



“ Children learn more quickly in their early years than at any other time ”

Our youngest pupils join the Early Years Foundation Stage and stay in our nursery until Reception Year.

They enjoy an exciting play-based curriculum, with a mix of child- and teacher-led activities. Our Nursery children have a weekly singing lesson with our Head of Music and join in with 'show-and-tell' assemblies as soon as they're ready. We involve them in school life from the start so they get to take part in our school Sports Day, Harvest Festival and Christmas Nativity too.

When they're ready, they take their first steps in learning to read and write. We'll introduce your child to phonics, reading and number and topic-based learning. Our bright and secure classroom is a stimulating area with lots of equipment for dressing up fun, messy and sensory free play, painting, trying out iPads and computers, role-play, reading and creativity.



Fun in the forest...

Children enjoy at least one weekly forest school-style activity. They build dens, hunt for mini-bugs, pond-dip and collect conkers. If it's wet or cold, we wrap up and put wellies on!

Why parents say they chose Sompting Abbotts Preparatory School for their child

- “ Why do we like Sompting Abbotts? The grounds, relaxed atmosphere and sense of adventure created by the school. Plus, children are actually allowed to climb trees! ”
- “ We love the free wrap-around care (7.30am to 6pm). ”
- “ I knew the incredible grounds and outside country lifestyle would capture my children's sense of fun and adventure. No other school in our area encourages den building, conkers and exploring copses. My children can now identify Sparrow Hawks and Buzzards; they know the sound of a Song Thrush and Blackbirds. ”
- “ Children are free to be children, while learning traditional values of empathy, respect and kindness. ”
- “ I like the traditional values and family feel. The grounds are beautiful and give the children plenty of room to let off steam. Parking is easy for drop off. I liked that during our first visit we saw different children working on different things within a class, depending on ability. ”

Testimonials reproduced from Sompting Abbotts 2017 School-wide Parent Satisfaction Survey



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Education that future-proofs the magic of childhood



Sompting Abbotts Nursery

Our Nursery accepts children from the age of two. Many parents use their Early Years Free Entitlement from West Sussex County Council.

We're strong believers that good Early Years education has a huge impact on life outcomes! The first five years of your child's life are so important. They're the foundation that shape a child's future health, happiness and development. Every new experience, every new word, every new behaviour helps a child move forward. We know that they need love and nurturing to develop trust and that this sense of security will turn into confidence as they grow.

You're free to decide if you want your child to continue into Reception at Sompting Abbotts or move on to another school. visit www.somptingabbotts.com



“ Call us traditional – we are! But in a progressive way. We use all the opportunities technology creates for learning by our digital natives. Some of these might even become programmers of the future thanks to our Coding Club. But we still believe the best apps for children’s learning are their teachers... ”

Stuart Douch
Headmaster of Sompting Abbots

Knowledge, creativity, curiosity, agility, determination and insight. These are the qualities we inspire in our children at Sompting Abbots Preparatory School.

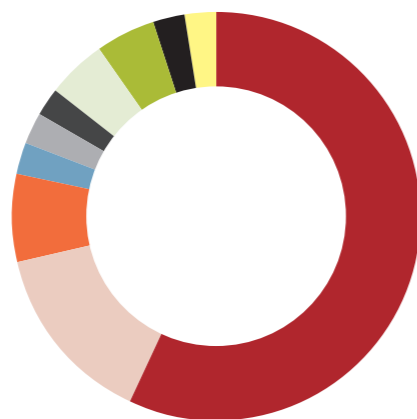
Our independent day school and nursery located near Steyning, Worthing, Lancing and Hove welcomes children aged 2-13. We’re a family-owned country school set amidst the South Downs National Park, with 30 acres of beautiful grounds, a heated swimming pool and excellent sports facilities.

The school prides itself on giving pupils a magical childhood while developing their full academic potential and nurturing their different talents.

We’re proud of our excellent record of scholarship achievements to leading senior schools. As an independent stand-alone prep school, we have the freedom to truly prepare your child for the educational path that best suits him or her.

We provide small class sizes, quality ‘rounded’ teaching and an outstanding educational experience. For parents, we provide free wrap-around care.

Scholarships, Exhibitions and Awards Achieved by Sompting Abbots Pupils



- Lancing College
- Brighton College
- Hurstpierpoint
- Seaford
- Worth
- Dulwich
- The Towers
- Farlington
- Sherborne
- Burgess Hill Girls

Data since 2007

Sompting Abbots is a country school near Steyning, Worthing, Lancing and Hove that sits in a sweeping expanse of woodland and chalk grassland.

The 30 acres of extensive grounds include a heated swimming pool, tennis courts, playing fields, woodland for forest-school activities, wild areas, walled

garden with adventure play equipment for our Early Years children, Victorian greenhouses for gardening, and a managed wildlife pond.



What time is the nursery open?

We’re open each weekday from 8.30am to 3.15pm during term times. You can choose how many days or half days you want your child to attend and if you want them to stay for a home-cooked lunch.

What about outdoor play?

We think we offer some of the best outdoor play facilities for nursery children in Sussex! Our safe Walled Garden has lot of fun wooden climbing apparatus, bikes and scooters, sandpit and playhouse, plus fruit trees (good for shade in summer!). The extensive grounds provide woodland, a pond and field walks as ideal settings for forest-school fun and outdoor learning.

How is the nursery regulated?

We’re inspected regularly by Ofsted. We’ve two qualified teachers working in the EYFS and three part time teaching assistants with Early Years qualifications.

Does my child need to wear the school uniform?

No, that’s completely up to you. We do ask your child to wear our practical red tracksuit top and trousers (and to supply wellies). Some children do like to wear the uniform to be ‘like the older ones’. We have regular second-hand uniform sales at school.

What if I need to drop off my child earlier or collect later?

No problem. The Early Room is staffed from 8am and the Late Room until 4.30pm. If you’re delayed, we’ll take your child to the Main School Library for supervision.

My child hasn’t mastered toilet-training yet and still needs a sleep in the day.

Don’t worry! We’re aware children develop differently and we look after them and help them learn. We do ask you to provide nappies, wipes or spare pants. We’ve got a cosy cushioned area for day-time naps.

