



St Mary's Nursery offers up to 52 places (part-time and full-time). All children will be eligible for admission to nursery in the term after they turn three years old, although admission will be subject to an application being received and places being available. Where children join the nursery as 'Rising 3s', they remain in the nursery during the following academic year.

Parents and guardians wishing to apply for a place at St. Mary's Nursery for their child must complete the St Mary's registration application form, available from the school office. It should be submitted directly to the school in accordance with the dates detailed below:

Nursery		
Preferred admission date	Date of Birth	Application received by school office
2nd September 2026	Child has reached the age of 3 years before 31 st August 2026	March 31 st 2026

Rising 3s		
Preferred admission date	Date of Birth	Application received by school office
4th January 2027	Reached the aged of 3 between 1 st September 2025 – 31 st December 2026	31 st October 2026
12t April 2027	Reached the aged of 3 between 1 st January 2027 – 31 st March 2027	28th February 2027

A part-time place for the funded 15 hours is from 9am to 12 noon, Monday to Friday.

A full-time place for funded 30 hours (or funded 15 hours and paid for 15 hours) is from 9am to 3pm, Monday to Friday and includes lunchtime.

Children staying for an afternoon session may purchase a school lunch for £2.50

Nursery children are also eligible to use St. Mary's Children's Club for before and after Nursery hours. There is a separate charge to use this facility at an additional cost, details are available from the school office.

OVERSUBSCRIPTION

In the case of oversubscription at any intake, the following criteria will be applied:

1. Baptised Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after.

2. Baptised Catholic children living in the parish of Holy Trinity - Newcastle, Our Lady of Sorrows - Knutton, Sacred Heart - Silverdale & Madeley, and from Waterhayes estate only in the parish of St John the Evangelist - Chesterton, who have a brother or sister attending St Mary's Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.
3. Baptised Catholic children living in the parish of Holy Trinity - Newcastle, Our Lady of Sorrows - Knutton, Sacred Heart - Silverdale & Madeley, and from Waterhayes estate only in the parish John the Evangelist – Chesterton.
4. Other Baptised Catholic children who have a brother or sister attending St Mary's Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.
5. Other Baptised Catholic children.
6. Non-Catholic children who are looked after or previously looked after.
7. Non-Catholic children who have a brother or sister attending St Mary's Catholic Primary School at the time of admission.
8. Non-Catholic children.

Please refer to the notes in the main school admissions arrangements if any clarification of terminology is needed, as the same notes apply to nursery admissions too.

NURSERY PLACE DOES NOT GUARANTEE RECEPTION PLACE IN SCHOOL

Please be aware that the process of applying for place at a Primary School for the Reception year is separate to that of applying for a place in a School Nursery. **Please note that children who attend St. Mary's Nursery are not guaranteed a place at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School** when they reach the normal school starting age (i.e. the September of the academic year in which the child will be five). Parents/Guardians must apply for a school place following the normal County Council school admissions procedures.

APPEALS

Please note that there is **NO** right of appeal against the refusal of a place in the Nursery.

LATE APPLICATIONS

Late applications will normally be dealt with after the Local Area Representatives have considered all applications that were submitted on time.

WAITING LISTS

Parents whose children have not been offered a place in the Nursery class will be given the opportunity to have their name placed on a waiting list and their application will be reconsidered in the event of a place becoming available. The waiting list will be kept in admission criteria order and a child's name may move up or down the list. At a new intake point, all children on the waiting list will be reconsidered for a place along with the new applicants in admissions criteria order.