



Battle Abbey School
Founded 1912



Welcome
The Battle Abbey Nursery
garden!

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friends

weather
explorers

Battle Abbey School Early Years



Welcome to The Mulberry, Battle Abbey School's home of Early Years, where happy children thrive in our welcoming, stimulating and caring environment. We strive to meet the individual needs of every child and our friendly, experienced and highly qualified staff work closely in partnership with parents to ensure that the children enjoy and achieve the best outcomes during their time with us.

Children may join our Baby Room (Little Squirrels) from three months of age and quickly settle into our welcoming, fun and well resourced Nursery. Our ongoing classes are the Acorns (rising 2s), Saplings (rising 3s), Oaks (Preschool) and finally our Reception class located in the Prep school.

Throughout each class the children are engaged in an exciting and meaningful curriculum where the children's interests are followed and opportunities to explore, investigate and question are encouraged. We focus on ensuring the Early Years Foundation Stage equips the children with the learning and confidence skills that they need to move seamlessly into Key Stage 1.



Discovering a love of learning

The current Early Years Foundation Stage national framework guides our curriculum, however, we ensure that children's interests and next steps lead the learning. The children are exposed to adult led teaching as well as child-initiated experiences that are both meaningful and engaging. We enrich the curriculum further with focused PE, music and outdoor learning activities. Our Reception class swim twice every week at the school swimming pool with our specialist swimming coach who has taught children to achieve at a national level.

The Mulberry, a purpose built facility in the grounds at Battle Abbey Prep School, hosts the Early Years pupils in large, bright and airy, dedicated year group areas. The Mulberry also features an inspiring outdoor learning space where children can learn, take risks and explore in a safe and supportive environment. The children enjoy digging and making recipes in our mud kitchen area and our wooded area is a favourite place for den building and story times. Additionally, the Prep school's extensive playing field is a great place for nature walks and sporting activities. Our Reception have their own spacious and well resourced classroom and outdoor garden within our Prep School.



'I really cannot speak highly enough of Battle Abbey Nursery. Aside from the fact that the setting and staff are friendly and welcoming, the new building is a thing of beauty! The online Tapestry Learning Journey has really made us feel part of a partnership with the school and has provided a really wonderful insight into how Ella spends her days at Nursery. We moved from another local and very well thought of Nursery to Battle Abbey as soon as we could having heard rave reviews, and in all honesty I think that even our high levels of expectation have been exceeded. For anyone thinking of moving from their care provider to BAS Nursery my advice would be do it now!' **Ella's Dad (Nov 2019)**

Academic Achievement

Throughout the Early Years Foundation Stage the children make fantastic progress in reading, writing and number work. Early stage phonics sessions are delivered in the Nursery through rhyme and games until the children enter into Reception where the focus on letter sounds, segmenting and blending is extended. Number skills are developed through practical and meaningful activities such as measuring ingredients for baking or counting out the coins in the role play area.

Online Learning Journey

We believe that communication is vital and in the Nursery and Reception classes we use Tapestry – an online learning journey which enables our Early Years practitioners to capture those special learning moments. Parents/carers are given a login so that they are able to see their child's learning progress. They never feel that they have missed out on any 'wow' moments of their child's development and learning.

Outdoor Opportunities

Battle Abbey Prep School and Nursery are passionate about providing our children with exciting outdoor learning opportunities. We have specialist staff trained to deliver both Forest School sessions and also Beach School sessions for Year 1 onwards at the nearby coast. Our children enjoy opportunities to learn about the natural world and develop practical, emotional and intellectual skills in an environment bursting with opportunities and where all senses are stimulated.

Meals and Catering

Nursery children attending the breakfast club have access to a range of cereals, toast etc. Effectively a scaled down continental breakfast. Those attending lunch will receive a hot meal as standard. Children attending the extended late finish are offered high tea. A healthy snack is also provided both morning and afternoon.



Visiting The Mulberry

Visiting on a normal Nursery day allows prospective parents the chance to drop in on the classrooms and find out exactly what makes Battle Abbey Nursery such a unique experience for your child. You are welcome to visit the Nursery at any time by appointment.

Please contact us on 01424 213283 or nursery@battleabbeyschool.com if you have any questions or would like to arrange a visit.

Visits to the Prep School should be arranged with the Prep School office on 01424 219674 or prep@battleabbeyschool.com

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'My son has been at Battle Abbey Nursery since he was 10 months old. As a first time working mum, I was incredibly nervous about putting my baby into childcare but the team in the baby room were incredible. They truly got to know my son and stopped at nothing to help him progress and settle in. He has now moved up to the age 2+ room and has come on leaps and bounds in the caring, fun and engaging atmosphere that Battle Abbey provides. What I love about this nursery is how flexible and truly committed the staff are to working with your child and their personality - there is no 'one size fits all' approach. I wouldn't dream of sending him anywhere else and every day that I pick him up, he's had home-cooked, healthy meals and had fun taking part in a range of activities and usually picked up a new word or two'.

(Maddie C November 2019)

'I really struggled to find a nursery that ticked all the boxes but the team and facilities at Battle Abbey Nursery are exactly what I've been looking for. I have no worries when dropping my son off at nursery - I feel he is safe, having fun, learning new things every day and it is great that he looks forward to his nursery days. I am very grateful to the team for the care they provide for my son.'

(Amy J April 2019)

'My daughter has been going to Battle Abbey Nursery for the past two years and the service has been excellent. Her progress has been incredible and she has learnt so much. I would 100% recommend the nursery to friends and family'.

(Vicky E April 2019)

'Both my children have attended Battle Abbey Nursery, Bexhill and both have had the most amazing experience. The level of care is exceptional, the staff know how to nurture the children to get the very best out of them. They get to experience such a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities including forest school, which is amazing. A hot two course lunch is provided, as well as healthy snacks. I couldn't recommend this nursery more highly'.

(Helen C April 2019)





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'Amazing nursery, my son is happy to go in every morning and the teachers are so caring. Amazing new building and beautiful outside area.'

Bethan W (April 2019)

