



St. Mary's C of E Primary School

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MINISTER'S REF.

CATEGORY

APPLICATION for RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2026

Part 1 - To be completed by parents/guardians

Please complete (or tick) EACH SECTION OF PART 1 of this form using BLOCK CAPITALS and then pass the form to your Church Minister to complete PART 2, after which both parts should be returned to the school.

If you need help completing this form please contact the School Office via st-marys-school@genesistrust.net

Child's Details

Surname		Christian Name(s)	
Sex	Male ☐ Female ☐	Date of Birth	
Does this child have a sibling who will be attending St Mary's at the start of the term for which you are applying for entry?		Yes ☐ No ☐	Name:
Are the parents of the child employed by of The C of E Federated Schools of St Mary's & St Saviour's in the following circumstances: a) Where the member of staff has been employed at the school for two or more years at the time at which the application for admissions to the school is made, and/or b) The member of staff is/has recruited to fill a vacant post for which there is a demonstrable skill shortage		Name	
		School	
		Position	
Does this child have a Statement of Special Educational Needs where St Mary's VA Primary is named in the statement?		Yes ☐ No ☐	
Is this child looked after by the local authority?		Yes ☐ No ☐	

Parent's/Carer's/Guardian's Details

Parent 1 Full name		Relationship to child (i.e. Father/Mother/Carer/Guardian)	
Parent 1 Address			
Parent 1 telephone number		Mobile	
Parent 1 email			
Parent 2 full name		Relationship to child (i.e. Father/Mother/Carer/Guardian)	
Parent 2 address (if different from above)			
Parent 2 telephone number		Mobile	
Parent 2 email			

Church Details (if appropriate)

Name of church currently attended by your family	
Address of church	
Name of Church Minister	
Address of Church Minister	
Telephone number of Minister	

Church Attendance Details

When there are more applications than places available the Governing Body will use your church attendance details to determine who is offered a place according to our admissions criteria.

- There are 4 ways to describe your relationship with a local Christian church for the last 2 years. Each has a brief description that is taken from nationally agreed criteria.
- A 'Christian Church' means a church which is affiliated to a recognised national body or organisation, as defined in your minister's reference. Please tick the box which best describes church attendance for each parent.
- If you have recently moved and were previously worshipping at a Christian church elsewhere, please ask the minister of that church to confirm your attendance details and indicate the date when you last attend worship in that place.

In Part 2 of this form your Church Minister will be asked to ratify or disagree with your statements below. The Minister's view will be the one followed by the admissions panel. Where attendance differs between parents, the higher parental attendance will be the one taken into account.

	Parent 1	Parent 2
Does not attend a Christian church		
Is 'known to the church' - an occasional worshipper (1/2 times a year and/or involved in a non-worship activity, such as a uniformed or other church-based organisation)		
Is 'attached to the church' - a regular but not frequent worshipper (e.g. one who usually attends monthly or is regularly involved in a weekday church activity including an element of worship)		
Is 'at the heart of the church' - a regular worshipper (one who worships usually twice a month)		

Declaration – please sign

- This declaration must be signed by one of the parents named at the start of the form.
- I believe the information given above is true and correct.
- I understand that any statement subsequently revealed to be incorrect may affect the chances of my child being awarded a place.
- I understand that this is a Church of England School and consent to my child participating in all activities of the School including Religious Education and worship.

Signature	
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)	
DATE	

Thank you for completing this form

What to do next

1. Give **both parts** of this Application Form to your Church Minister and ask for PART 2 to be completed.
2. Return **both parts** of this Application Form to the school.
3. Please also provide copies your child's birth certificate and a proof of address.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT IN ADDITION TO COMPLETING THIS FORM, YOU HAVE ALSO APPLIED DIRECTLY TO WALTHAM FOREST, OR TO THE BOROUGH IN WHICH YOU RESIDE



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Admission Form for RECEPTION SEPTEMBER 2026

Part 2 – To be completed by the Church Minister

St Mary's Governors have the responsibility to decide which children are admitted to the school each year. In order to assist us in our decision when the number of applications received exceeds the number of places available, we ask for a minister's reference to confirm the church allegiance and attendance of applicants. We would be very grateful if you would kindly answer the questions below. In the case of a child where parental involvement in your church varies markedly from one parent to the other, please answer the questions in relation to the parent who is more involved in Church life. Please note the definitions we use in our Admissions Policy are explained overleaf; please refer to them before completing the form

Should the Governors decide not to offer a place at the school to the child (for whatever reason), the parents do have the right of appeal against that decision. If such an appeal is lodged, you should be aware that the contents of this reference are likely to be disclosed both to the Appeal Panel and also to the parents. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation in this matter.

Child's Full Name			
Name of your Church			
Is your Church part of a Church in membership of, or holding observer status with any of the following organisations? (please tick the appropriate response)			
	<u>YES</u>	<i>Please note: If none of the boxes to the left are ticked, this will be taken to indicate that NO membership with any of the above bodies exists, which may result in this application being categorised incorrectly</i>	
Churches Together in England			
The Evangelical Alliance			
Affinity (formerly The British Evangelical Council)			
		YES	NO
Can you confirm the declarations that have been made regarding Church attendance for the last 2 years by the family? (Please tick the appropriate box to the right and note the definitions we use are explained overleaf).			
If 'NO', please indicate why?			
Please state anything you wish to say in support of this application which has not been mentioned earlier that you feel the Governors ought to be aware of and which may help them in their decision:			
Signed			
Name (PLEASE PRINT)			
Date Signed			
Position Held			
Contact telephone number			

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Admissions Policy Definitions

Please read these carefully before making statements in your reference.

As a popular and regularly oversubscribed school St Mary's wants to be as clear as possible for parents and referees alike. To be fair and equitable to all families we have to be clear about what various terms mean. We understand that they may be used differently here than in other places.

1. The Definition of a Christian Church

St Mary's welcome the diversity of Christian, and other, communities from which our children come. For the purposes of admissions, and in particular for confirming Church attendance we use national guidelines as to which wider organisations churches need to belong to/affiliate with in order to qualify as an appropriate reference for St Mary's. This is in no way a comment upon other Christian churches who are not part of these networks, it is simply a fair and transparent classification of national recognition which assists our admissions code.

The three organisations are:

Churches Together in England	Churches Together in England 27 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HH Tel: +44 (0) 20 7529 8131 Fax: +44 (0) 20 7529 8134 www.churches-together.net
The Evangelical Alliance	The Evangelical Alliance 186 Kennington Park Road London SE11 4BT Tel: 020 7207 2100 (Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm) Fax: 020 7207 2150 info@eauk.org
Affinity (formerly The British Evangelical Council)	Affinity, PO Box 246, Bridgend, CF31 9FD E-mail: admin@affinity.org.uk Telephone: 01656 646152

1. Church Attendance Definitions

All applicants are asked to identify themselves as being: known to the church; or attached to the church; or at the heart of the church. **The period in question would normally (we suggest) be the past two years.** Applicants new to the area would need to provide evidence from a previous church or churches.

An applicant '**known to the church**' would not be a frequent but probably an occasional worshipper, someone who is perhaps known through a family connection, or one or more of whose family would be involved in some church activity, such as a uniformed or other church organisation.

An applicant '**attached to the church**' would be a regular but not frequent worshipper, by which is meant (for example) one who usually attends a monthly family or church parade service or is regularly involved in a weekday church activity including an element of worship.

An applicant '**at the heart of the church**' would be a regular worshipper. We suggest that this might normally mean one who worships usually twice a month. To accommodate difficult patterns of work and family relationships account should be taken of week-day worship. The worshipper could be the child for whom application is made or one or both parents.