupils already on the roll (at the time of application and admission). A map is available from the school;
3. children who are resident in the Ecclesiastical parishes or civil parishes of Great and Little Chesterford, Littlebury, Littlebury Green, Catmere End and Strethall;
4. siblings[‡] of those already on the roll (at the time of application and admission) who are resident outside the above areas;
5. children of staff, where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and /or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;

6. children whose parents / carers are active members / regular worshippers at All Saints' Church, Great Chesterford; St. Mary the Virgin Church, Little Chesterford; Holy Trinity Church, Littlebury or St. Peter's, Littlebury Green for a minimum period of 2 years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made;
7. children whose parents/carers are active members/regular worshippers at another C of E Church, for a minimum period of 2 years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made;
8. those who would benefit from education at this school in exceptional medical circumstances based on evidence as defined in the County admissions arrangement;
9. other children.

In the event of oversubscription in each individual criterion, proximity to the school on a straight line distance on the map will be used as a tie breaker with those living nearest having the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

♦ It should be noted that parents who wish to apply under Points 6 and 7 above will be required to fill in the school's Supplementary Information Form as well as the LA's common admission form. The Supplementary Information form must be confirmed by a signed statement from the local clergy. The school's form should be submitted to school before the end of February. Copies of these forms can be obtained through the school.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

GREAT DUNMOW

Dunmow St Mary's Primary

High Stile, Great Dunmow CM6 1EB
 Telephone (01371) 872340
 Email: admin@dsmpprimary.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.dsmpprimary.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs C Kearney
 Foundation (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-5259

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**

Number on roll: **463**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **142**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children living in the priority admission area* with a sibling[‡] attending the school at the time of admission;
3. children living outside the priority admission area with a sibling[‡] attending the school at the time of admission;
4. children of permanent members of the teaching and support staff employed by Dunmow St. Mary's Primary School for two or more years at the time of admission, or recruited to fill a vacant post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage;
5. other children living in the priority admission area*;
6. proximity of the child's home to the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Exceptional medical circumstances (supported by medical evidence) may override the above.

* A map of the priority admission area is available at the school.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

Great Dunmow Primary

Walnut Walk, Woodlands Park Drive,
 Great Dunmow CM6 1ZR
 Telephone (01371) 873184
 Email: admin@greatdunmowprimary.co.uk
 Website: www.greatdunmowprimary.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mr K Watts
 Foundation (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-5258

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**

Number on roll: **421**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **174**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children resident within the priority admissions area[^] with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission;
3. children resident outside the priority admissions area[^] with a sibling attending the school at the time of admission;
4. other children resident within the priority admissions area[^];
5. other applications.

Sibling is a brother or sister (including adopted or step) who is part of the family unit, living at the same family household and address. They must currently attend the school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological siblings, irrespective of their place of residence, will be treated as siblings, providing they attend the school in any year group except the final year. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by proximity of the child's home to the school by straight line distance, those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

[^] Map available at the school.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

GREAT DUNMOW

Helena Romanes School

Parsonage Downs, Great Dunmow, CM6 2AU

Telephone: (01371) 876593

Email: primaryenquiries@hrs.education

Website: www.helena-romanes.essex.sch.uk

Executive Headteacher: Ms C Davis

Headteacher: Mrs J Hone

Academy (Co-educational)

4–18

School Number: 881-5457

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **66**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **62**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

When the school is oversubscribed, after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan or a Statement of Special Educational Needs naming the school, priority for admission will be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below, in priority order:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet).
2. Children with a sibling attending the school; A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends The Helena Romanes School in any year group when the child starts school, irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings. In the case of twins or triplets etc., both or all will be offered places.
3. Children of Staff: This will only apply where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years or where they are recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. Children living in the priority admission area: The Helena Romanes School has a Priority Admissions Area. Within this criterion, children will be ranked in distance order for admission by straight line distance within the Priority Admissions Area. Those living nearer will have a higher priority, starting with the nearest first.

Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

In the unlikely event of applicants with an identical distance competing for a single place at a school, the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by a member of school staff not involved in admissions, with the exception of twins, triplets etc.

5. Children of UK Service Personnel (UK Armed Forces) with a confirmed posting to the area can apply to the local authority in advance of their arrival provided the application is accompanied by an official letter that declares a relocation date and a Unit postal address or quartering area address.
6. Remaining applications.

Tie Break: In the event of a tie break, priority will be determined by straight line distance from the home to school, with those living nearest having highest priority. If under subscription should occur priority will be determined without regard to the Priority Admission Area. Random allocation will not be applied to multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family tied for the final place. We will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

Children of UK Armed forces

a) The address used on the application will be the postal address or quartering area address provided. Offers will be made in advance of a child's arrival for in-year applications and on the relevant offer date for normal round applications.

b) Students attract the Service Pupil Premium if they meet the following criteria:

- One of their parents is serving in the regular armed services (including pupils with one parent who is on full commitment as part of the full time reserves);
- One of the parents died while serving in the armed forces and the pupil is in receipt of a pension under the Armed Forces Compensation Scheme (AFCS) and the War Pensions Scheme (WPS);
- They have been registered as a 'service child' on the January census at any point since 2016.

As the school is an 'all through school', children who attend the school in the primary phase are guaranteed a place in the secondary phase.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

GREAT EASTON

Great Easton CE Primary

Great Easton, Dunmow CM6 2DR
 Telephone (01371) 870219
 Email: admin@greateaston.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.greateastonprimary.co.uk
 Headteacher: Miss C Jackman
 Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3570

Published admission number 2026/2027: **20**

Number on roll: **150**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **75**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: **6**

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, such applications will be considered under the following categories of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children of permanent members of the teaching and support staff employed by Great Easton Primary School for two or more years at the time of admission, or recruited to fill a vacant post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage;
3. children who ordinarily live within the area which corresponds to the Church of England Five Parishes[^], with siblings[‡] currently attending the school at the time of admission;
4. children who ordinarily live within the area which corresponds to the Church of England Five Parishes[^] without siblings[‡] currently attending the school;
5. children with siblings[‡] at the school who live outside of the area which corresponds to the Church of England Five Parishes[^];
6. remaining applications.

Within each priority category preference will be given to children resident closest to the school, distance being measured by straight line distance on a map. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

[^] Reference may be made to the map, available in the school office, which indicates the boundaries.

Waiting list held until: at least end of autumn term.

GREAT SAMPFORD

Great Sampford Community Primary

Finchingfield Road, Great Sampford,
 Saffron Walden CB10 2RL
 Telephone (01799) 586280
 Email: admin@greatsampford.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.greatsampford.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Miss A Reis
 Community (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2730

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**

Number on roll: **87**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **31**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: **4**

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HARLOW

Abbotsweld Primary

Partridge Road, Abbotsweld, Harlow CM18 6TE
 Telephone (01279) 630120
 Email: office@abbotsweld.netacademies.net
 Website: www.netacademies.net/abbotsweld
 Executive Headteacher: Mrs J Coton
 Headteacher: Mrs K Benson
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2116

Published admission number 2026/2027: **45**
 Number on roll: **308**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **81**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

If there are more applicants than places for the school places will be offered in the following priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children who have a sibling who attends the Academy at the date of admission. 'Sibling' means a brother or sister, half brother or sister or legally adopted child being regarded as a brother or sister;
3. children of staff of the Academy who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. To qualify, the staff member must be a 'direct employee'. Staff contracted in to provide services to the school do not count as 'direct employees'. 'Children of staff' is taken to include a child or step-child, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed by the school;
4. children whose home address is closest to the Academy, with priority given to those children that live nearest to the Academy by distance;
5. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the Academy.

Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

Church Langley Community Primary

Church Langley Way, Church Langley, Harlow CM17 9TH
 Telephone (01279) 629427
 Email: admin@churchlangley.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.churchlangley.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs S Ward
 Community (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2082

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **436**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **165**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. children living in the priority admission area of Henry Moore Primary School;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HARLOW

Churchgate CE (VA) Primary, Harlow

Hobbs Cross Road, Harlow CM17 0LB
 Telephone (01279) 866059
 Email: admin@churchgate.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.churchgate.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mr C Jarvis
 Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3501

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **194**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **81**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 7

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Churchgate School seeks to be a place of Christian Service so give priority to:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling‡ at the school at the time of admission;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. children of those families at the heart of the church (having demonstrated a commitment to weekly worship over a period of 2 years) who in order of priority:
 - i. living in the Parish of St Mary & St Hugh, Harlow and attend worship there;
 - ii. are not living in the parish of St Mary & St Hugh, Harlow, but attend worship there;
 - iii. attend worship at another Christian Church;
5. children of those families who are committed to the church (having attended church more than once a month over a period of 2 years) who in order of priority:
 - i. living in the Parish of St Mary & St Hugh, Harlow and attend worship there;
 - ii. are not living in the parish of St Mary & St Hugh, Harlow, but attend worship there;
 - iii. attend worship at another Christian Church;

6. children of those families known to the church (having attended church less than once a month over a period of a year) who in order of priority:
 - i. living in the Parish of St Mary & St Hugh, Harlow and attend worship there;
 - ii. are not living in the parish of St Mary & St Hugh, Harlow, but attend worship there;
 - iii. attend worship at another Christian Church;
7. remaining places will be offered to those living closest to the school by straight line distance. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

♦For applications under criteria 4, 5 and 6 this school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term, longer by request.

HARLOW

Cooks Spinney Primary Academy and Nursery

Cook's Spinney, Harlow CM20 3BW
 Telephone (01279) 437590
 Email: admin@bmatcooksspinney.org.uk
 Website: www.cooksspinneyacademy.org/
 Head Teacher: Miss J Farrell
 Academy (Co-educational)
 3–11 #
 School Number: 881-2094

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **412**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **110**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children of teaching and associate staff will be considered who:
 - a) have been employed at the Academy for more than two years at the time of application;
 - b) have been recruited as staff to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Associate staff are defined as employees employed by BMAT in a capacity other than as a teacher.
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address, who attends the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings, irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

The Academy Trust may request proof of address. If a school place has been secured through false information or has been offered in error, the offer of the place may be withdrawn.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

HARLOW

The Downs Primary and Nursery

The Hides, Harlow CM20 3RB
 Telephone (01279) 445538
 Email: admin@downs.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.downsschool.com
 Headteacher: Mr R Calderwood
 Academy (Co-educational)
 3–11 #
 School Number: 881-2833

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **373**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **53**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area. If more than 60 applications are received, the Trust will rank places and School Admissions will allocate places using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school at the time of application;
3. children who attend the nursery at The Downs Primary School and Nursery;
4. children living in the priority admission area*;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Exceptional medical circumstances (supported by medical evidence) may override the above.

* A map of the priority admission area is available from the school.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

Fawbert and Barnard's Primary

London Road, Old Harlow CM17 0DA
 Telephone (01279) 429427
 Email: office@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.fandbharlow.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs S Ovonlen
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-3128

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **209**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **116**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children of staff at the school – where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
3. children with siblings at the school. Siblings include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. Priority will not be given to children with siblings who are former pupils of the school;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HARLOW

Freshwaters Primary Academy

Freshwaters, Harlow CM20 3QA
 Telephone (01279) 454688
 Email: AdminFRW@bmatfreshwaters.org.uk
 Website: www.Freshwatersacademy.org
 Headteacher: Miss J Diggle
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11 #
 School Number: 881-2033

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **392**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **91**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children of teaching and associate staff will be considered who:
 - a) have been employed at the Academy for more than two years at the time of application;
 - b) have been recruited as staff to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Associate staff are defined as employees employed by BMAT in a capacity other than as a teacher;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

The Academy Trust may request proof of address. If a school place has been secured through false information or has been offered in error, the offer of the place may be withdrawn.

A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address, who attends the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings, irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

HARLOW

Hare Street Community Primary and Nursery

Little Grove Field, Harlow CM19 4BU
Telephone (01279) 868181
Email: office@harestreet.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.harestreet.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr N Costa
Community (Co-educational)
4–11 #
School Number: 881-3254

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
Number on roll: **416**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **164**
In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

Harlowbury Primary

Off Watlington Road, Old Harlow CM17 0DX
Telephone (01279) 423444
Email: admin@harlowbury.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.harlowbury.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Ms V Early
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2983

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
Number on roll: **198**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **47**
In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children of staff at the school – where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
3. children with a sibling attending the school. Siblings include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. Priority will not be given to children with siblings who are former pupils of the school;
4. children living in the catchment area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HARLOW

The Henry Moore Primary

Kiln Lane, Church Langley, Harlow CM17 9LW

Telephone (01279) 427465

Email: admin@henrymoore.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.henrymoore.essex.sch.uk

Executive Headteacher: Mrs M Evans

Headteacher : Mrs S Cowley

Academy (Co-educational)

4-11

School Number: 881-3250

Published admission number 2026/2027: **90**

Number on roll: **563**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **159**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children and Children Previously Looked after from outside England (PLAC) (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children living in the priority admission area with a sibling* already attending the school;
3. children of staff:
 - a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) The member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
4. other children living in the priority admission area;
5. other children with a sibling* already attending the school;
6. remaining children living on the Church Langley development;
7. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

In the unlikely event of two or more applicants with an identical distance competing for a single place at the school the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by a school Governor on the Admissions Committee.

*A sibling is defined as a child who has a brother, sister, step brother, step sister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address as a child who attends or has been offered a place at the preferred school or partner school at the time of application and determination with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the same time of admission. Biological siblings who attend the preferred school will be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence.

The Priority Admissions Area for The Henry Moore Primary School is to the east of the Bridle Path that runs through the centre of Church Langley.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HARLOW

Holy Cross Catholic Primary Academy (Harlow)

Tracyes Road, Harlow CM18 6JJ
 Telephone (01279) 424452
 Email: admin@holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.holycross-pri.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs A Kerrell
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11 Roman Catholic
 School Number: 881-5278

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**

Number on roll: **421**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **75**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 9

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. baptised Catholic Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet) from Catholic families;
2. baptised Catholic children who are resident and worship in the parishes of St Luke's & Holy Cross and the Church of the Assumption, Mulberry Green and confirmed by their Parish Priest;
3. baptised Catholic children who live and worship in other parishes, confirmed by their Parish Priest, who cannot reasonably attend a nearer Catholic school;
4. other Baptised Catholic children;
5. all other Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
6. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church;
7. children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion;
8. children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader;
9. remaining applications.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order;

- (i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- (ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.
- (ii) A parent being a member of teaching staff at the academy at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance, within their admission category. Distances are calculated on the basis of a straight-line measurement between the child's home address and the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

brother or sister' includes:

- (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
- (ii) the child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

♦This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

The school holds a rolling waiting list.

HARLOW

Jerounds Primary Academy

Pyenest Road, Harlow CM19 4PH
 Telephone (01279) 423485
 Email: office@jerounds.netacademies.net
 Website: www.jerounds.netacademies.net
 Headteacher: Mrs L Ciftci
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11
 School Number: 881-2171

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **396**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **76**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children who have a sibling who attends the Academy at the date of admission. 'Sibling' means a brother or sister, half brother or sister or legally adopted child being regarded as a brother or sister;
3. children of staff of the Academy who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. To qualify under this criterion, the staff member must be a 'direct employee'. Staff contracted in to provide services to the school do not count as 'direct employees'. For the purposes of this criterion, 'children of staff' is taken to include a child or step-child, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed by the school;
4. children whose home address is closest to the Academy, with priority given to those children that live nearest to the Academy by distance;
5. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the Academy.

Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HARLOW

Katherines Primary Academy and Nursery

Brookside, Katherines, Harlow CM19 5NJ
 Telephone (01279) 421495
 Email: office@katherines.netacademies.net
 Website: www.netacademies.net/katherines
 Head of School: Mr J Mealey
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11 #
 School Number: 881-2162

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **227**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **53**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications exceed the number of places available the Governors will apply the same criteria in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children who have a sibling who attends the Academy at the date of admission. 'Sibling' means a brother or sister, half brother or sister or legally adopted child being regarded as a brother or sister;
3. children of staff of the Academy who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. To qualify under this criterion, the staff member must be a 'direct employee'. Staff contracted in to provide services to the school do not count as 'direct employees'. For the purposes of this criterion, 'children of staff' is taken to include a child or step-child, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed by the school;
4. children whose home address is closest to the Academy, with priority given to those children that live nearest to the Academy by distance;
5. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the Academy.

Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2024/2025 booklet.

In the event of more than one pupil meeting the same criteria above, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HARLOW

Kingsmoor Academy

Ployters Road, Harlow CM18 7PS
 Telephone (01279) 306136
 Email: kin-admin@attrust.org.uk
 Website: www.kingsmooracademy.attrust.org.uk
 Principal: Miss A Lymbouris
 Academy (Co-educational)
 2–11
 School Number: 881-2031

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **293**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **81**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: **4**

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

If there are more applications for places than there are places available, the academy will give preference to pupils living nearest to the academy, according to the following rules in this order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children whose siblings live at the same address, currently attend the academy and who will still be attending the academy at the point of admission. For the purposes of these admission arrangements a sibling is classed as children living permanently at the same address as a child already attending the academy and either have one or both parents in common, are related by a parent's marriage or civil relationship, are adopted or fostered by a common parent, or are related to children who live at the same address whose parents live as partners. If children of multiple births (twins and triplets etc) require admission in the same year group and there is only a single place left within the PAN, the school will offer places above the PAN, as permitted by the Infant class size rules;
3. children of permanent staff of the Academy Transformation Trust Academy who have been employed at the Academy where the application for admission is made for 2 years or more at the time of application OR when a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage at the same academy;

4. other children by distance from the academy, with priority for admission given to children who live nearest to the academy. Straight line distance are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

If following the application of oversubscription criteria two or more applicants cannot be separated for the final place at an academy then random allocation will be used to determine the priority for that place; except in the case where the applicants that cannot be separated live at the same address, in which case the academy should admit them all.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term, longer by request.

HARLOW

Latton Green Primary

Riddings Lane, Harlow CM18 7HT
Telephone (01279) 421567
Email: office@lattongreen.netacademies.net
Website: www.lattongreen.netacademies.net
Head of School: Miss E Allen
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2117

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **201**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **67**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

If there are more applicants than places for the school places will be offered in the following priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children who have a sibling who attends the Academy at the date of admission. 'Sibling' means a brother or sister, half brother or sister or legally adopted child being regarded as a brother or sister;
3. children of staff of the Academy who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. To qualify, the staff member must be a 'direct employee'. Staff contracted in to provide services to the school do not count as 'direct employees'. 'Children of staff' is taken to include a child or step-child, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed by the school;
4. children whose home address is closest to the Academy, with priority given to those children that live nearest to the Academy by distance;
5. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the Academy.

Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HARLOW

Little Parndon Primary

Park Mead, Harlow CM20 1PU
 Telephone (01279) 425600
 Email: admin@bmatlittleparndon.org.uk
 Website: www.littleparndon.org.uk
 Headteacher: Mr L Wildig
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2093

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **361**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **59**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children of teaching and associate staff will be considered who:
 - a) have been employed at the Academy for more than two years at the time of application;
 - b) have been recruited as staff to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Associate staff are defined as employees employed by BMAT in a capacity other than as a teacher;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

The Academy Trust may request proof of address. If a school place has been secured through false information or has been offered in error, the offer of the place may be withdrawn.

A relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address, who attends the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings, irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

HARLOW

Longwood Primary Academy and Nursery

Paringdon Road, Harlow CM18 7RQ
 Telephone (01279) 866155
 Email: office@longwood.netacademies.net
 Website: www.netacademies.net/longwood
 Head of School: Mrs M Holland
 Academy (Co-educational)
 3–11 #
 School Number: 881-2115

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **396**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **94**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

If there are more applicants than places for the school places will be offered in the following priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children who have a sibling who attends the Academy at the date of admission. 'Sibling' means a brother or sister, half brother or sister or legally adopted child being regarded as a brother or sister;
3. children of staff of the Academy who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. To qualify, the staff member must be a 'direct employee'. Staff contracted in to provide services to the school do not count as 'direct employees'. 'Children of staff' is taken to include a child or step-child, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed by the school;
4. children whose home address is closest to the Academy, with priority given to those children that live nearest to the Academy by distance;
5. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the Academy.

Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

Milwards Primary and Nursery

Paringdon Road, Harlow CM19 4QX
 Telephone (01279) 435850
 Email: admin@milwards.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.milwards.essex.sch.uk
 Executive Headteacher : Mrs M Evans
 Headteacher : Mr M Doughty
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11 #
 School Number: 881-2160

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **200**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **58**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] already attending the school (Years R to 6) and will be attending the school at the date of enrolment;
3. children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

[#] This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

HARLOW

Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery

Roundhouse Way, Newhall, Harlow CM17 9SF

Telephone (01279) 215480

Email: office@newhallacademy.org

Website: www.newhallacademy.org

Headteacher: Mr B Duffy

Academy (Co-educational)

2-11

School Number: 881-2177

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**

Number on roll: **405**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **158**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy ♦

When the school is oversubscribed (that is, there are more applications than places available), after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school, priority for admission will be given to those children based on the criteria set out below, in the order shown:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with siblings attending the school;
3. children of school staff fulfilling a skills shortage role*;
4. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address (as defined by this policy) is the shortest distance from the School. Children in this criteria will be ranked in order of distance.

'Distance' is defined/measured as Straight line distance from the address point of the home address to address point of the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

'Tie Breaker'

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category '4' above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the School is the same. This process will be independently verified. If a tie-break is required in earlier categories to decide who has priority for admission between two children, distance from the school will be used to decide as measured above. Where multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family are tied for the final place, we will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

*This option is only available for all staff with a permanent contract to work at the school (and not employees in REAch2 cluster or central teams); it will be subject to confirmation by an independent REAch2 non-executive that, on the evidence available, the member of staff is recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage.

'Siblings' - For applications made in the normal admission round a sibling means a brother or sister, legally adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, foster brother or sister, or the child of a parent's co-habiting partner; living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the School at the date of application in any year group excluding the final year. Biological and legally adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

♦ Children will be regarded as having been in state care outside England if they were accommodated by a public authority, a religious organisation or any other provider of care whose sole purpose is to benefit society. Applicants under this criterion will also need to fill in a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) evidencing state care outside of England. The SIF is available from the school website or school office.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

HARLOW

Pear Tree Mead Academy

Pear Tree Mead, Harlow CM18 7BY
 Telephone (01279) 836181
 Email: kate.townsend@peartreemead.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.peartreemead.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs C Peden
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11 #
 School Number: 881-2785

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **416**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **110**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling* attending the school;
3. children of a permanent member of staff who has been employed to work at Pear Tree Mead Academy for two years or more at the time of application;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Where residency is relevant to an application for a school place, the academy will ask a random sample of applicants to provide proof of their home address. This must be a copy of one of the following:

- UK driving licence;
- council tax notification;
- two utility bills dated within the last 6 months (gas, electricity, water or landline phone).

Where there is reasonable doubt as to the validity of a home address, the academy reserves the right to take additional checking measures including, in some cases, unannounced home visits. If a school place is secured through false information regarding a home address, the academy may withdraw the place offered.

*Siblings of pupils attending Pear Tree Mead Academy (Rec – Year 6, Not the Nursery, or preschool provision) at the time of application who live within the catchment area. 'Sibling' means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a stepbrother or sister, or other child living in the same household who, in any of these cases, will be living with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term, longer by request.

HARLOW

Pemberley Academy

Hodings Road, Harlow CM20 1NW
 Telephone (01279) 215745
 Email: admin.pemberley@reach2.org
 Website: www.pemberleyacademy.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs L Fish
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2099

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **208**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **98**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

When the school is oversubscribed (that is, there are more applications than places available), after the admission of pupils with an Education, Health and Care Plan that names the school, priority for admission will be given to those children based on the criteria set out below, in the order shown:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children of school staff fulfilling a skills shortage role*;
4. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address (as defined by this policy) is the shortest distance from the School. Children in this criteria will be ranked in order of distance.

‘Distance’ is defined/measured as Straight line distance from the address point of the home address to address point of the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

‘Tie Breaker’

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category ‘4’ above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children’s homes and the School is the same. This process will be independently verified. If a tie-break is required in earlier categories to decide who has priority for admission between two children, distance from the school will be used to decide as measured above. Where multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family are tied for the final place, we will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

‘Siblings’ For applications made in the normal admission round a sibling means a brother or sister, legally adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, foster brother or sister, or the child of a parent’s co-habiting partner; living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the School at the date of application in any year group excluding the final year. Biological and legally adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

*This option is only available for all staff with a permanent contract to work at the school (and not employees in REAch2 cluster or central teams); it will be subject to confirmation by an independent REAch2 non-executive that, on the evidence available, the member of staff is recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

HARLOW

Potter Street Academy

Carters Mead, Harlow CM17 9EU
 Telephone (01279) 866504
 Email: admin@potterstreetacademy.com
 Website: www.potterstreetacademy.com
 Headteacher: Mr N Gladwin
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2079

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **198**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **69**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school at the time of application;
3. children of a permanent member of staff who has been employed to work at Potter Street Academy for two years or more at the time of application;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet. In the unlikely event of two applicants with an identical distance competing for a single place at a school the place will be offered to one applicant on the basis of lots drawn by an officer of the County Council not involved in admissions.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term

HARLOW

Purford Green Primary

Purford Green, Harlow CM18 6HP
Telephone (01279) 425100
Email: admin@purfordgreenschool.com
Website: www.purfordgreenschool.com
Headteacher: Mrs R Thomson
Academy (Co-educational)
3–11 #
School Number: 881-2092

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
Number on roll: **205**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **76**
In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school at the time of application;
3. children who attend the nursery at Purford Green Primary School and Nursery;
4. children of a permanent member of staff who has been employed to work at Purford Green Primary School for two years or more at the time of application;
5. children living in the priority admission area;
6. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

HARLOW

St Alban's Catholic Academy

First Avenue, Harlow CM20 2NP
 Telephone (01279) 425383
 Email: admin@st-albans.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.st-albans.essex.sch.uk
 Executive Headteacher: Mr I Kendal
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11 Roman Catholic
 School Number: 881-5234

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **203**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **64**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 9

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:-

1. Catholic Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a Catholic Baptism Certificate who are resident in the parishes of Our Lady of Fatima and St Thomas More and Assumption of Our Lady;
3. children with a Catholic Baptism Certificate who are resident in other parishes in Harlow;
4. other children with a Catholic Baptism Certificate;
5. all other looked after and previously looked after children. (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
6. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church;
7. children of other Christian denominations who have been baptised (evidenced by a certificate of baptism) or whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion;
8. children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader;
9. children whose parents wish them to share in the religious experience of the school.

Children with a sibling at the school at the time of application and admission shall take precedence in the category in which they fall.

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

*Siblings includes:

- (i) All-natural brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether they are living at the same address, and
- (ii) The child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

A sibling must be on the roll of the named school at the time the younger child starts or have been offered and accepted a place.

'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

'catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.

'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.

'children of other Christian denominations' means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ.

'children of other faiths' means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law.

♦ This school may require a Supplementary Information Form to be completed. If you do not provide the information required in the SIF and return it by the closing date, together with all supporting documentation, your child will not be placed in criteria 2 to 4 or 6 to 9 and this is likely to affect your child's chance of being offered a place.

This school holds a continue interest list

HARLOW

St James' C of E Primary School

Paringdon Road, Harlow CM18 7RH
 Telephone (01279) 432 459
 Email: admin.harlow@dcvst.org
 Website: www.stjamescofeprimaryschool.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs C Cox
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-2121

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **206**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **42**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 7

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the Governors will have regard to the following criteria:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet).
2. Siblings* of pupils attending St James' CofE Primary School at the time of application.
3. Regular attendance at public worship in any Christian church.
4. Practising member of any religious faith.
5. Admission on social or medical grounds can be considered where the medical condition relates either to the child in question or a parent/carer, brother or sister or other relative/childminder^.
6. Children of all staff will be considered where the parent has a permanent contract of employment. Their normal base of work must be at Paringdon Road, Harlow, Essex, CM18 7RH and their employment contract must have been in place for two or more years at the time of the closing date for application for admission.
7. Proximity to the school with those living closest to the school having priority.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from permanent residence of the child to school, with those living closest being the highest priority.

* sibling - means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister, or other child living in the same household who, in any of these cases, will be living with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school.

For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'other Christian church' means a church which is Designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop, or which is a member of Churches Together in England, or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance or a Partner Church of Affinity. Click here for the Church of England's list of designated churches. Attendance will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer. For the purposes of these admission arrangements 'regular' means attendance at least eight times in the twelve months immediately prior to the date of application.

Membership and practice of the faith will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a designated faith leader of the relevant faith eight times in the twelve months immediately prior to the date of application.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church, or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

^Supporting evidence in the form of a letter from a doctor or social worker or other relevant qualified, independent professional, would be required.

♦ For applications under criteria 3 - 6 this school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

HARLOW

St Luke's Catholic Academy

Pyenest Road, Harlow CM19 4LU
 Telephone (01279) 423499
 Email: admin@st-lukesrc.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.st-lukesrc.essex.sch.uk
 Executive Headteacher: Mr I Kendal
 Academy (Co-educational)
 3–11 Roman Catholic
 School Number: 881-2046

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **211**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **56**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 9

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Catholic Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. Catholic Children who are resident in the parishes of St James with St Luke, St Thomas More and Holy Cross;
3. Catholic Children who are resident in other parishes in Harlow;
4. other Catholic children;
5. all other looked after and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
6. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church;
7. children of other Christian denominations who have been baptised (evidenced by a certificate of baptism) or whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion;
8. children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader;
9. children whose parents wish them to share in the religious experience of the school.

The governing body will, where logistically possible, admit twins and all siblings from multiple births where one of the children is the last child ranked within the school's PAN.

Children with a sibling at the school at the time of application and admission shall take precedence in the category in which they fall.

*Siblings includes:

- (i) All-natural brothers and sisters, half brothers and sisters, adopted brothers and sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether they are living at the same address, and
- (ii) The child of a parent's partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant. A sibling must be on the roll of the named school at the time the younger child starts or have been offered and accepted a place.

'Tie break'

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet. In the event of distances being the same for two or more children where this would determine the last place to be allocated, random allocation will be carried out and supervised by a person independent of the school. All the names will be entered into a hat and the required number of names will be drawn out.

'Catholic' means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

'catechumen' means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.

'Eastern Christian Church' includes Orthodox Churches and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.

'children of other Christian denominations' means children who belong to other churches and ecclesial communities which, acknowledge God's revelation in Christ.

'children of other faiths' means children who are members of a religious community that does not fall within the definition of 'other Christian denominations' at 6 above and which falls within the definition of a religion for the purposes of charity law.

♦ This school may require a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

This school holds a continue interest list

HARLOW

Tany's Dell Primary School and Nursery

Tany's Dell, Mowbray Road, Harlow CM20 2LS
Telephone (01279) 866230
Email: parents@tanysdell.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.tanysdell.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr D Beaumont
Academy (Co-educational)
4-11 #
School Number: 881-2665

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
Number on roll: **391**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **98**
In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children of staff at the school – where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time of application or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
3. children with a sibling attending the school. Siblings include step siblings, foster siblings, adopted siblings and other children living permanently at the same address. Priority will not be given to children with siblings who are former pupils of the school;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HARLOW

Water Lane Primary Academy

Broadley Road, Harlow CM19 5RD
 Telephone (01279) 417410
 Email: admin@waterlane.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.waterlaneprimary.co.uk
 Headteacher: Miss A Rawlinson
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11
 School Number: 881-2110

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **184**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **44**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy ♦

Where applications exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied in the order set out below, to decide which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children of school staff* fulfilling a skills shortage role;
4. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address (as defined by this policy) is the shortest distance from the School. Children in this criteria will be ranked in order of distance.

“Distance” is defined/measured as straight line distance from the address point of the home address to address point of the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

*This option is only available for all staff with a permanent contract to work at the school (and not employees in REAch2 cluster or central teams); it will be subject to confirmation by an independent REAch2 non-executive that, on the evidence available, the member of staff is recruited to fill a post where there is a demonstrable skills shortage.”

‘Siblings’ - For applications made in the normal admission round a sibling means a brother or sister, legally adopted brother or sister, stepbrother or stepsister, foster brother or sister, or the child of a parent’s co-habiting partner; living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the School at the date of application in any year group excluding the final year. Biological and legally adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings irrespective of place of residence. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Random allocation will be used as a tie-break in category ‘4’ above to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children’s homes and the School is the same. This process will be independently verified. If a tie-break is required in earlier categories to decide who has priority for admission between two children, distance from the school will be used to decide as measured above. Where multiple birth siblings (twins and triplets etc.) from the same family are tied for the final place, we will admit them all, as permitted by the infant class size rules and exceed our PAN.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed for applications relating to a looked after or previously looked after child outside of England.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

HARLOW

William Martin CE Infant and Nursery

Tawneys Road, Harlow CM18 6PN
 Telephone (01279) 424122
 Email: admin.williammartin@dcvst.org
 Website: www.williammartinschools.org.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs G Bailey
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-7 # Church of England
 School Number: 881-3133

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**

Number on roll: **159**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **74**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 7

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy ♦

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet) or an “Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Child (IAPLAC) who is a child who appears (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted;
2. children with a sibling attending William Martin Infant School or William Martin Junior School at time of application;
3. regular* attendance at public worship in any Christian church;
4. practising** member of any religious faith;
5. social and medical need. Admission on social or medical grounds can be considered where the medical condition relates either to the child in question or a parent/carer, brother or sister or other relative/childminder. Supporting evidence in the form of a letter from a doctor or social worker or other relevant qualified, independent professional, would be required;
6. children of all staff will be considered where the parent has a permanent contract of employment. Their normal base of work must be at Tawneys Road, Harlow, Essex, CM18 6PN and their employment contract must have been in place for two or more years at the time of the closing date for application for admission;
7. proximity to the school with those living closest to the school having priority.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

*For the purposes of these admission arrangements ‘regular’ means attendance at least eight times in the twelve months immediately prior to the date of application.

** Membership and practice of the faith will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a designated faith leader of the relevant faith eight times in the twelve months immediately prior to the date of application. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church, or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

‘Sibling’ means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister, or other child living in the same household who, in any of these cases, will be living with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HARLOW

William Martin CE Junior

Tawneys Road, Harlow CM18 6PN
 Telephone (01279) 424122
 Email: admin.williammartin@dvcst.org
 Website: www.williammartinschools.org.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs G Bailey
 Academy (Co-educational)
 7–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-2173

Published admission number 2026/2027: **64**
 Number on roll: **245**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **56**

Admissions Policy ♦

All applicants will be admitted if 64 or fewer apply. The school will admit any pupils with an Education, Health and Care plan naming the school. Priority will then be given to those children who meet the criteria set out below.

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet) or an “Internationally Adopted Previously Looked After Child (IAPLAC) who is a child who appears (to the admission authority) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
2. Feeder School: Pupil attends William Martin Infant School which is a feeder school for William Martin Junior School.
3. Siblings: Siblings of pupils attending the William Martin Infant School or William Martin Junior School at the time of application. ‘Sibling’ means a natural brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister, or other child living in the same household who, in any of these cases, will be living with them at the same address at the date of their entry to the school.
4. Faith based: Regular attendance at public worship in any Christian church. For the purposes of these admission arrangements ‘Christian church’ means a church which is Designated under the Ecumenical Relations Measure 2018, nationally by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, or locally by the diocesan bishop, or which is a member of Churches Together in England, or affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance or a Partner Church of Affinity. Attendance will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a member of the clergy or other designated church officer. For the purposes of these admission arrangements ‘regular’ means attendance at least eight times in the twelve months immediately prior to the date of application.
5. Practising member of any religious faith: Membership and practice of the faith will be established by information provided on the Supplementary Information Form completed by a designated faith leader of the relevant faith eight times in the twelve months immediately prior to the date of application. In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these admissions arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church, or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship, or alternative premises have been available for public worship.
6. Social and Medical need: Admission on social or medical grounds can be considered where the medical condition relates either to the child in question or a parent/carer, brother or sister or other relative/childminder. Supporting evidence in the form of a letter from a doctor or social worker or other relevant qualified, independent professional, would be required.
7. Children of staff: Children of all staff will be considered where the parent has a permanent contract of employment. Their normal base of work must be at Tawneys Road, Harlow, CM18 6PN and their employment contract must have been in place for two or more years at the time of the closing date for application for admission.
8. Distance from school: Proximity to the school with those living closest to the school having priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Tie-breaker

Proximity to the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

HATFIELD BROAD OAK

St Mary's CE (VA) Primary

Hatfield Broad Oak, Bishop's Stortford CM22 7HH

Telephone (01279) 718267

Email: admin@stmaryshbo.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.lhandsmhboschools.co.uk

Executive Headteacher: Mrs R Baugh

Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)

4-11 Church of England

School Number: 881-3580

Published admission number 2026/2027: **16**

Number on roll: **45**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **17**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 8

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Admission criteria in order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children of staff who have been directly employed by the School or by the Federation for two or more years or where the member of staff was or will be recruited to fill a post for which there is a skills shortage;
3. children who ordinarily reside within in the School's catchment area of the ecclesiastical parish of Hatfield Broad Oak and Bush end, or the hamlets of Collier Street, Needham Green and Greenhill (maps are available on request from the School) and, at the time of application, have a brother or sister living with them who is on roll, and who will continue to be at the School in the next academic year i.e. not in Year 6;
4. other children who ordinarily reside within the School's catchment area;
5. children who have medical, pastoral or social reasons for attending this school supported by professional evidence indicating why this is a suitable school for them;
6. children who ordinarily reside outside the School's catchment area and, at the time of application, have a brother or sister living with them who is on roll, and who will continue to be at the school in the next academic year i.e. not in Year 6;

7. children of parents who seek a Christian education, who are active members of a church and whose minister can support their application;
8. all other applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

A sibling is defined as a child living in the same family unit in the same family household and at the same address and who is a brother, sister, stepbrother or stepsister, adopted brother or adopted sister. Children living in the same household as part of an extended family will not be treated as siblings.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

HATFIELD HEATH

Hatfield Heath Primary

Hatfield Heath, Bishop's Stortford CM22 7EA

Telephone (01279) 730382

Email: office@hatfieldheath.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.hatfieldheath.essex.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs N Wix

Academy (Co-educational)

4–11

School Number: 881-2520

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **206**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **78**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children from within the priority admissions area (or PAA) with a sibling* attending the school;
3. other children from within the priority admissions area, (or PAA);
4. children from outside the priority admissions area with a sibling* attending the school.
5. other applicants.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

*The definition of sibling is a brother or sister (sibling) or a step brother/sister living at the same address who will be on the register of the School for years R – 5 at the time of application and determination.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term, longer by request.

HENHAM

Henham and Ugley Primary and Nursery

School Lane, Henham, Bishop's Stortford CM22 6BP
 Telephone (01279) 850213
 Email: admin@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.henhamugley.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs N Brogan
 Community (Co-educational)
 4–11 #
 School Number: 881-2740

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **170**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **66**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

HIGH ONGAR

High Ongar Primary

The Street, High Ongar, Ongar CM5 9NB
 Telephone (01277) 363761
 Email: admin@highongar.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.highongar.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs J Evans
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2660

Published admission number 2026/2027: **20**
 Number on roll: **136**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **47**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. pupils who live with parents, guardians or carers, who are employees of Bridge Academy Trust, provided that the employee has been employed by the School for a minimum of two years at the date of application for admissions;
4. straight line distance.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

LAMBOURNE

Lambourne Primary

Hoe Lane, Abridge, Romford RM4 1AU
 Telephone (01992) 812230
 Email: office@lambourne.efspt.org
 Website: www.lambourne.efspt.org
 Executive Headteacher: Miss J Willcox
 Headteacher: Mr J Coombes
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2690

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **214**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **54**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school,
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area of Lambourne Primary School;
5. children living in the priority admission area of Chigwell Row Infant School and transferring into Year 3;
6. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

LEADEN RODING

Rodings Primary

Dunmow Road, Leaden Roding, Dunmow CM6 1PZ
 Telephone (01279) 876288
 Email: admin@rodings.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.rodingsprimaryschool.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mr C Raraty
 Foundation (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-5226

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **286**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **61**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. where the child resides in the priority area* and has a sibling[‡] currently attending the school in any year but Year 6;
3. where the child resides in the priority area of the school*;
4. where the child resides outside the priority area and has a sibling[‡] currently attending the school in any year but Year 6;
5. children of staff at the school, where priority will be given to children of staff in either or both of the following circumstances:
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
6. proximity of home to school by straight line distance, those closest being accorded the higher priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet. This will also be used to distinguish between applicants in the above criteria.

* as indicated on the LA catchment checker.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

LITTLE DUNMOW

The Flitch Green Academy

Tanton Road, Flitch Green, Dunmow CM6 3GG

Telephone (01371) 822330

Email: admin@flitchgreen.net

Website: www.theflitchgreenacademy.co.uk

Principal: Mr A Burden

Academy (Co-educational)

4–11

School Number: 881-3832

Published admission number 2026/2027: **45**

Number on roll: **265**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **61**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the academy, a relevant sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address who attends the academy. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings. In the case of twins or triplets etc., both or all will be offered places;
3. children of Staff (natural or adopted) who can prove they have a parent working at the academy;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

LITTLE HALLINGBURY

Little Hallingbury CE (VA) Primary

Little Hallingbury, Bishop's Stortford CM22 7RE

Telephone (01279) 723382

Email: admin@littleshallingbury.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.lhandsmhboschools.co.uk

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Ruth Baugh

Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)

4–11 Church of England

School Number: 881-3610

Published admission number 2026/2027: **20**

Number on roll: **122**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **42**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

In the event of there being more applicants than places available, the Governors will have regard to the following criteria in this priority order:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children of staff who have been directly employed by the School or by the Federation for two or more years or where the member of staff was or will be recruited to fill a post for which there is a skills shortage;
3. children who ordinarily reside within in the School's catchment area of the ecclesiastical parishes of Great and Little Hallingbury (a map is available on request from the School) and, at the time of application, have a brother or sister living with them who is on roll, and who will continue to be at the School in the next academic year i.e. not in Year 6;
4. other children who ordinarily reside within the School's catchment area;
5. children who have medical, pastoral or social reasons for attending this school supported by professional evidence indicating why this is the only suitable school for them;
6. children who ordinarily reside outside the School's catchment area and, at the time of application, have a brother or sister living with them who is on roll, and who will continue to be at the school in the next academic year i.e. not in Year 6;

7. children of parents who seek a Christian education for their child, and who are active members of a church and whose application is supported by their priest or minister;
8. all other applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

♦ For consideration under criteria 5–7 a Supplementary Information Form needs to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

LOUGHTON

The Alderton Infant School and Nursery

Alderton Hall Lane, Loughton IG10 3HE
 Telephone (020) 8508 7168
 Email: office@ais.efspt.org
 Website: www.ais.efspt.org
 Headteacher: Miss T Bristow
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–7
 School Number: 881-2483

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **166**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **143**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or The Alderton Junior school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

The Alderton Junior

Alderton Hall Lane, Loughton IG10 3HE
 Telephone (020) 8508 2521
 Email: office@ajs.efspt.org
 Website: www.aldertonjunior.co.uk
 Headteacher: Miss K Johnson
 Academy (Co-educational)
 7–11
 School Number: 881-2175

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **211**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **57**

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school or The Alderton Infant school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

LOUGHTON

Hereward Primary

Colebrook Lane, Loughton IG10 2HR
 Telephone (020) 8508 6465
 Email: office@hereward.efspt.org
 Email: admissions@hereward.efspt.org
 Website: www.herewardprimary.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs R Fourie
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11 #
 School Number: 881-2655

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**

Number on roll: **418**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **170**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school
 - where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or
 - the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

LOUGHTON

St John Fisher Catholic Primary

Burney Drive, Loughton IG10 2DY

Telephone (020) 8508 6315

Email: adminstjf@ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.st-johnfisher.essex.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mr P Kenny

Academy (Co-educational)

4–11 Roman Catholic

School Number: 881-5255

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **280**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **89**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 8

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

The Governing Body will allocate places in the following order of priority:

1. Catholic Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet).
2. Children with a Catholic Baptism Certificate who are resident in the parishes of St Edmund of Canterbury Loughton, The Immaculate Conception Epping and St Thomas More & St Edward Waltham Abbey.
3. Other children with a Catholic Baptism Certificate.
4. Other Looked After Children and previously Looked After Children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet).
5. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
6. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
7. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
8. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order:

- (i) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.

- (ii) A parent being a member of teaching staff at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.

‘brother or sister’ includes:

- (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
- (ii) the child of a parent’s partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same address as the applicant.

For the full Admissions Policy and notes please refer to the school’s website.

♦ This school may require a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

This school holds a continue interest list

LOUGHTON

Staples Road Primary

Staples Road, Loughton IG10 1HR
 Telephone (020) 8508 1241
 Email: admissions@srps.efspt.org
 Website: www.staplesroad.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mr N Mallender
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-3841

Published admission number 2026/2027: **90**
 Number on roll: **615**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **219**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

Thomas Willingale School and Nursery

The Broadway, Loughton IG10 3SR
 Telephone (020) 8508 7287
 Email: admin@thomaswillingale.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.thomaswillingaleprimary.co.uk
 Headteacher: Miss T Philips
 Foundation (Co-educational)
 4–11 #
 School Number: 881-5269

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **419**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **145**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

The Governing Body will consider applications for admissions in the following order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. where the child has a sibling currently attending the school (Reception to Year 6 classes) at the time of application and admission;
3. where a member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made; and/or a member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. proximity of the child's home to the school as measured on a straight line, with those living nearer being accorded the higher priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

The Governing Body may, in exceptional individual circumstances, supported by professional advice, give priority to an application which does not meet the criteria set out above.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

LOUGHTON

White Bridge Primary

Greensted Road, Loughton IG10 3DR
Telephone (020) 8508 8624
Email: office@whitebridge.efspt.org
Website: www.whitebridge.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mr J Kenyon
Academy (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-2503

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
Number on roll: **400**
Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **130**
In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 - a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or,
 - b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

MANUDEN

Manuden Primary

The Street, Manuden, Bishop's Stortford CM23 1DE
 Telephone (01279) 813370
 Email: office@manuden.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.manudenprimary.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mr A Price
 Community (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2750

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**
 Number on roll: **109**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **35**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

MATCHING GREEN

Matching Green CE (VC) Primary

Little Laver Road, Matching Green, Harlow CM17 0QB
 Telephone (01279) 731225
 Email: admin@matchinggreen.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.matchinggreenprimaryschool.com
 Headteacher: Mr A Lorkins
 Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-3239

Published admission number 2026/2027: **14**
 Number on roll: **90**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **22**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

MORETON

Moreton CE (VA) Primary

Church Road, Moreton, Ongar CM5 0JD
 Telephone (01277) 890255
 Email: admin@moreton.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.moretonceprimaryschool.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs N Batt
 Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3670

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **188**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **66**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated on the following basis:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school, and who will still continue to attend in the next academic year;
3. children living within the priority admissions area* of the school;
4. children whose parents are involved in the worship of the Anglican Church, subject to a reference from the Church;
5. children whose parents are involved in the worship of a non-Anglican Christian denomination, subject to a reference from the church;
6. children living in Toothill and/or Stanford Rivers;
7. all other applications.

In the event of oversubscription priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

*A map of the priority area is available from the school.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

♦ For applications under criteria 4 and 5 this school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed and a reference obtained.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

NAZEING

Nazeing Primary

Hyde Mead, Nazeing, Waltham Abbey EN9 2HS
 Telephone (01992) 893344
 Email: admin@nazeing.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.nazeing.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Ms J Pomfret
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2733

Published admission number 2026/2027: **45**
 Number on roll: **260**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **36**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 3

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

NEWPORT

Newport Primary

Frambury Lane, Newport, Saffron Walden CB11 3PU
 Telephone (01799) 540055
 Email: admin@newport.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.newport.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs A Wareham
 Community (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-2760

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **163**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **40**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children living in the priority admission area with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. children living outside the priority admission area with a sibling attending the school;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

NORTH WEALD

St Andrew's CE (VA) Primary

School Green Lane, North Weald, Epping CM16 6EH
 Telephone (01992) 522283
 Email: admin@st-andrews-northweald.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.standrewsnorthweald.org.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs K Henson
 Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
 4 – 11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-5241

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **368**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **51**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet).
2. Children of current staff# at the school.
3. Children with a sibling* attending the school.
4. Children living in the priority admission area.
5. Other applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distance are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Children of current staff at school – only relates to the staff currently employed by the school – staff being: teachers, learning support assistants, office, kitchen, and site staff. This relates to any children living permanently in the family home of the staff member (EG/ step-children, foster children).

*A sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit, in the same family household and address, who attends the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year. Biological and adopted siblings who attend the preferred school in any year group excluding the final year will also be treated as siblings, irrespective of place of residence.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

RADWINTER

Radwinter CE Primary

Water Lane, Radwinter, Saffron Walden CB10 2TX
 Telephone (01799) 599248
 Email: admin@radwinter.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.radwinter.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs Emily Bartram
 Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3730

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**

Number on roll: **138**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **41**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 9

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

In the event of there being more applicants than places available, the Governors will apply the following criteria in this priority order:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children living in the catchment area of the parishes of Radwinter and Hempstead (a map is available on request from the School) with siblings‡ on roll who will continue to be at the school in the next academic year, i.e. not in Year 6;
3. other children living in the catchment area of the parishes of Radwinter and Hempstead;
4. children living outside the catchment area of the parishes of Radwinter and Hempstead with siblings‡ on roll who will continue to be at the school in the next academic year, i.e. not in Year 6;
5. parents on the Church Electoral Roll of, or attached to, St Mary's, Radwinter or St Andrew's Hempstead;
6. children who have medical, pastoral or social reasons for attending this school supported by professional evidence indicating why this is the only suitable school for them;
7. children of staff where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;

8. children whose parents, including those worshipping in another faith or denomination, wish them to attend a Church of England school. The Priest or Minister in Charge will confirm that the family are active members of their worshipping community;
9. all other applications.

In the event of a 'tie break' situation those living closest will be given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

♦ For applications under criteria 5 and 8 this school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

RICKLING

Rickling CE Primary

Rickling Green, Saffron Walden CB11 3YG
 Telephone (01799) 543274
 Email: admin@rickling.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.federationfarnhamrickling.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs Tracey Bratley
 Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3247

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**

Number on roll: **91**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **32**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: **8**

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

In the event of over subscription, the Governors will apply the following criteria, which are listed in order of priority:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. siblings of children currently attending the school, who will continue to attend in the next academic year;
3. children living in the priority admission area of Rickling Parish (Rickling, Quendon and part of Ugley) (map available on request at the school);
4. parent or child with an active affiliation* with one of the churches in the Benefice of Rickling, Quendon, Newport and Widdington. A statement of support is needed from the Incumbent of the four parishes;
5. parent or child with an active affiliation* with a church outside the Benefice of Rickling, Quendon, Newport and Widdington. A statement of support is needed from the Incumbent concerned;
6. parent or child with an active affiliation* to another Christian denomination. A statement of support is needed from the Minister of the denomination concerned;

7. parent or child with an active affiliation* to a faith other than Christian, who want a school with an ethical faith base. A statement of support from the faith leader is required;
8. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

* Governors interpret active affiliation as attending worship on a minimum of 8 occasions annually for at least two years prior to the application.

In the event that during the period specified for attendance at worship the church [or, in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] has been closed for public worship and has not provided alternative premises for that worship, the requirements of these [admissions] arrangements in relation to attendance will only apply to the period when the church [or in relation to those of other faiths, relevant place of worship] or alternative premises have been available for public worship.

♦ For applications under criteria 4, 5, 6 or 7 this school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of spring term.

ROYDON

Roydon Primary

Epping Road, Roydon, Harlow CM19 5HN

Telephone (01279) 793152

Email: admin@bmatroydon.org.uk

Website: www.roydon.essex.sch.uk

Head of School: Mrs J Figueiredo

Academy (Co-educational)

4–11

School Number: 881-2035

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **192**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **31**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of teaching and associate staff will be considered who:
 - a) have been employed at the Academy for more than two years at the time of application;
 - b) have been recruited as staff to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
 Associate staff are defined as employees employed by BMAT in a capacity other than as a teacher;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

Straight line distance between the home and school will be used as a tie breaker in this criterion, with those living closest to the school having highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

The above 'distance' tie breaker stands with the exception of twins, triplets etc. If such multiple birth children from the same family are tied for the 30th place they will be admitted above PAN as permitted by the infant class size rules.

The Academy Trust may request proof of address and the Local authority does ask a random sample of applicants to provide such proof. If a school place has been secured through false information or has been offered in error, the offer of the place may be withdrawn.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

SAFFRON WALDEN

Katherine Semar Infant

Ross Close, Saffron Walden CB11 4DU
 Telephone (01799) 521720
 Email: admin-inf@katherinesemar.net
 Website: www.katherinesemar.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs J Puxley
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–7
 School Number: 881-2717

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **180**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **145**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications exceed the number of places available, the order of priority for admission to the school will be as follows:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. the children of permanent members of the teaching and support staff employed by SAT and working at Katherine Semar schools where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time when the application for admission to the school is made;
3. children with a sibling attending the school or the partner junior school;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

Katherine Semar Junior

Ross Close, Saffron Walden CB11 4DU
 Telephone (01799) 521120
 Email: admin-jun@katherinesemar.net
 Website: www.katherinesemar.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs J Puxley
 Academy (Co-educational)
 7–11
 School Number: 881-2687

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **249**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **67**

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription any remaining places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. the child is in Year 2 at Katherine Semar Infant School;
3. the children of permanent members of the teaching and support staff employed by SAT and working at Katherine Semar schools where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time when the application for admission to the school is made;
4. children with a sibling attending the school or the partner infant school;
5. children living in the priority admission area;
6. other children.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

SAFFRON WALDEN

R A Butler Infant Academy

South Road, Saffron Walden CB11 3DG

Telephone (01799) 523651

Email: admin@rab.academy

Website: www.rab.academy

Headteacher: Mrs E Vincent

Academy (Co-educational)

4-7

School Number: 881-5263

Published admission number 2026/2027: **90**

Number on roll: **271**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **187**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

Where applications expressing a preference for R A Butler Infant School exceed the number of places available, the order of priority for admission to the school will be as follows:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. the children of permanent members of the teaching and support staff employed by SAT and working at the R A Butler Academies* where the member of staff has been employed at the school(s) for two or more years at the time when the application for admission to the school is made; and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage;
3. a) the child has a sibling[^] attending the Infant or Junior School at the time of application and with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the time of admission:
b) the child has a sibling[^] who has been offered a place at the Infant or Junior School who therefore has a reasonable expectation of attending at the time of admission.
4. the child resides in the catchment area;
5. the child resides outside the catchment area.

*For the purpose of clarification, members of staff are employed to work at both the Infant and Junior schools of R A Butler Academies.

In the event of oversubscription within any individual criterion, distance will be used with priority given to children living nearest to the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Children from Swards End, Little Walden, Wendens Ambo and Audley End are recognised as within the catchment area* and are deemed to reside in South Road. Parents should check with the Local Authority whether children are eligible for School Bus transportation, as R A Butler Academy may not be the closest school.

Map of the catchment area can be viewed on the school website.

[^] A sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister, or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

SAFFRON WALDEN

R A Butler Junior Academy

South Road, Saffron Walden CB11 3DG

Telephone (01799) 523651

Email: admin@rab.academy

Website: www.rab.academy

Headteacher: Mrs E Vincent

Academy (Co-educational)

7–11

School Number: 881-5264

Published admission number 2026/2027: **96**

Number on roll: **384**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **101**

Admissions Policy

Where applications expressing a preference for R A Butler Junior School exceed the number of places available, the order of priority for admission to the school will be as follows:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. the child is in Year 2 at R A Butler Infant School;
3. the children of permanent members of the teaching and support staff employed by SAT and working at the R A Butler Academies* where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time when the application for admission to the school is made; and/or the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
4. a) the child has a sibling[^] attending the Infant or Junior School at the time of application and with a reasonable expectation that the sibling will be attending at the time of admission.
b) the child has a sibling[^] who has been offered a place at the Infant or Junior School who therefore has a reasonable expectation of attending at the time of admission.
5. the child resides in the catchment area;
6. the child resides outside the catchment area.

* For the purpose of clarification, members of staff are employed to work at both the Infant and Junior Schools of R A Butler Academies.

In the event of oversubscription within any individual criterion, distance will be used with priority given to children living nearest to the school. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Children from the villages of Swards End, Little Walden, Wendens Ambo, and Audley End are recognised as within the catchment area and are deemed to reside in South Road.

Parents should check with the Local Authority whether children are eligible for School Bus transportation, as R A Butler Academy may not be the closest school.

Map of the catchment area can be viewed on the school website.

[^] A sibling is a child who has a brother, sister, adopted brother or sister, or stepbrother or stepsister living in the same family unit in the same family household and address. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

SAFFRON WALDEN

St Mary's CE (VA) Primary

Castle Street, Saffron Walden CB10 1BQ
 Telephone (01799) 523384
 Email: info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.stmaryssw.org.uk
 Headteacher: Mr C Jarman
 Voluntary Aided (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3430

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **222**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **83**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 8

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

Where applications for admission exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children of parents who are at the heart of the Anglican churches in the parochial area of the Saffron Walden team ministry and who are not resident within the catchment area of an aided school. Parents are regular worshippers attending Sunday services at least once a month and/or are involved in weekday worship (up to 20% of places are available for this category);
3. children who have siblings‡ in any year group of the school except the final year at the time of application;
4. children residing in the catchment area*;
5. children of staff directly employed by the School where the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage.
6. those who would benefit from attendance at this school in exceptional medical circumstances based on evidence as defined in the County admission arrangements;
7. children of parents who are members of other faith but who express a desire for a church school education;
8. any other applicants.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet. Random allocation will be used as a tie-break to decide who has highest priority for admission if the distance between two children's homes and the school is the same. This process will be independently verified.

‡ LA sibling definition applies.

*A map of the catchment area is available for inspection at the school office and on our website www.stmaryssw.org.uk.

♦ For consideration under criteria 2, and 7 a Supplementary Information Form needs to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

SAFFRON WALDEN

St Thomas More Catholic Primary

South Road, Saffron Walden CB11 3DW

Telephone (01799) 523248

Email: admin@stmsw.co.uk

Website: www.stmsw.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs A Stockdale

Academy (Co-educational)

4–11 Catholic

School Number: 881-5223

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **208**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **70**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy♦

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Baptised Catholic looked after and previously looked after children.
2. Baptised Catholic children who are resident in the parishes of Saffron Walden, Gt Bardfield & Thaxted and Stansted.
3. Baptised Catholic children who live and worship in other parishes, confirmed by their Parish Priest, who cannot reasonably attend a nearer Catholic school.
4. Other Baptised Catholic children.
5. Other looked after and previously looked after children.
6. Catechumens and members of an Eastern Christian Church.
7. Children of other Christian denominations whose membership is evidenced by a minister of religion.
8. Children of other faiths whose membership is evidenced by a religious leader.
9. Any other children.

Within each of the categories listed above, the following provisions will be applied in the following order.

(i) Where evidence is provided at the time of application of an exceptional social, medical or pastoral need of the child which can most appropriately be met at this school, the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made.

(ii) The attendance of a brother or sister at the school at the time of enrolment will increase the priority of an application within each category so that the application will be placed at the top of the category in which the application is made after children in (i) above.

(iii) A child(ren) of a member of St Thomas More Catholic Primary School staff who has been employed at the school for two or more consecutive years at the time of application.

Tie Break

Priority will be given to children living closest to the school determined by the shortest distance. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

‘Catholic’ means a member of a Church in full communion with the See of Rome. This includes the Eastern Catholic Churches. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of baptism in a Catholic Church or a certificate of reception into the full communion of the Catholic Church. For the purposes of this policy, it includes a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the parents is Catholic. For a child to be treated as Catholic, evidence of Catholic baptism or reception into the Church will be required.

‘catechumen’ means a member of the catechumenate of a Catholic Church. This will normally be evidenced by a certificate of reception into the order of catechumens.

‘Eastern Christian Church’ includes Orthodox Churches, and is normally evidenced by a certificate of baptism or reception from the authorities of that Church.

‘brother or sister’ includes:

- (i) all natural brothers or sisters, half brothers or sisters, adopted brothers or sisters, stepbrothers or sisters, foster brothers or sisters, whether or not they are living at the same address; and
- (ii) the child of a parent’s partner where that child lives for at least part of the week in the same family unit at the same home address as the child who is the subject of the application.

For the full Admissions Policy and notes please refer to the school’s website.

♦ This school requires a Supplementary Information Form to be completed.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

SHEERING

Sheering CE (VC) Primary

The Street, Sheering, Bishop's Stortford CM22 7LU
 Telephone (01279) 734210
 Email: admin@sheering.essex.sch.uk
 Website: sheering.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs L Brittain
 Voluntary Controlled (Co-educational)
 4-11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3131

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**
 Number on roll: **86**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **21**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

STANSTED

Bentfield Primary

Rainsford Road, Stansted CM24 8DX
 Telephone (01279) 813626
 Email: admin@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.bentfield.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mr D Rogers
 Community (Co-educational)
 4-11 #
 School Number: 881-2747

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **179**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **39**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

STANSTED

Magna Carta Primary Academy

St Johns Road, Stansted, CM24 8JP
 Telephone: 01279 703484
 Email: reception@magnacartaacademy.org
 Website: www.magnacartaacademy.org
 Headteacher: Ms Jennifer Pearce
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11
 School Number: 881-2135

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **201**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **81**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of teaching and associate staff will be considered who:
 - a) have been employed at the Academy for more than two years at the time of application;
 - b) have been recruited as staff to fill a vacancy for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. Associate staff are defined as employees employed by BMAT in a capacity other than as a teacher.
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

St Mary's CE (Foundation) Primary

Hampton Road, Stansted CM24 8FE
 Telephone (01279) 812212
 Email: office@st-marys-stansted.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.stmarysstansted.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs B Young
 Foundation (Co-educational)
 4-11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-5229

Published admission number 2026/2027: **45**

Number on roll: **262**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **60**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

All places will be allocated by applying the following criteria in the order set out below:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children who live in the priority area and have a sibling* attending the school in years 1 to 5 at the time of admission;
3. children who live in the priority area;
4. children who live outside the priority area but have a sibling* attending the school in Years 1 to 5 at the time of admission;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription in any of the above criteria the straight line distance from home to school will be used to prioritise applications. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

*A sibling refers to brother or sister, half-brother or half-sister, adoptive brother or adoptive sister, step brother or step sister, and includes children living as siblings in the same family unit. It will also be applied to situations where a full or half brother or sister are living at separate addresses. Categories 2 and 4 include children who at the time of application have a sibling for whom the offer of a place at the preferred school has been accepted, even if the sibling is not yet attending. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

STAPLEFORD ABBOTTS

Stapleford Abbots Primary

Stapleford Road, Stapleford Abbots,
Romford RM4 1EJ

Telephone (01708) 688207

Email: office@sapa-tkat.org

Website: www.sapa-tkat.org

Headteacher: Mrs M Tait

Academy (Co-educational)

4–11

School Number: 881-2163

Published admission number 2026/2027: **20**

Number on roll: **141**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **15**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children living in the catchment area of the school;
3. children with a sibling attending Stapleford Abbots at the time of application and admission. Sibling means children who live as a brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers and sisters, adopted siblings, half and stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters;
4. distance. This will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Where a child lives normally during the school week with more than one parent at different addresses, the permanent home address for the purposes of school admissions will be the one where the child spends the majority of school nights Monday-Friday.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

STEBBING

Stebbing Primary

High Street, Stebbing, Dunmow CM6 3SH

Telephone (01371) 856260

Email: admin@stebbing.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.stebbingprimary.co.uk

Headteacher: Mrs L Heys

Community (Co-educational)

4–11

School Number: 881-2550

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **191**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **63**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

TAKELEY

Roseacres Primary

Roseacres, Takeley, Bishop's Stortford CM22 6QY
 Telephone 01279 879599
 Email: admin@roseacres.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.roseacres.co.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs V Childs
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11
 School Number: 881-2124

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**
 Number on roll: **211**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **55**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place in the school. In the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children from within the priority admissions area (or PAA) with a sibling attending the school. The definition of sibling is a brother or sister (sibling) or a step brother/sister living at the same address who will be on the register of the School for years R – 5 at the time of application and determination;
3. other children from within the priority admissions area;
4. children from outside the priority admissions area with a sibling attending the school;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to the school, those living closest having highest priority.

Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term, longer by request.

Takeley Primary

Bennet Canfield, Little Canfield, Dunmow CM6 1YE
 Telephone (01279) 870541
 Email: admin@takeley-pri.essex.sch.uk
 Website: www.takeley-pri.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Mrs C Phillips
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4-11
 School Number: 881-2133

Published admission number 2026/2027: **45**
 Number on roll: **352**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **65**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place in the school. In the event of oversubscription, places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children from within the priority admissions area (or PAA) with a sibling attending the school. The definition of sibling is a brother or sister (sibling) or a step brother/sister living at the same address who will be on the register of the School for years R – 5 at the time of application and determination;
3. other children from within the priority admissions area, or PAA;
4. children from outside the priority admissions area with a sibling attending the school;
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription in any of the above criteria the straight line distance from home to school will be used to prioritise applications.

Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

THAXTED

Thaxted Primary

Bardfield Road, Thaxted CM6 2LW
Telephone (01371) 830240
Email: admin@thaxted.essex.sch.uk
Website: www.thaxted.essex.sch.uk
Headteacher: Mrs C Crompton
Foundation (Co-educational)
4–11
School Number: 881-5248

Published admission number 2026/2027: **38**

Number on roll: **246**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **49**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

If applications for admissions exceed the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied, in the order set out below, to determine which children to admit:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children living in the catchment area (map available at the school);
4. children of members of Thaxted Staff;
5. children with a sibling attending the school living outside the catchment area;
6. remaining applications.

A map showing the defined catchment area is available on the school website.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Exceptional medical circumstances (supported by medical evidence) may override the above.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

WALTHAM ABBEY

High Beech CE Primary

Mott Street, Loughton IG10 4AP
 Telephone (020) 8508 6048
 Email: office@highbeech.efspt.org
 Website: www.highbeechschool.org.uk
 Head of School: Mrs K Mortimer
 Executive Headteacher: Mr J Furness
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11 Church of England
 School Number: 881-3124

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**
 Number on roll: **92**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **54**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and / or
 b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. children living outside the priority admission area but within Waltham Abbey (defined as residence in the priority admission area of one of the following schools: High Beech CE Primary, Leverton Primary, Upshire Primary, Waltham Holy Cross Primary and Hillhouse Primary schools);
6. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of academic year.

Hillhouse CE Primary

Ninefields, Waltham Abbey EN9 3EL
 Telephone (01992) 715999
 Email: office@hillhouse.efspt.org
 Website: www.hillhouse.essex.sch.uk
 Headteacher: Miss J Willcox
 Academy (Co-educational)
 4–11
 School Number: 881-3256

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**
 Number on roll: **331**
 Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **120**
 In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the school;
3. children of all staff at the school;
 a) where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admission to the school is made, and/or
 b) the member of staff is recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill-shortage;
4. children living in the priority admission area;
5. children living outside the priority admission area but within Waltham Abbey (defined as residence in the priority admission area of one of the following school: High Beech CE Primary, Leverton Primary, Upshire Primary, Waltham Holy Cross Primary and Hillhouse Primary schools);
6. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

Waiting list held until: end of the academic year.

WALTHAM ABBEY

Leverton Primary

Honey Lane, Waltham Abbey EN9 3BE

Telephone (01992) 715885

Email: admin@leverton.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.leverton.essex.sch.uk

Headteacher: Miss L Gibbs

Foundation (Co-educational)

4–11 #

School Number: 881-5242

Published admission number 2026/2027: **60**

Number on roll: **405**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **114**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 5

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling[‡] attending the primary school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. children living outside the priority admission area but within Waltham Abbey (defined as residence in the priority admission area of one of the following schools: High Beech CE Primary, Leverton Primary, Upshire Primary, Waltham Holy Cross Primary and Hillhouse Primary schools);
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

[‡] LA sibling definition applies.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of the autumn term.

WALTHAM ABBEY

Upshire Primary Foundation

Upshire Road, Upshire, Waltham Abbey EN9 3PX

Telephone (01992) 715567

Email: admin@upshire.essex.sch.uk

Website: www.upshireprimaryschool.com

Headteacher: Mr R Jones

Foundation (Co-educational)

4–11

School Number: 881-5270

Published admission number 2026/2027: **30**

Number on roll: **205**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **72**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children with a sibling attending the school;
3. children living in the priority admission area;
4. children living outside the priority admission area but within Waltham Abbey (defined as residence in the priority admission area of one of the Waltham Abbey schools);
5. remaining applications.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Sibling - is defined in these arrangements as children who live as brother or sister in the same house, including natural brothers or sisters, adopted siblings, stepbrothers or sisters and foster brothers and sisters. Children residing in the same household as part of an extended family, such as cousins, will not be treated as siblings.

This school holds a rolling waiting list.

WALTHAM ABBEY

Waltham Holy Cross Primary

Quendon Drive, Monkswood Avenue,
Waltham Abbey EN9 1LG
Telephone (01992) 713191
Email: office@whc.netacademies.net
Website: whc.netacademies.net
Headteacher: Miss S Clarke
Academy (Co-educational)
3–11#
School Number: 881-2179

Published admission number 2026/2027: **90**

Number on roll: **562**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **123**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 6

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admissions area. In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet);
2. children who have a sibling who attends the Academy at the date of admission. 'Sibling' means a brother or sister, half brother or sister or legally adopted child being regarded as a brother or sister;
3. children of staff of the Academy who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. To qualify under this criterion, the staff member must be a 'direct employee'. Staff contracted in to provide services to the school do not count as 'direct employees'. For the purposes of this criterion, 'children of staff' is taken to include a child or step-child, or child who is adopted or fostered or for whom a special guardianship order is in place, in all cases providing they are living at the same address as the parent who is employed by the school;
4. children living in the priority admission area (a map of the area is available at the school);
5. children living outside the priority admissions area but within Waltham Abbey (defined as residence in the priority admissions area of one of the following Waltham Abbey schools: High Beech CE Primary, Leverton Primary, Upshire Primary and Hillhouse Primary Schools).

6. other children, with priority for admission given to those whose home address is the shortest distance from the Academy.

In the event of oversubscription within any of the above criteria, priority will be determined by straight line distance from home to school, those living closest being given the highest priority. Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

This school has a nursery unit. Please see the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Waiting list held until: end of autumn term.

WIMBISH

Wimbish Academy

Tye Green, Wimbish, Saffron Walden CB10 2XE

Telephone (01799) 599245

Email: office@wimbishprimary.org

Website: www.wimbish.essex.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs N Pickford

Academy (Co-educational)

4–11

School Number: 881-2770

Published admission number 2026/2027: **15**

Number on roll: **30**

Applications received (all preferences) Sept 2025: **16**

In 2025 the last child was admitted under criterion: 4

Timing of Admission

Please see page 6 of this booklet.

Admissions Policy

There is no guarantee of a place for children living in the priority admission area.

In the event of oversubscription places will be allocated using the following criteria in the order given:

1. Children In Care, sometimes known as Looked After Children and previously looked after children (as defined in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet).
2. Siblings of pupils already attending the school at the time of admission.
3. Children of staff.
4. Children living in the priority admission area (PAA) as shown on the Essex County Council website, in this order:
 - a. Children living at the Carver Barracks.
 - b. Children living elsewhere in the PAA.
5. All other children, ranked according to the distance* between their home and the school.

If a tie-break is necessary to determine which child is admitted, the child living closest to the school measured in a straight line will be given priority for admission.

*Straight line distances are calculated by the LA as described in the Primary Education in Essex 2026/2027 booklet.

Home address - This is your child's permanent or main residence at the time of application. This should also be the address where the child will be residing when they start school. Proof of address may be required.

If you use another address to give the impression that your child lives at a different address to where they are ordinarily resident, such as a second home, or a grandparent's address, we will consider this to be a fraudulent application.

Where a child lives with parents living at separate addresses, each for part of a week, the address where the child lives is determined using declarations signed separately by each parents stating the pattern of residence. The home address will then be taken as where they spend the majority of their school nights (i.e., the five nights from Sunday to Thursday)

'Sibling' means a brother or sister, a half brother or sister, a legally adopted brother or sister or half-brother or sister, a step brother or sister or any other child, who, at the time of application, is living in the same household as part of the same family, and who will be living at the same address at the date the child is admitted.

The sibling rule does not apply to any child who is attending any pre-school or nursery placement, whether at this school or elsewhere.

'Staff' whose children can be admitted under criterion 3, means any person who is employed by the trust to work at this school in whatever capacity, teaching or non-teaching. It includes (a) those who have had contract of employment for at least 2 years at the time of application, and who will still be working at the school when their child starts, and (b) those who have been employed for less than 2 years at the time of application but were recruited to a hard-to-fill post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage. This applies to staff employed full or part time, but not to temporary contractual staff.

Children of UK military personnel:

If you currently serve in the UK Armed forces, or are Crown servants returning from overseas, we will accept your application if it is accompanied by a letter from the MOD, a Posting Order, or some other form of evidence of your intended address, and proof of the date that you will be relocated. We will use this as proof of address for your child's application, and will comply with the provisions of paragraph 2.21 of the School

WIMBISH

Wimbish Academy *(Continued)*

Admissions Code, and process your application in the normal way prior to you actually arriving. If you wish, we will take the Base, Unit, or quartering address as the home address.

If you do not have any evidence of a residential address before the closing date, we will use the relevant Base address. If you later receive notification or confirmation of your actual residential address, please forward this to:-

admissionsapplications@essex.gov.uk

You must clearly show on your application that you are serving personnel.

For the full Admissions Policy and notes please refer to the school's website.

Waiting list held until: 31 December 2026.

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