



THE MAYNARD SCHOOL
PRE-PREP

Exeter is full of good schools but there is only one Maynard. Our Pre-Prep exists to nurture and inspire girls and we want all of our girls to be safe, happy and excited about their school day.

The Maynard Pre-Prep is our Early Years and Key Stage One Department for girls aged 4 - 7 years old (Reception - Year 2).

The department is home to beautiful bright and airy classrooms leading directly out to a secure and canopied play area.





At these very early days of school life we believe that instilling a love of learning is every bit as important as the subjects we teach! We aim to set up a 'home from home' where your daughter can flourish.

Every family and every child is a unique package, and with our small class sizes, exceptional resources and experienced teachers, we are confident that we provide the best available start to your daughter's education.

As an all-girls school our pupils can play in a carefree manner without being pushed to the corners of the playground by a game of football or cricket.

Girls learn differently and in the classroom they are free to express themselves and be heard. Here at The Maynard, we pride ourselves on the fact that girls can take the lead and be as strong and independent in their play as they are in their learning.



“Play is often talked about as if it were a relief from serious learning. But for children, play is serious learning. Play is really the work of childhood.”

Fred Rogers



We aim to keep classes small throughout the Pre-Prep. We offer a carefully balanced curriculum which follows the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum in Reception and the National Curriculum in Years 1 and 2.

Each class has its own form teacher with specialist teachers from the Junior School delivering certain subjects such as PE, Music, French and Computing.

Areas of learning will focus on Literacy/Phonics and Numeracy, as well as Personal, Social & Emotional Development, Communication & Language, Physical Development, Understanding the World and Expressive Arts & Design.

We offer a bespoke Phonics Programme, teaching our phonics in very small groups, meaning that each pupil receives the individual attention that is right for them.

We group by ability rather than age, allowing the girls to move through their early sounds at a pace that suits them, ensuring that they have a grounding in this crucial area.





“Ensuring our girls are happy and secure is at the heart of our Pre Prep. We strive to build confidence, develop decision making and cultivate a sense of wonder and excitement towards the world around them.”

Abigail Meaton, Pre-Prep Co-ordinator

Our priority is for our girls to learn to be children, to play outside, to take part in shared activities and experiences, rather than always sitting at a desk.

You will see this in our curriculum, which includes time for creativity and expression; we also spend a lot of time outside the classroom, with Pre-Prep pupils taking part in a number of clubs and activities as part of their day and various outings and visits taking place each term.

Pre-Prep girls are also enthusiastic participants in fundraising activities throughout the school year. Everyone enjoys the fun of dressing up, performing, making and decorating, taking part in competitions and sponsored events.





More than anything we want our girls to feel part of our Maynard family. They need to know what is expected of them, learn to make new friends, resolve differences and acquire the social skills and manners to last them a lifetime.

Being confident and happy is essential to our girls' ability to learn and our vision for the Pre-Prep is driven by our desire to share in the unique learning journey of each individual who comes into our classrooms.

We are lucky enough to have an on-site Forest School and all our Pre-Prep pupils take part in regular Forest School sessions throughout the year.

They also enjoy weekly swimming lessons at St Luke's campus (University of Exeter) during the autumn and spring terms, and tennis lessons with our specialist tennis coach during the summer term. They experience a term of early morning Yoga, helping to wake them up and be ready for their day.

We also offer extra-curricular Ballet, Martial Arts and Dance lessons, led by specialist teachers, once a week.





The Pre-Prep school day runs from 8.40am to 3.30pm, and we also offer specialist before-school care from 8am and after-school care until 5.30pm for those that require it (at no additional cost).

0840 - 0850	Registration
0850 - 0910	Assembly
0910 - 1010	Lessons
1010 - 1040	Morning Break Healthy snacks and a drink of milk will be provided
1040 - 1200	Lessons
1200 - 1330	Lunch
1330 - 1530	Lessons Flexible 15-20 minute break in afternoon
1530 - 1540	End of school day

All of the girls enjoy a school lunch that is cooked on site each day and eaten together with their teachers in the Main School Dining Centre, with food served at the table.

Our in-house chef cooks delicious healthy lunches and girls are provided with a hot meal each day (several different options are available) as well as a desert. Vegetarian options are also always available.

Our Larks and Owls Clubs are specially designed to allow you the opportunity to drop off early and/or pick up a little later to fit in with your own diaries.

Larks and Owls Clubs are included in the Pre-Prep school fees and are provided at no extra charge for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

Larks Club starts at 8am and provides the opportunity for a little playtime before the school day. Likewise, Owls Club runs from 3.30pm - 5.30pm and includes a drink and a healthy snack. This specialist after-school care is a chance for the girls to unwind with some gentle activities in a relaxed environment after their busy school day.

Drop-off and pick-up times for both Larks and Owls Clubs are completely flexible according to your needs and you are most welcome to book your daughter in as a regular to the Clubs or on an ad hoc basis.



“Anaya’s first year at school has been truly amazing and that’s down to the wonderful staff. You truly have been an answer to our prayers and have given our girl the most perfect start to her schooling.

She is so happy and so loving her learning. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for making her schooling so perfect. She is thriving. Thank you.”

Mrs Stoneman, Parent

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