

Admission to Nursery at St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School

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

This school's admission number for the nursery year beginning in September 2022/23 is 30. If the number of applicants exceeds the admission number, governors will consider applications according to the following order of priority:

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 in the parish of St John and St Anthony's, Smith's Wood who have a brother or sister (see Note 4 below) attending St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) living in the parish of St John and St Anthony's, Smith's Wood.
4. Other Baptised Catholic children (see Note 2 below) who have a brother or sister (see Note 4 below) attending St John the Baptist Catholic Primary 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) St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School
8. Non-Catholic children.

How to apply

Contact the school for a form or download one from our school website – www.sjb.solihull.sch.uk

Closing date	Offer date	Start date
Friday 21 st October 2022	Friday 11 th November 2022	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Friday 16 th December 2022	Friday 13 th January 2023	Monday 17 th April 2023
Friday 27 th January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023	Monday 4 th September 2023

Outcome

Parents will be notified of the outcome of their application 2 weeks after the closing date by letter or email. Please note: 2 weeks does not include holiday.

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. 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 (eg children with foster parents) at the time of making the application to the school. A "previously looked after child" is a child was looked after, but ceased to be so because he or she was adopted or became subject to a child arrangements order or special guardianship order and includes those children who appear (to the Board of Directors) to have been in state care outside of England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.
For the purposes of this policy, a looked after child living with a family where at least one of the carers is Catholic will be considered as Catholic. The carer must forward a copy of their own Catholic Baptismal or Reception certificate directly to the school in order for this priority to be given to the child as failure to do so will result in the looked after child being ranked as a non-Catholic.
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 childrenThe children must be living permanently in the same household.
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.