



Willow Lane

Community Primary School

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Applications for Secondary School Places

Key Dates for Year 6 (starting secondary school September 2027):

- **1 September 2026** - Apply from this date

Apply here: <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

*School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, **but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.***

- **31 October 2026** - National closing date for secondary applications (statutory).

More information on applying to secondary school can be found here:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-school/?page=1>

Before you apply, research the [schools in your area](#). You could visit school open evenings, read the school's most recent [Ofsted reports](#) or check [school league tables](#).

You need to list **three different schools** - your first, second and third school [preferences](#). Think carefully about your preferences, if you need advice, contact your local [area education office](#).

Note: Some schools, including Ripley St. Thomas and the Girls' and the Boys' Grammar Schools, require supplementary forms or examination requirements. Check the school admission pages carefully.

You will also want to visit schools where possible before making your decision. Please see the following page for Open Day dates and links to further information. This letter is shared with children in Year 5 and Year 6 as some open days for local secondary school are planned in the summer term.

Lancaster High School

- Open evening: Thursday 10th September 2026 6pm – 8pm
- <https://lancasterhigh.co.uk/our-school/admissions-arrangements>



Our Lady's Catholic College

- Open evening: Thursday 24th September 2026 from 5pm-7pm
- <https://www.olcc.lancs.sch.uk/>

Ripley St Thomas Church of England Academy

- Open evening: has already passed for 2027 intake (current Year 6).
- <https://ripleystthomas.com/admissions/>
- <https://ripleystthomas.com/open-evening-for-sept-2025-intake/>

Lancaster Girls' Grammar School

- <https://www.lggs.org.uk/admissions/year-7-admissions>

Lancaster Boys' Grammar School

- <https://www.lrgs.org.uk/join-the-school/admissions>

Morecambe Bay Academy

- Open Evening: Thursday 17th September 2026
- <https://morecambebayacademy.co.uk/>

Bay Leadership Academy

- Open evening: Wednesday 16th September 2026 6pm – 8.30pm
- <https://www.bayleadershipacademy.com/information/open-evening/>

Dallam School

- Open evening: Thursday 17th and Wednesday 23rd September 2026 5pm – 7pm
- <https://www.dallamschool.co.uk/>

Carnforth High School

- Open Evening: Tuesday 29th September 2026 6pm-8pm
- <https://www.carnforthhigh.co.uk/key-information/admissions/>

Garstang Academy

- Open evening: Thursday 24th September 2026
- <https://www.garstangcommunityacademy.com/>

