

St John's C of E Aided Infant School, Churt, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 2JE
Determined Admissions Policy for Academic Year 2026/2027

**St John's has a Published Pupil Admissions Number (PAN) of 30 as
agreed with the Local Authority**

St John's School is at the heart of a village and has close ties with the local community and Parish church.

It is a Church of England School, within the Diocese of Guildford, welcoming children and families of all faiths and those of none. We welcome applications from families living in Churt, the surrounding villages and nearby towns.

As a Church of England Aided School, the governors are the Admission Authority. They have determined the following admission criteria in consultation with the Diocese of Guildford and the Local Authority, which will be strictly applied in the order below, in the event that the number of applicants exceeds PAN.

Over-subscription Criteria for 2026/2027

- 1 Looked after children and previously looked after children (see note 1).
- 2 Children with exceptional circumstances, documented medical or social needs (see note 2).
- 3 Children who have a sibling (see note 3) at school at the time of application OR a sibling who has previously attended the school for a minimum of one year (see note 4). Use Supplementary Information Form A.
- 4 Children of staff who have been employed at the school for at least 2 years by the closing date for applications OR who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage (see note 5). Use Supplementary Information Form C.
- 5 Children living within the boundaries of the ecclesiastical Parish of St John Churt (see note 6).
- 6 Children for whom St John's is the nearest Church of England Infant School (see notes 7 and 9)
- 7 Children of parent(s) (see note 10) who are regular worshippers at a Christian church. (see note 8) Use Supplementary Information Form B.
- 8 Children whose parents wish them to attend this church school.

If the school is oversubscribed within any category, priority of admission will be given in the order of the shortest straight-line distance from home to school, as defined at note 9.

Applications

All applications can be made on-line via <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/> For all general enquiries or for a hard copy, please telephone 0300 200 1004. Please note that these forms must be returned to the Local Authority by 15th January 2026.

Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) – these are available from the school office and on the website. They must be completed for all applications under:

- Criteria 3, siblings (who **previously attended** only) – Use Form A
- Criteria 4, children of staff - Use Form C
- Criteria 7, regular worship – Use Form B

Please return the form to **St John's C of E Infant School office**. Failure to do so may mean that you will be ranked under a lower criterion.

Late Applications

These will be considered in accordance with Surrey's co-ordinated admissions scheme.

In-Year Applications

Please make your In-Year application through Surrey County Council website
<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/>

Waiting List

Where there are more applicants than places available, waiting lists will operate for each year group according to the oversubscription criteria shown and without regard to the date the application was received or when a child's name was added to the waiting list. Where additional children are added to the waiting list, it will be ranked again in line with the oversubscription criteria. As part of the initial intake to Reception, applicants will automatically be placed on the waiting list for that academic year if they have not initially been offered a higher preference school.

Waiting lists for all year groups will be maintained until the last day of the Summer term when they will be cancelled. You must apply for in-year admission if you wish to remain on the waiting list for the following academic year. Parents whose children are not already on the initial waiting list but who wish them to be so, must apply for in-year admission.

Appeals

Parents who have not been allocated a place for their child have the right to appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel against the Governors' decision. Information on the procedure is available from the school.

Deferred Entry

Parents can defer their child's entry to Reception until the term after the child turns five, but not beyond the start of the summer term of the academic year for which a place has been offered. A child may also take-up the place part-time until the child reaches compulsory school age.

Children with Special Educational Needs – a child with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which names St John's will **automatically be allocated a place**. Parents are advised to visit the school before the Plan is issued to make sure that St John's is suitable to meet their child's needs.

Out of chronological age education

Applicants may choose to seek a place outside their child's chronological (correct) year group. Decisions will be made on the basis of the circumstances of each case and what is in the best interests of the child concerned.

- Applicants who are applying for their child to have a decelerated entry to school, ie, to start later than other children in their chronological age group, must initially apply for a school place in accordance with the deadlines that apply for their child's chronological age. If, in liaison with the Headteacher, governors agree for the child to have a decelerated entry to the school, the place cannot be deferred and instead the applicant will be invited to apply again in the following year for the decelerated cohort.
- Applicants who are applying for their child to have an accelerated entry to school, ie, to start earlier than other children in their chronological age group, must initially apply for a school place at the same time that other families are applying for that cohort. If, in liaison with the Headteacher, governors agree for the child to have an accelerated entry to the school, the application will be processed. If it is not agreed for the child to have an accelerated entry to the school, the applicant will be invited to apply again in the following year for the correct cohort.

Applicants must state clearly why they feel admission to a different year group is in the child's best interest and provide any evidence they have to support this. More information on educating children out of their chronological year group and the process for making such requests is available at <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

NOTES

Note 1 Looked after child and previously looked after child -

- Children who are in the care of a Local Authority or provided with accommodation by a Local Authority in accordance with Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 eg, fostered or living in a children's home, at the time an application for a school is made; or

Any child who was previously in the care of the Local Authority or provided with accommodation by a Local Authority and who left that care through adoption, Child Arrangement Order or Special Guardianship Order. This includes those who appear (to the Admission Authority) to have been in state care outside England and ceased to be in state care as a result of being adopted.

Note 2 Exceptional Circumstances – a child who has a serious medical, physical or psychological condition, or if there are sensitive family circumstances, which make it essential that the child attends this school rather than any other. Appropriate documentary evidence from a consultant doctor or the relevant support services must be submitted *at the time of application*. Please note a GP letter will not be sufficient medical evidence. Governors will assess such evidence and decide on each individual case.

NB: All schools support children with the more common medical conditions such as asthma, nut allergies and stress related symptoms.

Note 3 Sibling – a brother/sister, half-brother/sister, step-brother/sister or adoptive brother/sister or foster children, living in the family unit at the same address in each case.

In the case of **multiple births**, if one child of a twin, triplet or other multiple births is offered a place at the school the other children of the multiple birth can only be offered a place if the total number of pupils would not exceed our PAN of 30, due to restricted accommodation. The decision will be determined by the consecutive rankings of the siblings.

Note 4 Sibling who previously attended the school – applicants under this criterion must complete Supplementary Information **Form A** for verification of attendance.

Note 5 Children of Staff – this includes all full and part-time staff who are on the school pay-roll. Supplementary Information **Form C** must be completed for verification of the applicant's employment.

Note 6 Parish Map - The Parish map can be viewed [here](#).

Note 7 Nearest Church of England Infant School - the CofE Infant School closest to the home address (see note 11) as measured by a straight line in accordance with '**Tie-breaker**' definition at note 9 below.

Note 8 Regular Worship – this is defined as “worship by a parent and/or the child at a Christian Church at least twice per month over a minimum period of one year immediately preceding the date of application”. A '**Christian Church**' is one that is defined as being a member of the Churches Together in Britain and Ireland <https://ctbi.org.uk/> or the Evangelical Alliance <https://www.eauk.org/>

Supplementary Information **Form B** is the means by which this requirement is endorsed. If this form is not received at the time of application, your application may not be considered under criterion 7. If you are recent arrivals into the village you will need to provide evidence of the same pattern of worship.

Note 9 Tie-breaker – the distance is measured in a straight line from the address point of the pupil's home address (see note 11) as set by Ordnance Survey, to the nearest school gate available for pupils to use. This is calculated using the School Admissions team's Geographical Information System (GIS). Parents should note that if they apply for free transport, different criteria apply. For applicants who share the same address point or who live equidistant from the school, priority will be decided by an independently supervised lottery.

Note 10 Parent – a natural, adoptive, step or foster parent or other legal guardian.

Note 11 Home address – this is the child's permanent address or in cases of shared custody, where s/he spends the majority of the school week. In the case of formal equal shared custody, it will be up to the parents to agree which address to use.

Withdrawal of Offers:

The governors reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a place where the parent has made a fraudulent or intentionally misleading application which effectively denied a place to another child.

Supplementary Information Form A (Sibling)

To be completed and returned to St John's School office at the time of application.

St John's Church of England School, Barford Lane, Churt, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 2JE
office@stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

Please complete this section of the form if you have another child who **previously attended** St John's for a minimum of one year, as explained in oversubscription criterion 3, and return it to the school office at the above address at the time of application or by the Surrey closing date of 15th January 2026.

N.B. This is in addition to the Surrey County Council application which must be completed online by 15th January 2026.

Name of Child: DOB:

Address:

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Tel No: Mobile:

E-mail:

Name of Sibling: DOB:

Dates sibling attended St John's CofE Infant School: From to

Parent / Carer signature:

Date:

Note 4 Sibling – a brother/sister, half-brother/sister, stepbrother/sister or adoptive brother/sister or foster children, living in the family unit at the same address (see note 11) in each case.



Supplementary Information Form B (Worship)

To be completed and returned to St John's School office at the time of application. St John's Church of England School, Barford Lane, Churt, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 2JE
office@stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

Please complete this section of the form if you are a regular worshipper at a Christian Church (as explained in oversubscription criterion 7 and note 8) and return it to the school office at the above address at the time of application or by the Surrey closing date of 15th January 2026.

N.B. This is in addition to the Surrey County Council application which must be completed online by 15th January 2026.

Name of Child: DOB:

Name of Parent(s):
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Address:
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Tel No: Mobile:

E-mail:

Please tick the appropriate box:

I am a regular worshipper at a Christian church

Parent / Carer signature: Date:

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE VICAR / MINISTER / PASTOR

I confirm that is known to me

as a regular worshipper at Church.

Signed: Date:

Note for Vicar: Regular worship is defined as at least twice per month over a minimum period of one year immediately preceding the date of this application.



Supplementary Information Form C (Staff)

To be completed and returned to St John's School office at the time of application.

St John's Church of England School, Barford Lane, Churt, Farnham, Surrey, GU10 2JE
office@stjohns-farnham.surrey.sch.uk

Please complete this section of the form if you are applying for a place at St John's under criterion 4 and return it to the school office at the above address at the time of application or by the Surrey closing date of 15th January 2026.

N.B. This is in addition to the Surrey County Council application which must be completed online by 15th January 2026.

Name of Child: DOB:

Name of Member of Staff:

Relationship to Child:

Address:

Tel No: Mobile:

E-mail:

I am a member of staff and have been employed at St John's since

I am a member of staff employed to meet a demonstrable skills shortage

Parent / Carer signature: Date:

Admissions criterion 4 - Children of staff who have been employed at the school for at least 2 years by the closing date for applications OR who have been recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skills shortage (see note 5)

Note 5 Staff – this includes all full and part-time staff who are on the school pay-roll.

To be completed by the Headteacher and Chair of Local Governing Body of St John's School.

I confirm that the above-named staff member meets the criterion of working at the school for at least two years preceding the date of this application or is meeting a skills shortage.

Name of Headteacher Name of GB Chair

Signature of Headteacher Signature of GB Chair

Date