

Welcome to Bedales Prep

We are passionate about helping children reach their full potential while celebrating the joys of childhood. Learning here is an adventure filled with discovery, creativity, collaboration, and fun.

At Bedales Prep, we see education as a journey that lays a strong foundation for the future while opening up endless possibilities. We aim to nurture children's confidence, resilience, and curiosity, encouraging them to focus on progress over perfection.

Located on a stunning 120-acre estate in the heart of the South Downs, our school integrates outdoor activities and learning into daily life, enhancing a diverse curriculum that fosters individuality, academic excellence, and creative expression through the performing arts, all while embracing the benefits of an active lifestyle.

Each child's unique strengths are celebrated, and we cultivate a sense of community where mutual respect and kindness are central.

Our founding motto, 'work of each for weal of all', is at the heart of all we do, ensuring that children grow not only as individuals but as compassionate, considerate members of society. Strong relationships, mutual respect and a shared commitment to kindness are fundamental in ensuring that everyone feels valued and empowered within the school environment.

It is an honour to lead Bedales Prep, a school that champions ambition within a warm, supportive atmosphere. I'd be delighted to welcome you for a visit to experience the energy and creativity of our school community firsthand.



Clare Kirkham
Head of Bedales Prep







“The atmosphere reflects a collaborative style of teaching with openness and kindness across parents, teachers and students.”




“The focus is on happy children, who then achieve academic results. The team of inspirational teachers is there to support each child – not just academically, but physically and emotionally as well.”

“Bedales Prep allows children to be themselves, to try everything and to follow their particular passions in a supportive and non-judgemental environment.”

“Having four children with very different personalities and abilities, we wanted a school in which they could all flourish and achieve their unique potentials. They are part of a diverse and outward looking community.”








“The Prep allows children a childhood. The outdoor work lessons are essential to enrich our children to grow into happy, healthy adults.”

“Here, our children thrive as known individuals in a safe yet challenging environment, with an aim that this will result in confident adults who know their own voice and have a sound moral compass.”



*“We chose Bedales
for its passion and
open-mindedness
in education.”*

*“Bedales Prep is a school
with true heart and soul.
When your child starts at
the Prep School, they are not
just joining a school, they are
becoming part of a family.”*



“The environment is one of letting children ‘be children’ as well as allowing them to be individuals and developing them into independent learners.”

“Simply put, the Prep School is outstanding with an extraordinary team of talented and happy teachers, and dynamic and gifted leadership.”

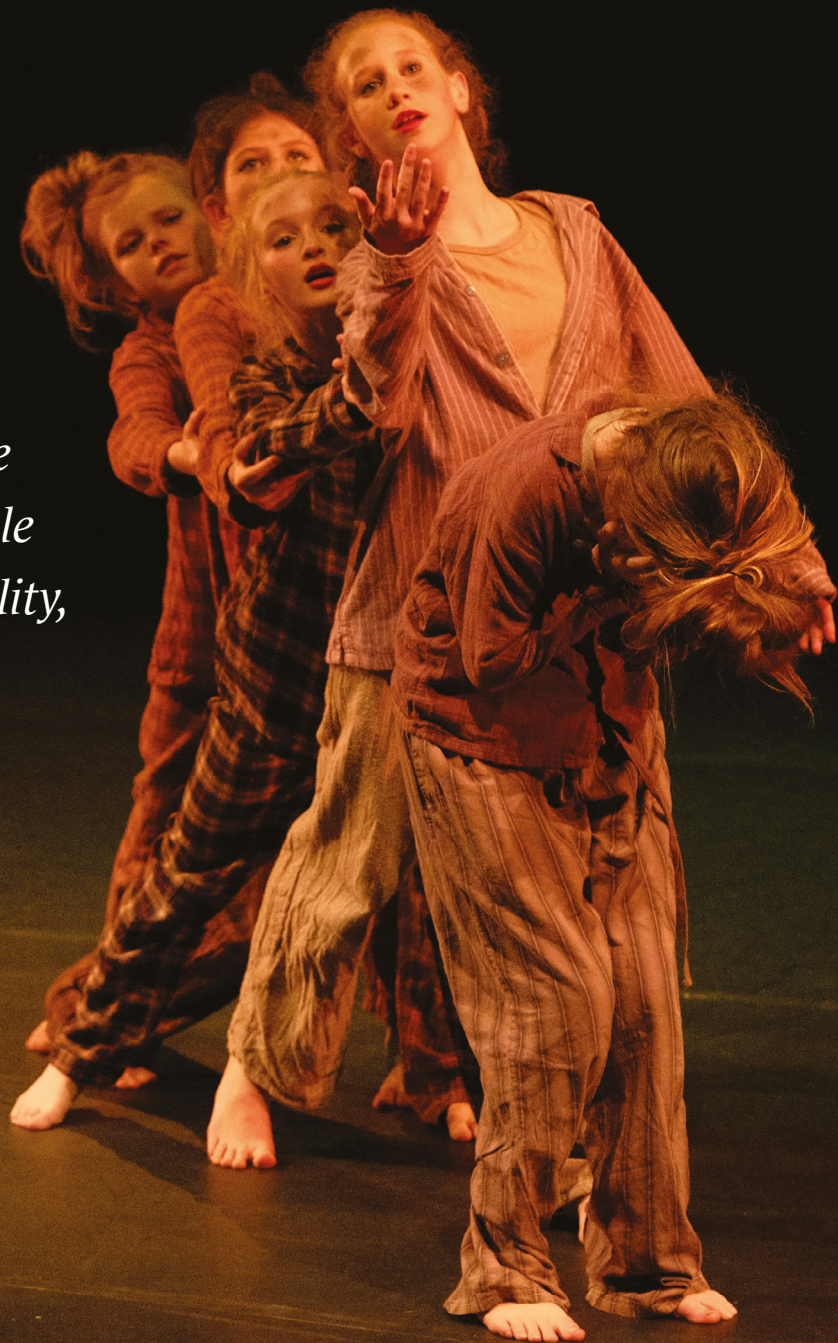


*“Each child is given the opportunity
and encouragement to shine
whatever their unique talents
and gifts.”*






“I wanted a school to prepare my child for an unpredictable future – one in which flexibility, adaptability and resilience are likely to be key. Bedales is that school.”





“Bedales offers an environment unlike any other school. Creativity and respect for others and enjoying school are given equal weight with academic achievement. Children explore their interests, are exposed to new ideas and endless opportunities to try new things in an environment that celebrates effort as much as outcome.”





“Having checked out all of the London schools we knew there had to be another way. After our first visit to Bedales Prep, we both came away and breathed a sigh of relief. Finally, here was a school with no pointless tests and where children were not measured in percentages. We felt like they actually had space to be themselves.”

“There are many schools that claim to nurture the individual, but very few deliver on that promise. Bedales truly does.”






“Bedales is one of the rare schools that sees each child as an individual, allows space for each child to grow at their own pace, and celebrates and encourages every child to be themselves. This, in turn, creates happy children. When you start from happiness anything is possible, and learning blossoms. I have seen this transformation first hand.”





*“Bedales doesn’t limit
children’s horizons, it offers the
opportunity to go beyond them.”*

A young boy with light brown hair, wearing a tan trench coat over a white shirt, is crouching in a dark room. He is looking directly at the camera with a surprised expression. To his right is a stack of three suitcases: a brown leather one on top, a dark brown one in the middle, and a black one at the bottom. The room is dimly lit with a strong green light source from the left, casting long shadows and highlighting the boy's face and the suitcases. In the background, a dark wooden bench or railing is visible, and a blurry figure of a person can be seen in the upper left.

*“As a parent, you feel your
child is genuinely known,
appreciated and celebrated
for who they really are.”*



“Bedales Prep provides an extraordinarily diverse and exciting curriculum and multiple opportunities. These have enabled my child to excel within the arts, surpassing his own expectations while, importantly, building his confidence.”

Bedales Prep is located alongside Bedales Pre-prep and Senior schools 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 journey time of an hour.

The school is conveniently located for the airports of Gatwick, Heathrow and Southampton. We run a morning minibus to the school from surrounding towns and villages.





Seeing is believing

It matters to us that a Bedales Prep education should allow children to enjoy the journey, rather than simply focusing on the destination. We firmly believe that young people should be encouraged to aim as high as they can whilst also enjoying their childhood, and benefiting from as many experiences as possible.

Pupils are supported to work out who they are, and given the belief in themselves to explore new and challenging opportunities. A warm and friendly atmosphere makes school a safe place for children to thrive, grow and make mistakes and learn from them.

Mutual respect between students and staff is key to this. However, no one person is bigger than the community. We strive to give our students both roots and wings – roots so they feel grounded and safe, and wings, with which to fly with a belief in an ‘I can’ attitude.

By the end of their time at the Prep, pupils are well prepared for the step up in their education to Bedales Senior – with a rigorous and inquisitive approach to their studies, and the strong friendships they have formed at the Prep School.

Every day is an open day

A prospectus can only give you a glimpse of who we are. We would love to meet you and your family and show you around our magical school, so you can see and feel for yourself why we are so passionate about the education and childhood we offer.

For more information and to arrange a visit, please contact our Admissions team on **01730 711 558**; email: **admissions@bedales.org.uk**; or visit **[bedales.org.uk](https://www.bedales.org.uk)**



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