

# BEDALES

Nursery & Pre-prep, Dunannie

2½ – 8yrs | Co-educational



# Welcome to Bedales Pre-prep, Dunannie

Dunannie is the all-important first step through the three Bedales Schools. It is the foundation of our children's education and an introduction to the principle that underpins the school – learning as part of a wider community characterised by trust, mutual respect and shared creative endeavour. Our aim is to nurture children who are rounded, confident, inquisitive and kind to others, and who can challenge themselves in a safe environment without fear of failure. We focus on the journey, fun and adventure is at the core of all we do!

We place emphasis on outdoor learning. Dunannie's beautiful open, green orchard cocooned with lush trees and the wider 120 acre Bedales estate – a place where nature and simple pleasures prevail – provides a setting for all kinds of lessons and activities but is also a powerful metaphor for the school's rich commitment to its children.

We want our children to develop the independence, skills and attitudes that will serve them well as they move through Dunannie, Dunhurst, Bedales and beyond, and to enjoy a special, inspiring and safe place where lifelong friendships are created and many memories are made.

The best way to experience the Dunannie magic for yourself is to come and visit. Our doors are always open. We look forward to meeting you and your family.



**Fiona Read**

Head of Bedales Pre-prep, Dunannie










# Be Imaginative





A close-up photograph of two young girls with light brown hair, looking intently at a small object held in their hands. The girl on the left is holding a small white container, and the girl on the right is looking at it with a smile. They are wearing red and white patterned clothing. The background is dark and out of focus.

*“Dunannie offers outstanding pastoral care and enriched hands-on learning, instilling a love of learning into the children, and this is reflected daily in the happy school environment.”*

**Dunannie Parent**










Be  
Curious





# Be Happy





*“Dunannie is an exceptionally friendly, and warm-hearted school and one that genuinely cares about creating a nurturing and magical environment for children to thrive.”*

**Dunannie Parent**









# Be Muddy



# Be Adventurous







*“You walk around the school  
with your heart soaring that  
your child is experiencing their  
early years education amidst  
such natural beauty.”*

**Dunannie Parent**









**Be  
Investigative**



# Be Enthusiastic







*“There’s a genuine sense of kindness and respect between the pupils and teachers and as a result of this very caring foundation, the children very quickly start associating learning with joy.”*

**Dunannie Parent**









Be  
Kind



# Be a Team Player















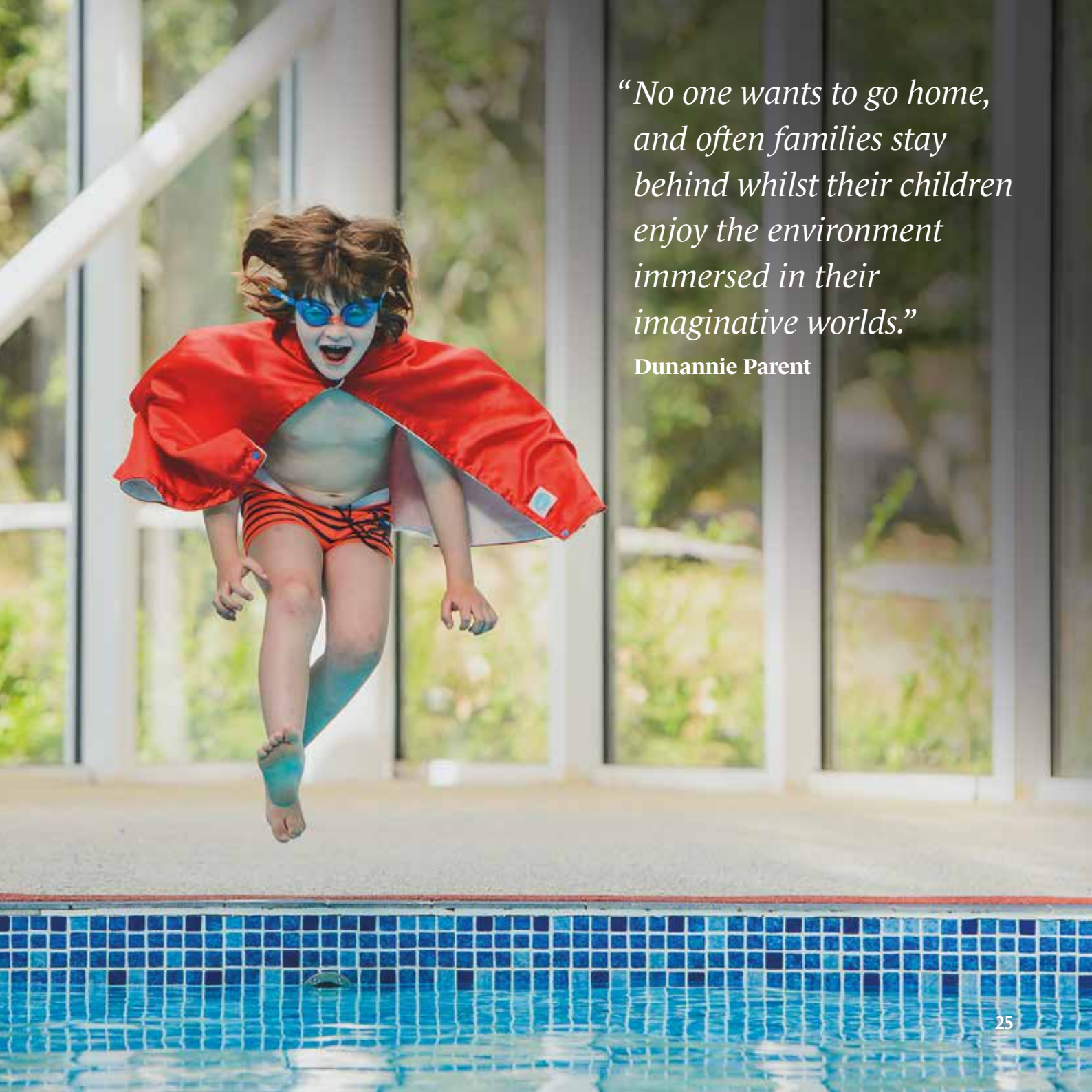
# Be Reflective



# Be Yourself





A young child with brown hair is captured mid-jump above a swimming pool. The child is wearing a bright red cape over a light-colored swimsuit and orange and black striped swim trunks. They are also wearing blue swimming goggles and have a joyful expression with their mouth open. The child is barefoot. The pool below has a blue mosaic tile border. In the background, there are large glass windows or doors that look out onto a green, leafy outdoor area. The overall scene is bright and cheerful, emphasizing a sense of fun and imagination.

*“No one wants to go home,  
and often families stay  
behind whilst their children  
enjoy the environment  
immersed in their  
imaginative worlds.”*

**Dunannie Parent**



Bedales Pre-prep, Dunannie is located in the village of Steep in the beautiful South Downs National Park in the South of England. The market town of Petersfield is close by with a regular train service to London, with a journey time of an hour.

We run a daily morning minibus to the school from surrounding towns and villages.







## Next steps

You can expect Dunannie children in our care to become proficient writers, fluent readers and sound mathematicians, able to apply themselves to a range of practical problems and theoretical challenges. If this sounds rather serious, we are also passionate about nurturing pupils' creative talents; we love the idea of messy and muddy children who feel a connection with nature, and we need no second invitation to take school outdoors, whether for learning or fun, of which there is plenty.

At the heart of Dunannie's approach is the desire to see your child grow into a happy and fulfilled individual. Every morning we welcome them into a nurturing environment designed to maximise their wellbeing and personal development. We embrace and challenge children, whilst ensuring that each of them feels cherished and cared for throughout the day.

We also embrace a wider community, and parents, staff and grandparents, among others, form a vital part of what we do at Dunannie. Regular events are designed to allow this community to come together in an atmosphere of trust, respect and co-operation.

In short, we aim to support your child as they explore the world around them and acquire not only the building blocks of an excellent education but also the principles of kindness, care and respect for others that foster rounded and fulfilled individuals.

Bedales offers a seamless transition through its three schools, and by the end of their time at Dunannie, children are perfectly prepared for the next stage of their Bedales preparatory education at Dunhurst – confident, open-minded, keen to learn and ready for the new challenges ahead.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Dunannie, whether for an informal visit or at one of our regular taster and open events.**

To find out more information about entry to Dunannie and to arrange a visit, please contact our Admissions team on **01730 711 558**; email **[admissions@bedales.org.uk](mailto:admissions@bedales.org.uk)**; or visit **[bedales.org.uk/pre-prep](https://www.bedales.org.uk/pre-prep)**





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