

**EXCALIBUR ACADEMIES TRUST
PRIMARY ADMISSION – 2026/27 ACADEMIC YEAR
TIMETABLE FOR APPLICATION AND ENTRY** (Dates relevant to all Local Authorities unless otherwise stated)

15 January 2026	NATIONAL CLOSING DATE for all Common Application Forms (1 st round) to be received by the School Admissions Team.
20 January 2026 (BCC) 1 February 2026 (RBC) 6 February 2026 (WC) 10 March 2026 (SBC)	Deadline for proof & change of address to be received.
29 January 2026 (BCC) 10 February 2026 (SBC) 6 February 2026 (WC) 16 February 2026 (WBC)	Details of applications which include preferences for schools in other LAs to be sent to those LAs.
3 February 2026 (BCC) 10 February 2026 (SBC/WC) During February 2026 (RBC)	1 st Round application list sent by LA to Admission Authority (Excalibur Academies Trust (EAT) for admission to EAT Primary Academies).
24 February 2026 (BCC) 6 March 2026 (WC) 10 March 2026 (SBC) 16 March 2026 (WBC)	EAT to return ranked list of 1 st round applications to the LA.
18 March 2026 (BCC) 20 March 2026 (WC) 2 April 2026 (RBC)	The Local Authority will inform other Local Authorities of offers of places in Schools to be made to applicants' resident in their areas.
3 April 2026 (SBC) 15 April 2026 (WC) 16 April 2026 (BCC)	List of successful offers of places at EAT Primary Academies sent to EAT.
16 April 2026	NATIONAL OFFER DATE - Notification of 1 st round offers despatched to parents from LA. Online applicants also able to view the outcome online.
24 April 2026 (WC)	Deadline for receipt of 2 nd round applications.
7 May 2026 (WC)	Late applications (received after 16 January but before 24 April) considered from this date. Applications received before allocation procedure begins will be treated as on-time applications
30 April 2026 – 8 May 2026 (BCC)	Late applications, on-time applicants still seeking a place at their preferred schools and places not accepted to be exchanged between Local Authorities to enable a second round of allocations.
30 April 2026 (BCC/WC/SBC) 1 May 2026 (RBC)	Last date for 1 st round offers to be accepted by parents. (If an offer has not been accepted by this date it will be assumed the place is not wanted and will be offered to another applicant.)
8 May 2026 (BCC)	The Local Authority informs schools of 1 st round offers accepted.
13 May 2026 (WC)	EAT to return ranked list of 2 nd round applications to the LA.
14 May 2026 (WC) 15 May 2026 (WBC) 5 June 2026 (BCC) TBC (SBC)	Appeal deadline.
22 May 2026 (WC)	Notification of 2 nd round offers despatched to parents from LA.
5 June 2026 (WC)	Last date for 2 nd round offers to be accepted by parents (If an offer has not been accepted by this date it will be assumed the place is not wanted and will be offered to another applicant.)
26 June 2026 (WC)	3 rd round applications (received after 24 April) can be considered from this date (in date order).
June/July 2026 (BCC)	Appeals heard.
July 2026	LA to send final list to EAT of those students expected to join the academy at the beginning of the 2026/27 school year.

BCC – Bristol City Council – applications to Bristol Schools
WBC – West Berkshire Council – applications to Berkshire Schools

SBC – Swindon Borough Council – applications to Swindon Schools
WC – Wiltshire Council – applications to Wiltshire Schools

