



# William Gould Vinal Elementary School

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Dear Prospective Kindergarten Parent,

Welcome to Vinal Elementary School! We are excited to welcome you and your child to kindergarten in the fall of 2026. Beginning kindergarten can be a time filled with nervous excitement for parents and children. We look forward to working with you to make this a pleasurable transition for you and your child as you become members of a caring and nurturing school community.

Norwell Public Schools is now conducting kindergarten registration. Any child who will be five years of age before September 1, 2026 is eligible to be enrolled in kindergarten.

Norwell School Committee's entrance age policy states that students who have not attended kindergarten and who are six years old before September 1st will be assigned to grade one. Although discouraged, students whose parents feel that they would like to postpone kindergarten for another year, need to connect with the school's principal who will initiate the kindergarten waiver process to determine eligibility. The curriculum in kindergarten, as well as first grade, is developmental and meant to challenge the child's unique physical, cognitive, linguistic, artistic and social strengths. Screening for possible special education needs will take place for all incoming kindergarten students on **May 22, 2026** at Vinal School. Additional information relative to kindergarten screening will be forthcoming.

The Norwell Schools work with a company called FACTS Tuition Management. All parents/guardians will be asked to set up an account with FACTS to pay tuition for kindergarten. Several payment options will be made available; however, all payment plans will require bank account or credit card information to make an automatic withdrawal. All the information about FACTS can be found [here](#).

We are now accepting registration information online. The online registration can be accessed by going to the Norwell Public Schools [website](#). All necessary documents should be scanned and uploaded with the registration.

**Required for registration:**

- Completed Online Registration
- Proof of Residency
- Original Birth Certificate or Certified Copy
- Latest physical from pediatrician or family doctor and immunization record
- Copy of Custody or Guardianship, if applicable



On **Thursday, February 26th at 5:00 p.m.** there will be an Orientation and Registration Information Meeting for parents of all incoming kindergarten students. The kindergarten teachers, school nurse, school counselor, member of the PTO, and the principal will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Additionally, more information for the Open House scheduled for all kindergarten students on the first day of school in September will be forthcoming.

Our goal is to make your child's first experience in school a rewarding and successful one. We are looking forward to meeting you and your child and welcoming you into the Norwell Public School family.

Sincerely,

Nathan Thorsteinson  
Principal