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A warm welcome to Prep Open Day



Head of Prep's Talk - Mr FitzHerbert - 10.30am in Prep Hall

Headmaster's Talk - 11.45am in Bushell Hall

Open Day Times: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Nursery
Ages 2 - 3

Pre-Prep
Ages 3 - 4

Prep
Ages 4 - 11

Welcome to Prep

It is a great pleasure to welcome you to our Prep Open Day at Birkenhead School.

We are proud to state that our focus is to know the individual, to develop their core values and to provide a breadth of academic and wider opportunities so that we can nurture resilient, ambitious and responsible children who thrive in all that they do.

As Head of Prep, I take great pride in each pupil feeling known and valued within our community. We look to add value at every step of the educational journey, providing a co-curricular programme whose scope and quality will encourage each individual to discover talents and find their passions and interests. Our aim is to inspire a life-long love of learning.

I hope that this morning offers you an insight into life at the School and what makes Birkenhead School a special community to be part of. I look forward to speaking to you during the day, and tailoring a personalised visit for you at a later stage.



Mr Harry FitzHerbert
Head of Prep



Programme of Events:

Talks

10.30am	Head of Prep's Talk	Prep Hall
11.45am	Headmaster's Talk	Bushell Hall

Music

10.30am	Year 5 Choir performance	Prep Hall / Mr FitzHerbert's Talk.
11.00am (approx.)	Year 5 Choir performance (for current families)	Prep Hall

Sport

	Girls' Sport / Netball matches	Prep Playground / Netball Courts
	Climbing	Climbing Wall
	Table-Tennis	Sports Hall
Midday	Tour of Sports Facilities at McAllester Field	Meet outside the Sports Hall
	Cricket Fixture (Seniors - 1st/2nd XI V Stonyhurst)	Sports Field

Chapel

11.30-12.30pm	Chapel Choir Performance/Rehearsals	Chapel
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School Nurse

9.30am-10.30am	Meet Miss Cox, School Nurse who	Medical Centre
11.30am—12.30pm	provides medical and pastoral support for pupils across all age groups	

Refreshments are available in Old School House Hall

Some of Today's Highlights



Nursery / Pre-Prep

Come and explore our Nursery (2+ years) and Pre-Prep (3-4 years) today. Step into our fun and inspiring environment - toast marshmallows in Forest School, dress up and snap a photo in Pre-Prep, and enjoy a range of exciting activities!



Little School - Little School/Old School House/Outdoor Classroom

There is lots going on in Little School today - from cookery in Old School House to painting and craft activities in our Outdoor Learning area. Speak to our staff about the exciting opportunities on offer including our clubs, innovative Civic Award and Enrich & Explore programmes. Discover how our approach helps children make above expected progress by the end of Reception.



Juniors - Junior Classrooms

Experience the fun with our Caribbean and Rainforest-themed activities, a French Café, exciting green screen experiences, hands-on science experiments, and a chance to meet our adorable guinea pigs - plus so much more! Discover the wide range of clubs and trips available, including our annual Outdoor Adventure trips for every year group and the very popular Prep Ski Trip!



Music & Drama - Prep Hall & Prep Music

Music and Drama are important parts of School Life. Listen to our pupils perform after the Head of Prep's talk. Speak to Mrs Keating about instrumental lessons and Prep Orchestra and Mrs Delaney about our drama productions and clubs and activities.



Sport - Prep Gym & Prep Playground

Athletics, Badminton, Basketball, Cross Country, Football, Gymnastics, Hockey, Judo, Netball, Rounders, Rugby, Tennis and Table Tennis are some of the sports available within Prep. Visit our Co-Curricular Room, see Netball and Cricket in action, have a go on the Climbing Wall or play a game of table tennis. A tour of our wider facilities at McAllester Field is available at Midday with our Director of Sport (meet outside the Sports Hall).



Outdoor Learning - Outdoor Classroom

Explore our outdoor learning area and speak to Mr Smith in the Outdoor Classroom about our innovative 'Nature Explorers' programme and Mr Davies in Little School about our Outdoor Learning Provision that includes allotments, our own forest area, sensory garden and path.



Enrich & Explore / Future Skills / Eureka

Speak to staff about our exciting programmes that extend learning beyond the National Curriculum and academic extension activities for our pupils.

Creative Arts, Nature, STEM, Problem Solving and Philosophical Enquiry are some of the many topics on offer.

Specialist staff are available in the following locations:

Head of Prep

Mr Harry FitzHerbert - Prep Hall & Old School House

Deputy Head

Mr Richard Halpin - Prep Hall & Old School House

School Nurse

Nurse Debs - Juniors (9.30am-10.30am / 11.30am-12.30pm)

Admissions

Mrs Helen Askew (Prep) - Old School House

Mrs Clare Foreman (Early Years) - Old School House

Admissions

Mrs Askew and Mrs Foreman are available outside Old School House to answer questions regarding admissions and opportunities for follow-up visits and Taster Days.

Book onto one of our upcoming Taster Days:

Reception Entry - Wednesday 21st May

Year 1 entry (Play & Learn Session) - Wednesday 21st May

Year 2 entry - Tuesday 20th May

Year 3 entry - Tuesday 3rd June

Year 4 entry - Wednesday 21st May

Year 6 entry - Speak to the Admissions Team

*Assessment Days for Seniors entry in September 2026 are being held: 16th / 17th / 18th June 2025 (Year 5 Pupils)
January 2026 (Year 6 Pupils)*

