

Bedales Pre-prep 3–8yrs | Co-educational

Welcome to Bedales Pre-prep

Bedales Pre-prep is the all-important first step through the Whole School. 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. Bedales Pre-prep'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 Pre-prep, Prep, Senior 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 Bedales Pre-prep 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





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 lighting is warm and focused on their faces and hands, creating a soft glow. The girl on the right is smiling slightly, while the girl on the left has a more focused expression. They appear to be in a dimly lit room, possibly a classroom or a workshop, with a brown paper bag visible on the left side of the frame.

“Bedales Pre-prep 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.”

Parent






Be
Curious



Be
Happy



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

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.”*

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.”

Parent





Be
Kind

Be a Team Player





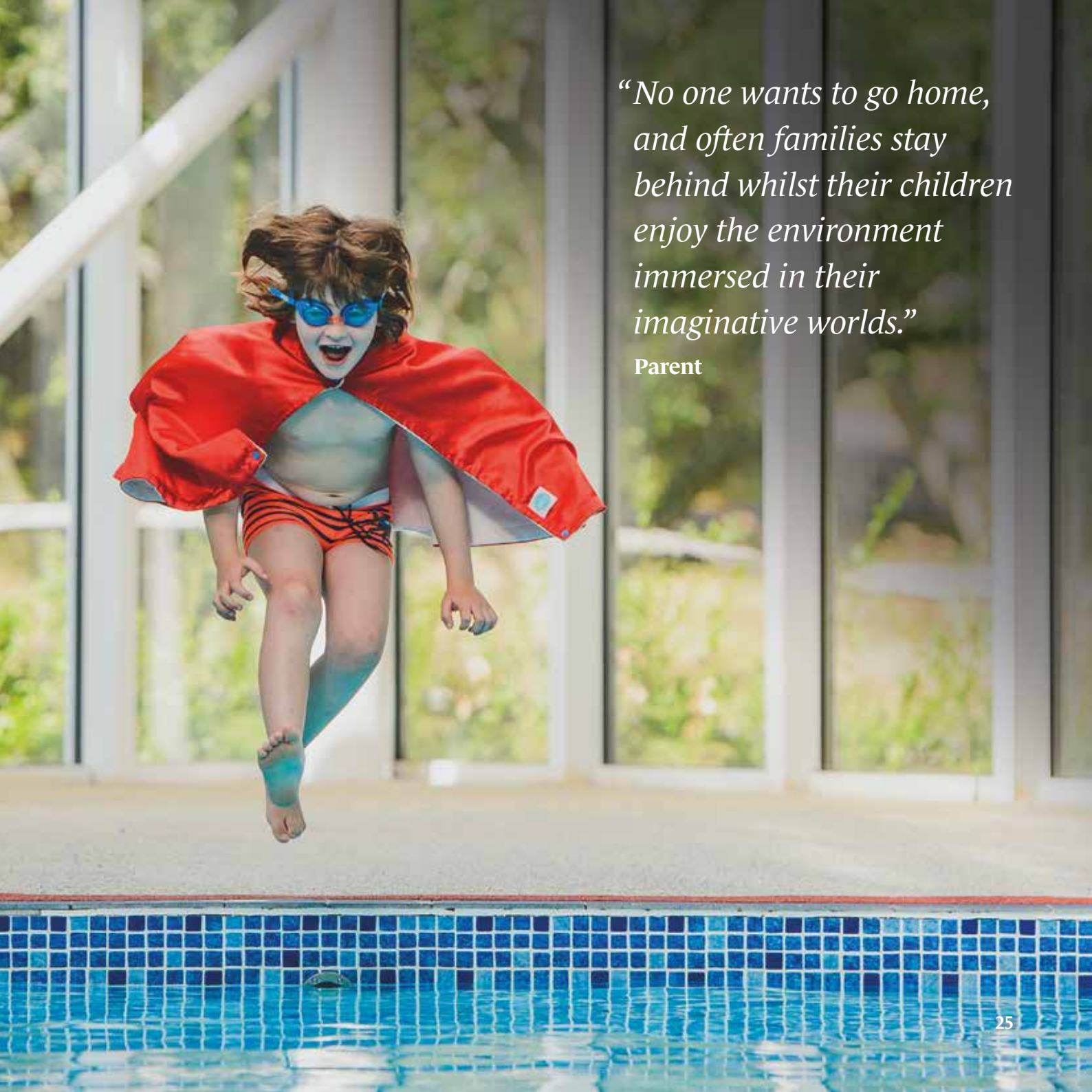




Be Reflective

Be Yourself



A young child with brown hair is captured mid-jump above a swimming pool. The child is wearing a bright red cape, blue swimming goggles, and orange and black striped swim trunks. Their mouth is open in a joyful expression. The pool below has a blue mosaic tile border. In the background, there are large glass windows and a white structural beam, suggesting an indoor pool setting with a view of greenery outside.

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

Parent

Bedales Pre-prep 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 Bedales Pre-prep 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 Bedales Pre-prep'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 Bedales Pre-prep. 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 the Whole School, and by the end of their time at Bedales Pre-prep, children are perfectly prepared for the next stage of their preparatory education at Bedales Prep – confident, open-minded, keen to learn and ready for the new challenges ahead.

We look forward to welcoming you to Bedales Pre-prep, whether for an informal visit or at one of our regular taster and open events.

To find out more information about entry to Bedales Pre-prep and to arrange a visit, please contact our Admissions team on **01730 711 558**; email **admissions@bedales.org.uk**; or visit **bedales.org.uk/pre-prep**



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