

The Published Admission Number (PAN)- September 2026

School and Academies in Somerset

Here is a full list of all primary phase schools in Somerset.

The different types of schools are:

- **First schools:** Age 4 to 9 years
- **Infant schools:** Age 4 to 7 years
- **Junior schools:** Age 7 to 11 years
- **Primary schools:** Age 4 to 11 years
- **Middle schools:** Age 9 to 13 years
- **All through schools:** Age 4 to 16 years

The Published Admission Number (PAN)

Every school has a legal Published Admission Number (PAN) applicable to the year of entry, which indicates the maximum number of places available in the year group concerned.

Please see the [Somerset School and Academy information and statistics document](#) to find out the **PAN** for each school.

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The Published Admission Number is set to maximise parental preference within the resources and accommodation available.

If there are fewer applications than the Published Admission Number (such as places available), every child will be allocated a place. But if a school receives more applications than the PAN (is over-subscribed) the published over-subscription criteria will be applied to determine which children should be offered the available places.

Places will be allocated using the 'Equal Preference with Ranking' method. This requires the admissions authority to consider all preferences received for a particular school (first, second and third) equally and where the school is over-subscribed apply the over-subscription criteria. Where more than one of your preferences can be met the local authority will offer you a place at your highest ranked preference.

Unfortunately, at some schools, there will not be enough places for all the children whose parents would like them to go there. When all places have been allocated up to the Published Admission Number, the admission authority may refuse any further requests.

Admission arrangements and over-subscription criteria

The admission arrangements for **VC** and **C** schools can be found on [Our admission arrangements page](#). The best way to find the admission arrangements for own admission authority schools and academies is to look on the school website.

All admission decisions will be made in accordance with the published admission arrangements for the school or academy in question. Parents are encouraged to read the criteria for the schools they are considering.

Allocation Summaries for September 2026

You can find a summary of how the places were allocated at schools for September 2026 on our [School allocation summaries page](#).

Abbreviations

A – Academy

C – Community School

F – Foundation School

FS – Free School

VA – Voluntary Aided School

VC – Voluntary Controlled School

PAN – Published Admission Number