# Transition timeline for parents of children starting Reception Class in 2027

**September 2026 – January 2027**

Parents must apply for a primary school place a year before their child starts school School admissions: School starting age - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

- Applications open in September and close on the 15th January. Your child will be 3 or have just turned 4 when you apply.
- You must apply then, even if you want your child to start part-way through the year.
- If your child is at a **school nursery** you still need to apply for a place.

**16th April 2027 – Primary school allocations are confirmed**

- Let your nursery provider know which school your child is going to.
- Your nursery teacher will talk to you about transition and seek views about how they can support your children to prepare.
- If your child has special educational needs, your nursery teacher will seek your permission to start an 'enhanced transition' by sharing information and planning with your child's new school.

**May 2027**

- If your child has special educational needs or disability, an agreed enhanced transition activity will start.

**June 2027**

- Your nursery provider will discuss early years transition information with you that you can add information to. This will be shared with the reception teacher.
- You will be invited for activity to help you get to know your new school.
- If your child has special educational needs or disability, your school will work with you and your nursery provider to plan what might need to be in place to support them.

**June – July 2027**

- Your nursery provider and school will work in partnership to support transition for your child.
- Transition information will be shared to support this.

**September 2027**

- Your child starts Reception Class.

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