

Salisbury Cathedral School

The Foundation Years



Inspiration to Learn At Salisbury Cathedral School, we believe that children's learning grows best from firm foundations. In an environment that is happy and secure, our little ones learn to take part, to listen, to respond to instructions, to experiment and so develop their own individual talents and personalities. They also make friends and form a close-knit community within the comfort of a warm and caring environment. Children are happiest when they are busy and so we provide a healthy balance between formal learning and play-based experience. We ensure that the foundations of numeracy and literacy are acquired at an early age so that children can use these growing skills to enrich their learning in other areas.



"Children learn through practical work and purposeful activity."



First steps to learning

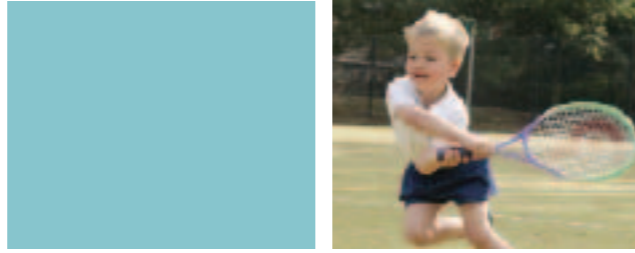
In Nursery, our 3 and 4-year-olds begin to understand about the way of life at school. Through play, they start their journey of learning, and the early friendships they make here teach them to share and work together.

We keep class sizes small so that each individual's needs are met and extra support can be given if required. Our proximity to the main Prep School is a real bonus. Our young children benefit from their forays into the big school and their interaction with older children, and access to main school facilities enhances our teaching.

We endeavour to make learning relevant to their lives by connecting key skills to situations that small children can relate to. We find that this gives children an appetite for learning and fuels their imagination. We are constantly surprised and delighted by the achievements of our little ones.



"Children visit the main school for lunch and also to use the library, chapel, ICT suite and the facilities for art and technology."



Inspiration to explore and discover

We encourage imaginative thinking and an eagerness for new challenges. Creativity is encouraged through art, music and drama and this instils a confidence in our children that will carry them through their whole school life and beyond.

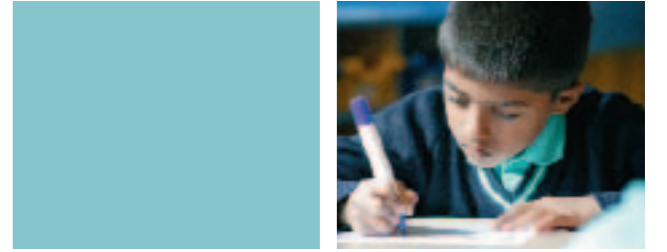
Music is central to life here at the Cathedral School. We visit the cathedral regularly for performances and assemblies. Instrumental music is already important in Pre-Prep and some will begin to think about the possibility of auditioning for the cathedral choir.

The 27 acres of beautiful grounds in which our school is set gives children of all ages the opportunity for sport, imaginative outdoor play, or simply letting off steam.



"In Pre-Prep we play sports out in the fresh air, giving children an important time to run about and expend some energy."





Inspiring confidence

We encourage children to think for themselves and participate actively in lessons. They acquire a self-confidence that supports both their learning and their inter-personal relationships.

As a school founded on the Christian faith, we place great emphasis on moral values, the difference between right and wrong, the importance of caring for others and the benefits of good manners. By the time they reach Year 2, your children will be well-prepared for the new challenges they will face in the Prep School.



Further information

We welcome children from the age of 3 into our Nursery. We also run a very popular parent and toddler group, Hobby Horse, so that little ones can visit the school and become familiar with the surroundings before they start Nursery.

Children then stay with us in the Pre-Prep through their Reception year and for Years 1 and 2 before progressing to the main Prep School at 7. For those who have been in our care in the Pre-Prep this transition is seamless and we find that all our children are ready to embrace new challenges and enjoy all the opportunities that the main school has to offer.





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