

Admissions Appeal Timetable for Year R (starting school in reception) and Year 3 (Infant to Junior transfer)

September 2026

Church of England Voluntary Aided Schools and Academies in the Diocese of Winchester and Diocese of Portsmouth will follow the timetable below.

This is in line with the DfE's School Admissions (England) Regulations 2021.

National Notification date for on-time applications.	Thursday 16 th April 2026
Notification date for late applicants (whose applications received after 15 January and before the 16 April 2024)	Wednesday 29 th April 2026
Deadline date for parents wishing to lodge an appeal. (Returning completed appeal papers to the school.)	Thursday 21 st May 2026
Appeal hearing to be held.	From 1 st June to 22 nd July 2026(Inclusive).
Decision letters to be sent.	Within 5 school days of hearing

Please note

- i) Appeals lodged after 21st May 2026 will be heard during the above dates if possible or within 30 school days (excluding any school holidays) of the appeal being lodged. Appeals lodged on or after 11th June 2026 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 school until 10 school days before the hearing. Evidence admitted after this date will be considered by the panel but this may lead to an adjournment and significant delays.