

Important dates – primary, junior and middle school admissions

3 November 2025	Online system opens for you to apply online.
Nov / Dec 2025	Open events at schools. Find individual school details in the schools directory .
15 January 2026	Deadline to apply for a school place.
2 February 2026	Last date to submit a written explanation giving reasons why your application was late, for your application to be agreed as 'on time'. If you move house, this is the last date for you to provide evidence of your new address and for it to be considered 'on time' in the allocation process.
2 March 2026	Applications received after this date will not be offered a school place until the week commencing 15 June 2026.
16 April 2026	National allocation day We will email you the school you've been allocated, if you applied online and confirmed your email address. The online allocation system will be updated with allocations and be available only after allocation emails have been sent. If you applied on paper, we will send you a notification letter and response form by first class post. If you applied online, you can use online facilities including appeals and continuing interest.
16 – 23 April 2026	Continuing interest applications open. You can add new school preferences for some Hertfordshire schools for the first continuing interest run. Information will be available online on 16 April 2026.
17 – 23 April 2026	Continuing interest lists are created. Applicants with unmet higher preferences will automatically go on the list for those schools. Parents or carers should confirm this with schools responsible for their own admissions.

23 April 2026	<p>Last date for accepting the place offered.</p> <p>Online applicants must accept the place online.</p> <p>Paper applicants should return their response form to the Admissions and Transport team.</p>
11 – 15 May 2026	<p>First continuing interest run.</p> <p>We'll contact you with an offer of a new school place, if you're successful at the first continuing interest run.</p>
15 May 2026 (4pm)	<p>Last date to register an appeal.</p>
18 – 25 May 2026	<p>Continuing interest applications open for the second run.</p> <p>You can add new preferences for any school for the second continuing interest run.</p>
25 May 2026	<p>Last date to register a change of preferences or for new applications to be added for the second continuing interest run.</p>
15 – 19 June 2026	<p>Second (and final) continuing interest run.</p> <p>We'll contact you with an offer of a new school place, if you're successful at the second continuing interest run.</p>
June – July 2026	<p>If school vacancies occur, places will be filled from remaining continuing interest lists.</p>
10 June – 17 July 2026	<p>School admission appeals take place during this period.</p>
29 June 2026	<p>Continuing interest lists (waiting lists) for junior and middle schools close on 25 June 2026.</p> <p>To retain your continuing interest for a Hertfordshire junior or middle school, you will need to make an in year application from 29 June 2026.</p>
24 July 2026	<p>Continuing interest lists (waiting lists) for primary schools close on 23 July 2026.</p> <p>To retain your continuing interest for a Hertfordshire primary school, you'll need to make an in year application from 24 July 2026.</p>

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