

Admissions Appeal Timetable Year R (starting school in reception) School Admissions 2025 – 2026

For Church of England Voluntary Aided Schools and Academies in the Diocese of Winchester and Diocese of Portsmouth.

National notification date for on-time applicants	Wednesday 16 April 2025
Notification date for late applicants (whose applications received after 15 January and before 16 April 2025)	Tuesday 29 April 2025
Deadline date for parents wishing to lodge an appeal (returning completed appeal papers to the County Council)	Wednesday 21 May 2025
Appeal hearings to be held	From 02 June to 22 July, inclusive
Decision letters to be sent	Within five school days of hearing

Please note

- (i) Appeals lodged after 21 May 2025 will be heard during the above dates if possible. Where it is not achievable to hold an appeal between the above dates, the hearing will be scheduled within 30 school days (excluding any school holidays) of the appeal being lodged. Appeals lodged on or after 11 June 2025 may not be heard until the autumn term.
- (ii) Appellants will receive at least 10 school days' notice of the exact date and location of their appeal hearing.
- (iii) Following the lodging of an appeal, additional papers may be submitted to the Appeals Service until 10 school days before the hearing. Evidence submitted after this date will be considered by the panel but this may lead to an adjournment and significant delays.