



*Twyford School*

PRE-PREP



INDEPENDENT DAY  
AND BOARDING SCHOOL  
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 3-13

# We're big on the little things

We always go that little bit further to make every day feel special. It starts with simple things like a teacher's smile every morning, a visit to Pre-Prep by an older pupil to read an exciting story or making our own snacks together for breaktime. It's a summer visit to the beach, sitting around a camp fire and toasting marshmallows. It's enjoying the amazing playground come rain or shine, getting your hands dirty in the woods, and always feeling that you belong, you matter and you're recognised.

Life is full of energy, enthusiasm and laughter at Twyford. We love to involve parents in school life, through school trips and regular events including our popular Grandparents Week, when granny and grandpa can come and help, tell stories, and get involved in activities.

We provide wrap-around care from 7.30 am to 6.00 pm everyday, to help parents juggle their work and homelife commitments knowing their children are happy and well cared for. At Twyford we believe the little things make a big difference. Come and see for yourself – we would love to welcome you.

**Karen Rogers**  
Head of Prep-Prep



**ISI**  
REPORT

"The children are curious about their surroundings, express themselves clearly and learn how to take risks safely in outdoor activities"

# *The great* **outdoors**

The rack of wellies outside Forest Lodge is testament to our love of the great outdoors. Learning takes place both inside and outside the classroom, taking full advantage of the wonderful facilities. The wooden outdoor classroom in the Pre-Prep playground is a great place for reading and drawing, and the children love dressing up and performing to each other on the outdoor stage.

The woodland shelter and fire pit are hubs for stories, learning and activities. Children enjoy outdoor lessons and bug hunts are always popular! Gathering around the campfire for hot chocolate and toast is a firm favourite, especially when parents, grandparents and guardians come along.

Pre-Prep boasts unparalleled play facilities in the recently refurbished playground. A fleet of pedal cars can be raced around the racetrack; an orchestra of outdoor instruments provide great noise and climbing frames, balancing bars and a large open games area mean that there is something for everyone. We have our own Pre-Prep fruit and vegetable garden which is tended by the Gardening Club and also provides a home for our resident rabbits who are well loved and looked after by the children.



# A love of being me

We don't produce a 'type' at Twyford. We believe in supporting children to be themselves, to explore new ideas and try new things. There's so much to do at school: singing, drama, dance, cooking, sewing, crafts, painting, drawing and games are all part of day-to-day life. Children love taking part in activities together, working as a team and sharing their ideas and enthusiasm. There are lots of opportunities to express themselves and to thoroughly enjoy school life.

Pre-Prep use the Prep facilities and welcome regular visits from the older children. We eat in the Prep Dining Hall, enjoy swimming, gym and sports, and take full advantage of the wonderful Mulberry Pavilion for dance, clubs, drama workshops and even a visiting T-Rex! It's a wonderful time for children to immerse themselves in learning and activities. They develop a natural curiosity about the world around them, build confidence in their abilities and enjoy being true to who they are.

"I like my teachers because they care about me and make my brain better"

RECEPTION PUPIL



# Friendship, kindness and respect for others

Our school is a community in which children are taught to respect each other, to recognise the strengths of their peers, to be kind and considerate and to understand how their actions affect those around them. With lots of activities inside and outside the classroom that require different skills, children quickly learn that different people are good at different things, we're not all the same and there are many different qualities to appreciate in other people.

No-one will ever feel alone at Twyford but just in case our 'friendship bench' is a guaranteed way to get whisked off to join in some fun. It's a family atmosphere at Twyford, with lots of children having siblings in the school. Prep children make regular visits to Pre-Prep, reading stories and helping the younger ones with activities and learning.

Children are involved in the School Council right from the early years. It's a wonderful way to introduce discussion, compromise and responsibility and of course, to give children a voice in their own school.



“ I love how every day I  
smile at least 100 times ”

YEAR 2 PUPIL

# A learning adventure

From their first day at Twyford, children start on a journey of learning and self-discovery. Every child has different aptitudes, often they will develop at different stages, some will need a little extra support and others to be stretched beyond the curriculum. We don't believe in a 'one style fits all' formula, so we tailor each child's learning journey around them. We ensure children feel motivated, happy and supported so that they develop a love of learning that enables them to flourish in their own time and to their full potential.

Our teaching team in Pre-Prep is a wonderful group of caring, passionate and inspiring individuals. There's always a lively buzz around the school. Sharing new ideas and teaching techniques are always popular topics in the staffroom. Small classes and a high staff to pupil ratio enables personalised learning at an individual pace. Our teachers will always go the extra mile to ensure that children get the very best out of their Pre-Prep education, equipping them to start the Prep full of confidence and enthusiasm.

**ISI**  
REPORT

"The children are active learners, confidently exploring and investigating working and playing independently"



# A full fun day


We have wonderful facilities and a full range of activities for children to enjoy.

Our playground is a buzz of excitement at every breaktime. Music is an important part of school life, with our choir, bell choir, recorder and ukulele groups and opportunities for every child to learn an instrument. Our popular dance lessons include Ballet, Tap and Modern Dance.

Children get to grips with nature in our outdoor classroom and love getting stuck into our many woodland projects. We start teaching French in Nursery, building a good foundation for the Prep syllabus.

Most weeks are 'themed'; we cover a range of interesting topics that embrace all areas of learning from Space to the Great Fire of London, Chinese New Year to the Seaside. After school there are lots of opportunities to enjoy new experiences and follow your passions. Gardening, art, clay, cookery, mindfulness, pilates, computing and logic are just some of the activities on offer. The children go on many trips during the year and visiting groups bring topics to life. Our school library is full of interesting books to share and enjoy.

Learning is inspired by fully engaging young minds, trying new things, thinking about the world around us and working together on enjoyable projects and themed workshops. Life is full, and learning in some form or another is taking place in almost every aspect of school life.



"Twyford has the best  
playground in the world"

YEAR 1 PUPIL

# Nursery year

Our Nursery Class takes children from 3 to 4 years old before they enter Pre-Prep. We have a wonderful Nursery team of very experienced staff including our Nursery Teacher and two NNEB Nursery Nurses. The core Nursery hours run from 8.45 am to 11.45 am with optional Busy Bees afternoon sessions, and we offer flexible wraparound care that allows children to stay from 7.30 am until 6.00 pm every day.

Nursery is a very caring environment in which children develop their social and learning skills. There's always lots to do with a fun packed curriculum including swimming, dance, art, gym, ballet, cooking, numeracy, literacy, French, music, woodland activities, fun play and learning. The children love being together and while it's always an action packed day, there's still time for a little snooze to recharge those batteries.

Children also become familiar with life in Reception, so that once their Nursery year is complete, they move seamlessly into the Reception class to carry on their learning adventure.

ISI  
REPORT

"Nursery provides a caring environment  
in which children flourish"





" I love Twyford Pre-Prep  
because it's absolutely amazing "

YEAR 2 PUPIL

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