

St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School



Nursery Admissions Policy 2026

Our Nursery is part of St Matthew's Bloxam C of E Primary School. The main school is a voluntary controlled school and adheres to the admission arrangements in agreement with Warwickshire County Council (The LA). The Nursery is governor run and adheres to the same admission arrangements.

Please be aware that a place in our Nursery does not guarantee a place in our Reception class.

We are an inclusive Nursery and welcome applications from children of all backgrounds and from in and out of our priority area. We are a full time, 30 hour governor run (Section 27) Nursery provision.

We have three admission dates per year.

- **SEPTEMBER (Autumn Term)** – children living in and out of our priority area enter Nursery in the September following their third birthday.
- **JANUARY (Spring Term)** – Several places may be available for **some** children who live in our priority area to start Nursery in the January following their third birthday. The number of places fluctuates depending on the current number of children in the Nursery setting the year before they start in a Reception class.
- **APRIL (Summer Term)** – Several places may be available for **some** children who live in our priority area to start Nursery in the April following their third birthday. The number of places fluctuates depending on the current number of children in the Nursery setting the year before they start in a Reception class.

Our priority area is the same as the main school. Parents must apply for a Nursery place by filling in a Nursery Application form which is available from the main school office or via the school website <http://www.st-matthewsbloxam.co.uk/nursery-enrolment/>

Parents can apply for a place for their child as soon as the child has reached their second birthday. You will then be contacted nearer the time to arrange a Nursery Induction Session before your child starts in Nursery. Applicants will be dealt with strictly in the order in which they apply.

Our admission number is 24 in the morning, 16 in the afternoon. If the number of applications for entry exceeds the number of places available, the following criteria will be applied by the school to allocate places;

1. Children in the care of, or provided with accommodation by a Local Authority

2. Children living in the priority area of the school who have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
3. Other children living within the priority area of the school
4. Children living outside the priority area of the school that have a brother or sister at the school at the time of admission
5. Other children living outside the priority area

Within each criterion, priority is given in order of distance from home to school.

Prospective parents are encouraged to read through our school prospectus, visit our school website and make an appointment to visit the Nursery for a look around.

This policy will be monitored by the governing body and reviewed every three years, or earlier in the light of any changes in legislation and circumstance, either in our school or the local area. The policy will always take due note of guidance provided by Warwickshire County Council.