



BIRKENHEAD  
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THE PREP

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NORTH WEST

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*

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.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H FitzHerbert".

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	Prep Playground / Netball Courts
	Prep Sport	Prep Gym
	Climbing	Climbing Wall
	Table-Tennis	Sports Hall
Midday	Tour of Sports Facilities at McAllester Field	Meet outside the Sports Hall
	Cricket Fixture	Sports Field

### Chapel

9.30am –12.30pm	Meet Mrs Hobbs, School Chaplain	Chapel
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### School Nurse

9.30am-10.30am	Meet Mrs Parry, School Nurse who provides medical and pastoral support for pupils across all age groups	Medical Centre
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**Refreshments are available in Old School House Hall**

# Some of Today's Highlights



## Pre-Prep

Come and explore our Pre-Prep (3-4 years) today. Step into our fun and inspiring environment - dress up and snap a photo and see where the journey starts at Birkenhead School.



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

There is lots going on in Little School today - from nature activities in Little School, to our French Café and spring crafts in our Outdoor Learning area. Speak to our staff about the exciting opportunities on offer including our clubs and Enrich & Explore programmes.



## Juniors - Junior Classrooms

Have fun learning about different religions, find out more about our innovative Civic Award, try your hand at Art, and enjoy hands-on science experiments. 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 & Year 3 Classroom

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 / Reception

Explore our outdoor learning area and speak to staff about our 'Nature Explorers' programme and 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)

### 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:

Year 1 Taster Day (for entry to Year 2) - Wednesday 20th May

Year 2 Taster Day (for entry to Year 3) - Wednesday 6th May

Year 3 Taster Day (for entry to Year 4) - Wednesday 20th May

Year 4 Taster Day (for entry to Year 5) - Wednesday 1st May / Wednesday 3rd June

*Assessment Days for Seniors entry in September 2027 are being held: 8th / 9th / 10th June 2026 (Year 5 Pupils)  
January 2027 (Year 6 Pupils)*

