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# PREP SCHOOL RECEPTION TRANSITION PROGRAMME

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2025 - 2026



NURTURING POTENTIAL | INSPIRING SUBJECT PASSION | CELEBRATING TALENT

A WARM WELCOME

We warmly invite your child to join our Reception class this September at The Croft. Whether your child has been with us for several years, is joining from our Pre-School, or is new to our community, we are eager to embark on this next phase of their educational journey together.

At The Croft, we are passionate about nurturing each child's potential, celebrating their unique talents, and inspiring a lifelong love for learning. Our experienced teachers are dedicated to creating a stimulating and supportive environment where your child will thrive. Our small Reception classes provide a dynamic and enriching experience that builds upon the Early Learning Goals and seamlessly transitions your child into the Preparatory School curriculum.

We take pride in our whole-school approach, which places your child's well-being at the heart of everything we do. Our rigorous academic curriculum is complemented by a robust co-curricular program, fostering both intellectual growth and personal development. We are committed to character education, helping your child develop self-awareness, independence, resilience, and the skills necessary for effective communication, teamwork, and leadership.

We look forward to welcoming your child to our vibrant school community and working together to support their growth and success.

Cath Sweeting
Head of Prep School



MEET THE TEAM



Mrs K Hannah
Head of The Croft



Mrs C Hardy
Class Teacher



Mrs T Parker
Class Teacher



Mrs E Craven
Deputy Nursery
Manager



Mrs S Dearnley
Early Years
Practitioner



Mrs C Melling
Early Years
Practitioner



Miss Y Inglis
Apprentice



Miss MA Simpson
Apprentice

TOGETHER WITH
KINDNESS | INTEGRITY | DETERMINATION

EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Overview
September onwards	Private Tours	All Pre-School families are invited to book a private tour of the Prep School with Mrs Sweeting
11 November 2025 16:30-17:30	Introduction to Reception at Tranby	Event for current parents of children in Pre-School at Tranby and external applicants: this session will provide an overview of life in Reception within Tranby, a tour of the classrooms and share the transition process
13 January 2026 22 January 2026 14:00-15:00	Reception in Action	Parents are warmly invited to participate in a 'taster' session in the Reception classroom, where you will be able to see learning in action with our current Reception children
February/March	Reception Staff to visit Pre School Classroom	Mrs Hardy and Mrs Parker, Reception Class Teachers, and their team will visit the Pre School for informal play sessions to get to know the children
May/June	Reception taster Sessions	Pre-School children attend fun educational sessions in small groups in the Reception classroom
June, date TBC	Reception Welcome Evening for Parents	Information evening for parents about how to prepare your child over the summer, and what to expect in September
03 September 2026	Welcome to Reception afternoon	The new Reception class will be invited to spend an afternoon in school to familiarise themselves with their new classroom (including coat pegs, snacks, toilets etc)
September (2026) date TBC	Curriculum Afternoon	The curriculum for the school year will be outlined along with the expectations for the term ahead
October (2026) date TBC	Parent Consultations	An opportunity for Mrs Hardy and Mrs Parker to update parents about their child's progress in their first term

THE IMPACT OF OUR EYFS APPROACH

IN 2025:

100%

Of Tranby children passed the Y1 national phonics screening test.
National average = 80%

100%

Of Tranby pupils achieved expected or exceeding in Maths by the end of Year 1.

100%

Of Tranby children matched or surpassed their expected progress by the end of Reception

The impact of our carefully planned curriculum, high-quality teaching, and strong pastoral care is clear.

But these outcomes are not just numbers.

They reflect the ***confidence, resilience, and love of learning*** our children carry with them as they move through the Prep School and beyond

LANGUAGES

In Reception, your child will begin the early learnings of languages through song, preparing them for lessons with Senior School language teachers in Y1

SPORT

Children start their journey with sports such as rugby, hockey, and football in Reception. Vitally, they learn the importance of team mentality, fairness and good sportsmanship

MUSIC

Passion and flair for music is nurtured from Reception, with music specialists teaching children the basics before they advance into Y1

THE IMPACT OF OUR EYFS APPROACH

Small Class Sizes

Each Reception class has a maximum of 16 pupils, taught by a qualified teacher and supported by an experienced early years practitioner.

High Quality Teaching

Expert staff and excellent teacher-to-child ratios ensure every child receives individual attention, encouragement, and challenge.

Extended Day Provision

Free of charge until 16:45, offering families flexibility and children enriching opportunities to explore their interests.

Strong Foundations

Clear routines, high expectations, and positive role models help children feel safe, supported, and increasingly independent.

Broad Co-Curricular Programme

Music, Sport, creative and academic clubs, plus leadership opportunities through School Action, Eco-Club, and charity work.

Whole Child Development

Academic progress is matched by personal, social, and emotional growth,. Children become confident, curious, and compassionate.

At Tranby, it's not just staff who nurture our youngest children – older pupils play a big part too. Prep, Senior and Sixth Form pupils share their talents in music, sport and academics. These touch points and relationship with older pupils don't just inspire learning, they help each child feel more confident as they step into the next stages of school.

Collaborative learning occurs throughout the year, alongside regular familiarisation visits and carefully planned activities. This helps to ensure the transition from The Croft, into Pre-Prep (Reception), and eventually into the Prep School is seamless and exciting for your child.

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Growing a community of happy learners

One of the most important things here at Tranby is that children enjoy their education. When we welcome families and their children each morning, they enter school with a spring in their step and a smile on their faces. They leave happy, enthused and bursting with new knowledge.

Every child achieves their full potential and thrives in the learning environment and all aspects of society.

Children become independent thinkers and confident and compassionate learners who are resilient and willing to take risks.

Tranby children are positive about their learning and have high expectations of themselves and others.

‘We know that children who feel seen, heard, valued and respected excel in their education and throughout life.’

Preschool to Sixth Form in one inspiring location

Tranby children benefit from our vast setting which incorporates the nurturing environment of preschool through to the advanced learning of Sixth Form, providing a seamless and enriching journey from age 2 to 19. This unique advantage sets us apart from other schools and creates an inspiring and supportive atmosphere that fosters growth and success at every stage.

Every stage of schooling is completed in one awe-inspiring location:
Tranby Croft

Children are not faced with the daunting prospect of a large new school they have to learn to navigate

They are part of the Tranby Family, seeing the same familiar faces throughout their education from fellow pupils to teachers.

100% of parents say they would recommend The Croft Reception



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