

Set a reminder for January 15th 2026 for school application deadline. Go to local authority website for more information (Bristol): [Apply for a new reception primary place \(bristol.gov.uk\)](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/primary-places) South Glos ; [Apply online for a school place | South Gloucestershire](https://www.southgloucestershire.gov.uk/schools)

Review school's admission criteria, how do they allocate spaces; is it siblings, postcode, religious links etc. Check to see how competitive the school is for places; how many places are available each year?

School offer day is 16th April 2026. Don't forget to accept your offer via the local authority portal.

Choosing a Primary School

Visit websites and social media accounts. What are the school's values and what do they post about? Some may have virtual tours available.

Things to consider:

- how long will the school run take*
- does it feed into a secondary school*
- can you picture your child at the school*
- do they offer breakfast or afterschool clubs*
- SEN support*
- inclusivity and diversity*
- what is the atmosphere like*

Make a list of potential primary schools in your catchment area!

Decide; which schools to apply for, your order of preference and apply before the deadline!

Book school tours. Tours should give you a feel for the school, learn about the curriculum, values and approach. What are the outdoor spaces like. Ask lots of questions!