



## **Cohort Entry and when to enrol your child**

Chaucer School operates a 'Cohort Entry' system of enrolment specifically for **new entrant students enrolling when turning 5 years of age.**

There will be two intakes of enrolments per term of new entrants.

This means that, after turning five, children will start school in a group at the start or in the middle of a new term.

Start dates for 2025:

<b>TERM</b>	<b>START OF TERM DATE</b>	<b>MID-TERM DATE</b>
1	03/02/2025	10/03/2025
2	28/04/2025	03/06/2025
3	14/07/2025	18/08/2025
4	06/10/2025	10/11/2025

Your child must start school on one of these dates, after his or her fifth birthday and before his or her sixth birthday.

Why do we use this system?

There are many benefits to cohort entry, including:

- Improved opportunities for students and their whānau to build relationships with each other right at the start of their time at our school.
- An improved transition for new students - evidence shows that starting school alongside others helps children build relationships and support a smoother entry to school life.
- Less disruption for existing classes and teachers as they welcome new students in groups rather than individually.

We still require as much notice as you are able to provide of when your child will be starting school so that we can arrange transition visits, so please complete our enrolment forms at least four school weeks before your child's start date.