

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. When can my child join Abingdon Prep Nursery Class?

A. *From January 2027, we will welcome girls and boys on the term after their third birthday.*

Q. Are you term-time only?

A. Yes

Q. Do you provide lunch?

A. *Yes. For those children who are booked on a full day or a morning session (with lunch).*

Q. Do children in the co-ed pre-school have to be potty trained?

A. *Ideally, yes. Whilst we understand accidents may happen from time to time, we ask that every effort is made by parents to ensure that children are potty trained before they begin pre-school. Children will have access to small loos and are encouraged to be independent. Please speak to us if you have any concerns about this. We have a full care policy in place that ensures your child's privacy and comfort are always protected.*

Q. Does Abingdon Prep School participate in the Government free childcare scheme?

A. *We have registered to participate in the 15 hour scheme.*

Q. Does APS accept payment via the Government tax-free childcare scheme?

A. Yes.

Q. Is there an admissions assessment for children joining the Nursery Class?

A. *We recognise how very young the children joining our Nursery Class are. Whilst there is no assessment as such, to make sure we feel they will flourish with us, we ask them to come and spend a taster session with us in advance of offering them a place.*

Q. How can I help my child settle in?

A. *There is a carefully managed transition process to help your child settle into Nursery and lots of opportunity to visit together before the start date. Our Nursery Class teacher will work with each family individually to match the settling in process to the needs of each child. That might be shorter sessions to begin with, activities planned to your child's specific interests, or a special toy brought from home to help in the early days. The dialogue between home and school is the best support for settling in.*

Q. Once my child is in Nursery, will they automatically get a place into Reception Class?

A. *Children in our Nursery Class have priority for places in Reception. All children joining Reception are assessed for school readiness to ensure they will thrive in the classroom.*

Q. How do you help the children with their transition to full time school?

A. *Children in the Nursery Class are already a part of the school. During their time in Nursery they will already work with our Pre-Prep staff and know them, and the Pre-Prep environment well. Through the year they will have lots of practice in the skills they need to develop for school and the curriculum builds across the EYFS to make sure they are on track to meet Early Learning Goals at the end of Reception.*

Q. What are the session times?

A.

One full day	8.30am to 4pm
Morning excl. lunch	8.30am to 12pm
Morning incl. lunch	8.30am to 1pm
Afternoon	1pm to 4pm

Q. Is there a minimum number of sessions?

A. *Yes. We ask that parents book a minimum of 4 sessions. These must be the same sessions each week.*
It is anticipated the number of sessions will increase as your child progresses through pre-school with most boys and girls expected to be attending five full days a week in the summer term ahead of starting Reception in September.

Q. What do the children wear?

A. *To ensure the children feel part of the Abingdon Pre-Prep, children in the Nursery Class wear the same polo shirt, navy joggers and teal fleece that our Pre-Prep boys and girls wear. All of these items will be available via Stevensons. All other clothing e.g. a coat, is home choice.*

Q. What is the Nursery Class curriculum?

A. *We follow the Early Years Foundation Stage, so our curriculum is child-centred and involves play-based learning through a rich learning environment, preparing children well for Reception.*

Q. Is there pre-school wraparound care?

A. *Yes - both 'Early Birds' from 8am and After School Care until 6pm (at an additional cost).*

Q. How do I register?

A. You can register on [our website](#).