



WESTHOLME

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PRE-PREP





WELCOME TO PRE-PREP

We are delighted to be launching Pre-Prep at Westholme from September 2026, offering families a carefully designed and nurturing next step between Nursery and our Prep Reception class.

Our Pre-Prep year provides the perfect bridge, giving children the confidence and strong foundations they need at the very start of their school journey. Learning is joyful, purposeful and engaging, combining high-quality early years' practice with structure and specialist teaching.

In small classes, every child is known, supported and encouraged to achieve beyond what they may have thought possible.

Children benefit from a rich and varied curriculum that develops early literacy, numeracy and communication skills, alongside creativity, physical development and outdoor learning. Access to outstanding facilities, including specialist teaching spaces and outdoor environments, allows children to explore their interests, build resilience and develop a genuine love of learning from the very beginning.

A key strength of Pre-Prep at Westholme is the seamless and reassuring transition into our Prep Reception class. With shared routines, familiar staff and continuity of ethos, children will move forward with confidence, already feeling part of the wider school community. Pre-Prep is the first step in one continuous, nurturing journey within the Westholme family, supporting children from ages 3 to 18.

Mrs C Hornby
Head of Prep

THE PERFECT BRIDGE FROM
NURSERY TO PREP
RECEPTION





Starting school is a big milestone, both for children and for parents. Our Pre-Prep year has been thoughtfully designed to make this transition smooth, reassuring and positive.

Children benefit from familiar staff, shared routines and continuity of ethos, helping them to feel secure whilst gently introducing greater independence and structure. By the time your child moves into the Prep Reception class, they will have the independence and social skills that make the transition feel natural and exciting.

This continuity ensures that every child is supported as an individual and is able to move forward at the right pace for them.



EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
FROM THE VERY START

At Westholme, we believe that strong, early foundations unlock future success. Our Pre-Prep curriculum develops essential early skills and nurtures creativity, curiosity and confidence.

Children enjoy high-quality teaching in early phonics, reading, writing and mathematics, alongside rich opportunities for communication, problem-solving and imaginative play. Learning is carefully planned to be engaging, active and meaningful, helping children to develop focus, resilience and a genuine love of learning.

Specialist teaching in areas such as sport, music, outdoor learning and creative arts enriches the curriculum and allows children to discover their interests and talents from an early age, building confidence and self-belief.



LEARNING THROUGH PLAY,
DISCOVERY AND EXPERIENCE





Play is central to how young children learn, and at Westholme it is purposeful, guided and full of opportunity.

Our Pre-Prep children learn through exploration, investigation and hands-on experiences that develop social skills, independence and emotional wellbeing, alongside academic progress. Whether building, creating, performing, experimenting or problem-solving, children are encouraged to think, question and collaborate.

This balanced approach ensures children are not only well prepared academically, but also socially confident, emotionally secure and ready to embrace new challenges.

OUTSTANDING FACILITIES FOR INSPIRING YOUNG MINDS

One of the great advantages of Pre-Prep at Westholme is access to exceptional facilities that enrich everyday learning.

Children benefit from specialist spaces including a swimming pool, theatre, recording studio, sports facilities, outdoor learning environments and creative workshops, all designed to inspire imagination, confidence and skill development.

These experiences are carefully woven into the curriculum, allowing children to enjoy opportunities often only available to much older pupils, whilst remaining fully supported in a nurturing, age-appropriate setting.





Facilities include

- Professional Theatre
- 20 metre Swimming Pool
- Recording Studio
- Dedicated Prep Library
- Astroturf
- Indoor Sports Hall
- Dedicated outdoor learning spaces including William's Wood and Sensory Garden





LEARNING EXTENDS BEYOND CLASSROOMS INTO A WORLD OF...



ADVENTURE

SMALL CLASSES. INDIVIDUAL CARE.
BUILDING CONFIDENCE.



We know that children thrive when they feel seen, supported and valued. Small class sizes allow our staff to truly know each child, tailoring learning and care to individual needs and strengths.

Strong relationships between children and staff build trust, confidence and emotional security, creating an environment where children feel happy to try new things, ask questions and express themselves.

In Pre-Prep, children begin building the foundations for reading, writing and mathematics through playful, hands-on experiences:

- listening to sounds, rhymes and patterns in language
- mark making and early writing confidence
- counting, sorting, matching and pattern building
- fine motor activities to strengthen pencil control (cutting, threading, dough, tweezers, building)

It is not about pushing children forward too quickly, it is about building strong foundations, the right way, at the right time.





SEAMLESS TRANSITION

What truly sets Westholme apart is the continuity of education from ages 3 to 18, all within one supportive school community.

Pre-Prep children are already part of the wider Westholme family, benefiting from shared values, familiar faces and a strong sense of belonging. As they move through the school, they grow with confidence, knowing they are supported every step of the way.

This long-term approach allows us to focus not only on academic success, but on developing kind, confident, resilient and capable young people with the skills they need for the future.



WHERE BIG ADVENTURES BEGIN



NEXT STEPS

We would be delighted to welcome your family to Westholme to discover how Pre-Prep can give your child the very best start to their education.

Our Admissions Team will be happy to arrange a personal tour, introduce you to our staff and answer any questions you may have as you consider this important next step for your family.

Please contact the Admissions Team via:
registrar@westholmeschool.com or 01254 506 088.

APPLY ONLINE

The next stage of the admissions process is to complete an online application form for your child.

Visit westholmeschool.applica.com or scan the QR code to start your Westholme journey.





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