

**RECEPTION ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2026**

**INITIAL ALLOCATION STATEMENT FOR ST STEPHENS CHURCH SCHOOL**

**PLACES AVAILABLE: 60**

As St Stephens Church School was oversubscribed it was necessary to use the Palladium Academy Trust admissions criteria, as published in 'A Primary School for Your Child – 2026/27', to allocate the places available at the school. Applications for all schools are considered under an equal preference system which means that all preferences (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) for each school are considered equally. If there are any cases where more than one of the school preferences named on the application form could have been met only the highest preference school has been allocated.

A total of **107 preferences** were originally received for St Stephens Church School which has an Admission Number of **60**.

If, under any of the categories listed, places were offered and refused, priority was given to those who live closest to the school as measured in a direct line between the home address and the school.

**How the initial allocation of places was made for this school:**

**0 places have been offered to children with an Education, Health and Care Plan where the school has been named in their statement.**

**Category 1** - Looked after children or previously looked after children. **0 Children**

**Category 2** - Children who, at the time of application, have a sibling attending St Stephen's Church School. **21 Children**

**Category 3** - Children living closest to the school, as measured in a direct line. **39 Children**. The furthest distance offered within this category was **1.741 miles**.

**6 children in total have initially been refused a place at St Stephens Church School.** (All other preferences originally considered have qualified for another school as a higher preference)

**CLASS SIZE PREJUDICE APPEALS – Effects of Infant Class Size Legislation:**

Appeals for St Stephens Church School will be heard on the basis of Infant Class Size Prejudice as the school will organise with 2 x Reception Classes each containing 30 pupils with one full-time qualified teacher (or equivalent of) in each class.

**Please Note:** If you decide to lodge a formal appeal for a place at this particular school your initial notification of intent to appeal should be sent to your home local authority by **30 April 2026** and your letter of appeal for St Stephens Church School should be sent by no later than **15 May 2026** by email to [admissions\\_transport@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:admissions_transport@bathnes.gov.uk) or for those without this facility to the Postal Address at: Admissions & Transport, People & Communities Department, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG.

Date of Statement 16 April 2026

## **Position as at 28 May 2026 following initial allocations on 16 April 2026**

Following the initial allocations on 16 April 2026, **1** of the places originally offered has become available.

**1** parent originally refused a place has lodged an appeal, **3** parents originally refused have opted to go on the waiting list only, and **4** late applications were received.

These **8** children were considered for the **1** place available, and the place has been offered to:

**1** Child in **Category 2** – Children who, at the time of application, have a sibling attending St Stephen's Church School.

**4** children remain on the Waiting list/Appealing at St Stephens.

**3** late applicant children in total have been refused a place at St Stephens Church School. (All other preferences originally considered have qualified for another school as a higher preference)

**Please Note:** If you decide to lodge a formal appeal for a place at this particular school your initial notification of intent to appeal should be sent to your home local authority by **11 June 2026** and your letter of appeal for St Stephens Church School should be sent by no later than **25 June 2026** by email to [admissions\\_transport@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:admissions_transport@bathnes.gov.uk) or for those without this facility to the Postal Address at: Admissions & Transport, People & Communities Department, Lewis House, Manvers Street, Bath, BA1 1JG

Date of Statement 28 May 2026