

# 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 academic education and an introduction to the principle that underpins the wider 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 and kind to others, and who can challenge themselves in a safe environment without fear of failure.

We place emphasis on outdoor learning, and Dunannie's beautiful orchard – 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 Bedales and beyond, and to enjoy a special, inspiring and protective place where, once they have left, they will always want to return.

If you would like to know more, or to visit the school, our doors are always open. I look forward to welcoming you to Dunannie.

*Victoria*

**Victoria Homewood**  
Head of Bedales Pre-prep, Dunannie



A photograph of three children in a science laboratory. They are gathered around a piece of equipment, possibly a microscope or a small incubator, which is illuminated with a green light. The children are looking intently at the device. The background is dark, and the lighting is focused on the children and the equipment. The overall mood is one of curiosity and learning.

# Be Imaginative

*“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**

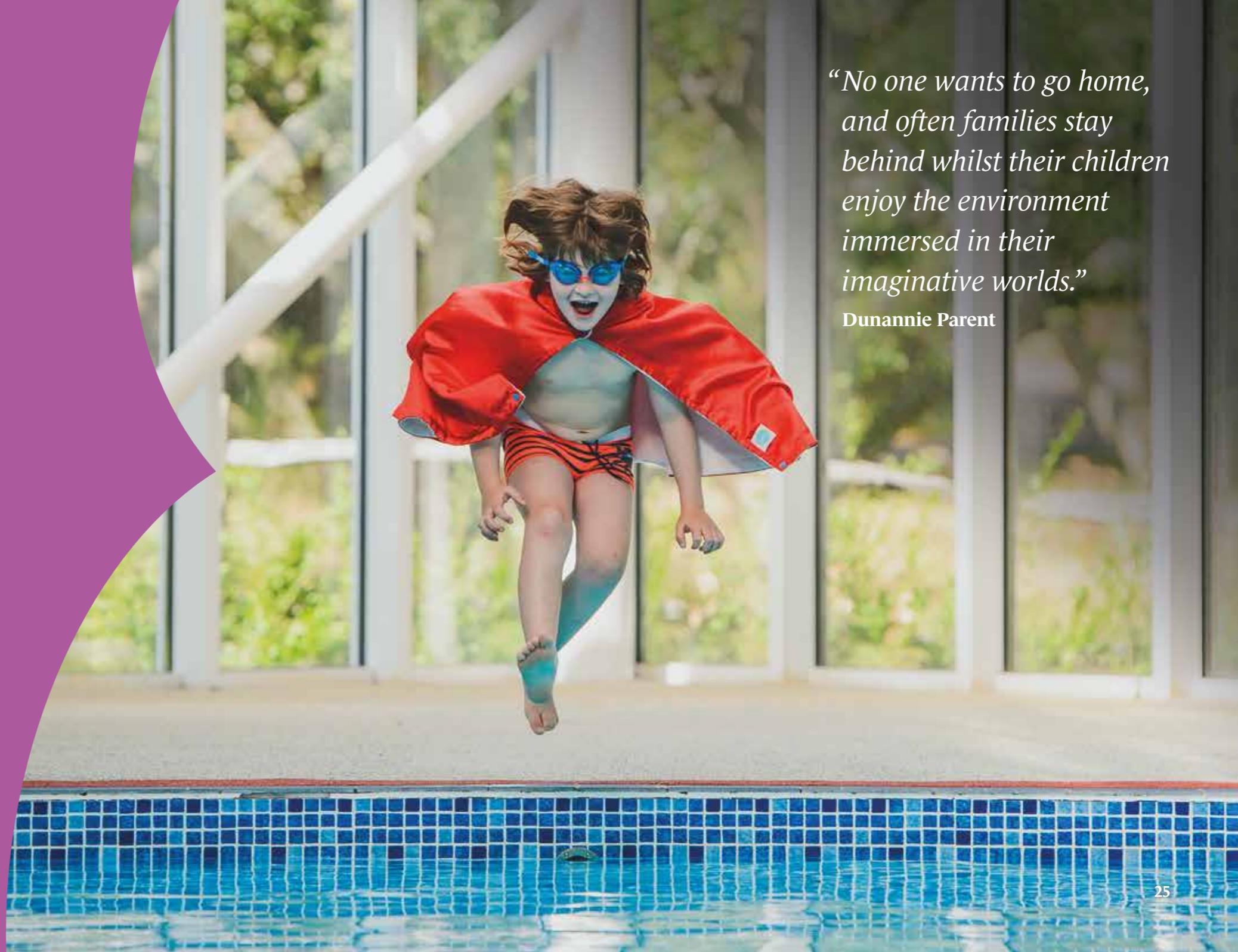
# Be a Team Player





**Be  
Reflective**

# Be Yourself



*“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, at our weekly baby and toddler group, 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 711 569**; email **admissions@bedales.org.uk**; or visit **bedales.org.uk/pre-prep**

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