

	<h1 style="text-align: center;">St Anthony's Catholic Primary School</h1> <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Admission Arrangements for the academic year 2024/2025</p>	
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Children can be admitted in the term after they become 3 years old. We admit children at the beginning of each term in September, January and April.

We try our best to meet parents' request, however sometimes there may be more applications for a particular intake than there are places. If this happens we will use the oversubscription criteria to decide who is offered a place.

Oversubscription criteria

1. Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) who are looked after or previously looked after (see Note 3 below)
2. Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) living within the Parish of St Anthony and St John's who have a brother or sister (see Note 4 below) in the school at the time of admission
3. Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) living within the Parish of St Anthony and John's
4. Other Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) who have a brother or sister (see Note 4 below) in the school at the time of admission
5. Other Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below)
6. Non-Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after (see Note 3 below)
7. Non-Catholic children who have a brother or sister (see note 4 below) in the school at the time of admission
8. Non-Catholic children
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Note 1

Children with an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan that names the school **MUST** be admitted. This will reduce the number of places available to applicants. This is not an oversubscription criteria.

Note 2

In all categories, for a child to be considered as Catholic, evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church will be required. For a definition of a Baptised Catholic, see the Appendix. Those who face difficulties in producing written evidence of Catholic Baptism or Reception into the Church should contact their Parish Priest.

Parents making an application for a Catholic child should also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) **which should be returned directly to the school**. If you do not provide the information required in the Supplementary Information Form and return it by the closing date, together with all supporting documentation, this is likely to affect your child's chance of being offered a place at this school.

Note 3

A “looked after child” has the same meaning as in section 22(1) of the Children Act 1989, and means any child who is (a) in the care of the local authority or (b) being provided with accommodation by them in the exercise of their social services functions (e.g. children with foster parents) at the time of making the application to the school. A “previously looked after child” is a child who immediately moved on from that status after becoming subject to an adoption, child arrangement order or special guardianship order.

Note 4

For all applicants the definition of a brother or sister is:

- A brother or sister sharing the same parents
- A half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one common parent
- A step-brother or step-sister, where two children are related by a parents’ marriage or where they are unrelated but their parents are living as partners.
- Adopted or fostered children

The children must be living permanently in the same household

Note 5

Distances are measured in a straight line from home to school by Solihull local authority’s admissions system. The admissions system uses six-figure grid references provided by the Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG). The grid references provide a unique point on each property.

In a very small number of cases, where the school is oversubscribed, it may not be possible to decide between the applications of those pupils who are the final qualifiers for a place when applying the published admission criteria. For example, this may occur when children in the same year group live at the same address, or if the distance between the home and the school is exactly the same, for example, blocks of flats. If there is no other way of separating the application according to the admissions criteria and to admit both, or all, of the children would cause the Published Admission Number for the child’s year group to be exceeded, the Local Authority, on behalf of the Governing Body, will use a computerised system to randomly select the child to be offered the final place.

How to apply

Contact the school for a form, which you should fill in and return to us by the Friday before half term for a start date at the beginning of the following term

Closing date	Offer date	Start date
17 th December 2023	31 st January 2024	2nd September 2024

Outcome

Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application 4 weeks after the closing date by letter or email.

Accepting your place

Parents will have to accept the place within 2 weeks of the offer. Places that have not been accepted will be offered to the next child on the list.

Notes

1. Attendance at the nursery will not guarantee admission to our reception class or give any advantage to your child's application for reception. Parents must apply for a reception place through their home local authority.
2. Children with an education, health and care plan that names the nursery will be offered a place. This may reduce the number of places available to other applicants.
3. Definition of a sibling:
A brother or sister must live at the same address and could be:
 - A brother or sister sharing the same parents;
 - a half-brother or half-sister, where two children share one parent;
 - a stepbrother or stepsister, where two children are related by a parent's marriage or civil partnership (a formal arrangement that gives same-sex couples the same legal status as married couples);
 - the separate children of couples who live together; or
 - an adopted or fostered brother or sister.
4. The home address is the place where the child is permanently resident with his or her parents. When a child lives between two addresses we will use the address of the parent who is in receipt of Child Benefit.
5. If we cannot distinguish between two applicants because the criterion and distance is the same, for example, children in the same block of flats then the child or children who will be offered will be randomly selected by drawing lots.
6. Unsuccessful applicants will be placed on a waiting list in priority order according to the oversubscription criteria. If a place becomes available the child at the top of the list will be offered the place.
7. There is no statutory right of appeal for admission to a nursery setting. Any disputes over the administration of the policy will be dealt with by the school's complaints procedure.