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We live and work in harmony with love for one another so we can achieve our potential within a community of life-long learners

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Admissions for Reception 2025-2026

21st October 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I am glad to share information with you regarding choosing Great and Little Shelford CE (A) Primary School for your child to begin Reception in September 2025. Firstly, I hope that you and your family are well and that you enjoy exploring the idea of starting school next year. It may feel like a long way away, but sharing ideas about it now is a great way to help inform your decision.

We are a very warm and nurturing primary school with a planned roll of 210 pupils. We are exceptionally proud of our school and the unique community that has been embedded with pupils, parents, staff and governors. In addition to this, we are very proud of our heritage and village links. Looking further afield, we have an International Schools Award for the outstanding development of the international dimension of the curriculum. This enables our pupils to understand more about how they belong to a global community – including communicating with children across the world in our many partner schools. We have a range of further specialisms and awards, some of which are referenced in our admissions materials for this year.

To support you in gaining a little more information about Great and Little Shelford, we have placed several videos and links on this web page: www.shelfordschool.org.uk/website/admissions. There is:

- a Virtual Tour by last year's Head Girl and Head Boy;
- previous Reception pupils' favourite parts of Reception;
- a Day in the Life of Reception.

In addition, we have referenced parts of the website you may like to explore to get to know a little more about our school.

We will be holding Admissions Tours for families in the following sessions:

- **Tuesday 19th November – 1:30pm – 2:30pm**
- **Wednesday 20th November – 1:30pm – 2:30pm**
- **Thursday 21st November – 1:30pm – 2:30pm**

If you would like to attend one of these events, please register your interest with the school office. We have a limited number of places available for each session. We hope to welcome you to one of the events. However, if none of those sessions are convenient, please do get in touch, as we may be able to offer some individual visits to the school. However, please be aware that these will not contain the same range of information as the scheduled admissions events. If you wish to visit the school, please get in touch with us and we will endeavour to find a time that suits you for a tour.

The Local authority coordinates the admissions process for all children entering the Reception year for those families living in Cambridgeshire. You can apply online at: <https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/>

We are a Church of England school that welcomes pupils and families of all or no faith. If you are applying against the faith criteria, we require applicants to complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF). You can view our SIF [here](#).

Please do get in touch if we can help you further.

Chris Grey,
Headteacher

If you are reading this as a paper copy and wish to read the digital version with live links, simply head over to the admissions section of our website [Parents → Admissions].

Looking for a little more information?

- You can find a video about a typical day in the life of Reception, a virtual tour of the school and what the children wish to share about being in Reception [here](#).
- A further [summary](#) about Reception at Great and Little Shelford.
- Find out what's going on in our weekly [Newsletters](#).
- Explore our [vision](#) in more detail, looking at how we developed it.
- Find out a little more about our curriculum and how we developed it [here](#).
- If you wish to find out more about the whole school, a specific year or class, you can watch our [Meet the Teacher Headteacher Introduction Video](#)

