

NURTURING  
INSPIRING  
CREATIVE  
FUN

THEIR FUTURE STARTS HERE...







I would like to introduce you to St Ives School, Haslemere. I hope this prospectus will give you something of an insight into what makes this school such a special place for children to enjoy their preparatory school education.

At St Ives we fully understand how children **excel** in their own learning environment and pupils here **thrive** in the **nurturing, encouraging** atmosphere of this well-established school. St Ives provides **small class sizes** and **outstanding pastoral care**; individuality is cherished and celebrated. Our dedicated and **perceptive teaching** team ensures that children are appropriately **challenged** and progress at a pace that is right for them.

Our varied curriculum allows plenty of **opportunity to discover** and develop each child's ability and **talents** in Sport, Art, Music, Drama, Languages and Technology as well as reaching their **full academic potential**. We are privileged to have wonderful grounds and offer Forest School as part of our curriculum.

As a preparatory school we prepare pupils for their senior school education. We get to know them extremely well and are able to develop a clear picture of which senior school will be best for your child. We are proud of our **outstanding record** of guiding our pupils into their **first choice entry of senior school** and of the many **scholarships** awarded to St Ives pupils.

Choosing the right education for your child is an important task. I hope that this prospectus will give you a flavour of the infectious quality of St Ives and answer some of your questions. After a visit to our school you will soon discover why **St Ives pupils are going places**.



*K. Goldsworthy*

Kay Goldsworthy  
Head



At St Ives we strive to:

- provide a **secure** and **happy** environment in which our children are encouraged to work and play with enthusiasm and commitment
- maintain a tradition of **academic excellence** whilst offering the fullest possible range of experiences through a **broad and balanced curriculum**
- promote a **spiritual** and **moral awareness** in our pupils, based on strong family orientated principles
- ensure a friendly and **supportive** atmosphere in which everyone's individual abilities and **potential** are fully appreciated and nurtured
- promote at all times the qualities of **integrity, kindness, charity** and good manners
- offer an enriching, inspiring extra curricular programme which allows each individual to extend their interests and develop wider skills and talents.

Our pupils build strong foundations for future study and for life.

*"St Ives is a truly special school, where fun and friendship matter and where all the children are encouraged to try their very best. After 8 years at St Ives, my daughter is happy, confident and ready to have a go at anything. In her words, it is 'the best school ever.'"*

Year 6 Parent

We work hard to  
make every day  
the best day ever.







We take playing seriously.

We accept both employer childcare vouchers, and are part of the Early Years Funding Scheme.

## Fees 2019/20

Morning session only	£35
Morning session with lunch	£39
Afternoon session with lunch	£24
Afternoon session only	£20
All day	£55

The Ivies is a **fun, stimulating** and **vibrant** setting where children often experience their first taste of school. Our team is highly trained, experienced and provides a **warm, caring** environment where children learn to be **independent, confident, sociable** and develop a positive approach to learning.

Days are carefully planned to develop children's social, physical and **intellectual growth** whilst maintaining a real sense of fun and **enjoyment**. Our nursery boasts a modern, purpose built building with large, **bright and airy** classrooms. The children enjoy full access to an **outdoor play** and woodland area.

We welcome both girls and boys from the age of two years.

- Open 7.45am-5.45pm every day (term-time only)
- Fun packed sessions with specialist activities including **Forest School, Music, Cooking, French** and **Ballet**
- **Weekly phonics sessions**
- Hot lunches served daily
- Fully equipped outdoor play area
- We are part of the Early Years Funding Scheme and accept employer childcare vouchers

# PRE-PREP (RECEPTION-YEAR 2)

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St Ives' Pre-prep department – 'The Ivies' – has a wonderfully **warm** and **nurturing** atmosphere. This, combined with the **buzz** and **enthusiasm** of staff and children alike, make The Ivies a very **happy** place to be. With stunning views across miles of countryside, the **bright**, colourful classrooms are a fantastic environment for learning and play.

Teaching standards are very high, with experienced, dedicated teachers and assistants committed to doing their very best for the children in their care. This is evident in the **fantastic results** and **progress** that our children achieve. Core subjects are taught by class teachers, and topics are tailored to the childrens' interests. Right from the start of their education at St Ives, children have **specialist teachers** for **Music**, **PE**, **French** and **Spanish**. **Small class** sizes allow teachers to really get to know each child, and to tailor and differentiate learning according to their **individual needs**.

Our pupils' **happiness** is extremely important to us, and **pastoral care** is a priority. Personal, Social and Religious Education are taught weekly; dedicated weekly Pre-prep assemblies foster a sense of community; and a Worry Box is available for any children needing a listening ear and pastoral support.

Outstanding grounds and play areas provide an exhilarating outdoor space for play; while the acres of forest on our grounds enable every child to take part in Forest School every week.

*Happy children make  
the best learners.*







## Years 3-4

The next stage in the St Ives journey marks the transition into Prep school. This often represents a new level of **independence, self-reliance** and **organisation** as the children move around the building for specialist lessons. Maths, English and Science remain at the core of the curriculum but there is generous provision for areas such as Music, Art, Computing, French, Spanish, PE and Drama.

## Years 5 & 6

While our focus continues to be on a very rounded provision, children are guided in **exam technique** to help them **achieve entry to their first choice of senior school**. We are not only proud of our **entry success** but also the **positive feedback** we receive about our pupils' preparation for senior school. We regularly send children with scholarship awards to schools such as Guildford High School, St Catherine's School, Cranleigh School, Churcher's College, Tormead, Seaford College, Prior's Field and Frensham Heights.

We also provide a strong post-examination programme for Year 6 which incorporates life skills, community work, business enterprise, team building, and local charity work.

*"If I had to sum up St Ives in one word it would be AMAZING!"*

Pupil



*Preparing for  
the future.*



## Sports

Participation in sports is embraced at St Ives as we believe that it is not only good for **health** and general **well-being**, but also helps to develop an appreciation of **team spirit**, **fair play** and builds self-confidence. Over the years St Ives has developed a **strong reputation** for **competitive sports** amongst our peers and we pride ourselves on the **sporting achievements** of the children. We encourage everyone to take part in matches and make every effort to provide opportunities for them to represent the school.

We are fortunate enough to have three full size **tennis and netball courts**, **athletics track**, mini **hockey pitch** and large **gymnastics hall**.

Our pupils have the opportunity to take part in a variety of sports from **netball**, **hockey** and **rounders** through to **cross country**, **swimming**, **badminton**, **golf** and **cricket**.

## Music & Drama

We believe that involvement in the performing arts can help children to **express themselves** and build their **confidence**. Two **choirs**, an **orchestra**, **ensembles** and individual **instrumental and singing lessons** greatly enrich the curriculum. We have a large team of peripatetic teachers offering tuition in a wide range of musical instruments. **Dance** and **Speech & Drama** run throughout the year alongside our **Production Club** in preparation for our annual summer production.

## Art & Design

Stimulating the childrens' creativity and imagination is another key way to develop **self-expression**. Pupils are able to experiment with a wide variety of techniques and school trips encourage an appreciation of art and the ability to be observant and discerning.



## Languages

At St Ives we believe that in an increasingly competitive and global world the knowledge of foreign languages is essential. Learning a **modern foreign language** also enriches the curriculum in many ways; as well as creating an awareness of a different culture, the skills, knowledge and understanding gained by studying another language make a significant contribution to the development of children's oracy, literacy and to the understanding of their own culture.

Every child from Nursery through to Year 6 will experience language learning at St Ives. The main language taught is **French** and **Spanish** is studied as a secondary language.

## Computing

St Ives equips its pupils with the foundations of computing that they will need for the rest of their lives. Through the computer science element children grow in their understanding of computation and digital systems and apply this practically through writing, designing and debugging programmes. Children are given opportunities to use a range of information technology to develop ideas and create content. They become increasingly literate digital citizens, equipped to embrace the digital world safely and confidently. Computing enhances a range of cross curricular skills such as logical thinking, creativity,

design, resourcefulness, ingenuity and problem solving. In all subject areas, technological resources, including iPads, interactive whiteboards and digital devices such as cameras and camcorders are used to benefit teaching and learning. The school has a purpose built computer suite.

## Learning for Life

Learning for life is a new venture within the school curriculum. It embraces the **wider perspective** of learning, extending above and beyond the traditional curriculum. Its purpose is to help children develop a broader range of skills and knowledge to become **independent, creative and reflective thinkers**. It is another avenue for the children to gain confidence socially and personally, helping them to make the most of their futures now, at senior school and beyond.

Learning for life is a progressive three year programme which starts in Year 4 gaining momentum as the children journey through the school.

*"There has never been a day when our child has not been excited about coming to school. St Ives has helped her develop into a confident, well rounded & happy young girl who is now ready to grasp the next exciting phase of her academic career".*

Year 6 Parent



Set within eight acres of **idyllic woodland**, learning at St Ives is not just limited to the classroom. Our outdoor areas provide a great resource for broader educational activities. Outdoor learning brings subjects such as Science, Geography, History and Art to life and plays a key role in the day to day teaching at St Ives.

Forest School is an **exciting** initiative which allows children to **explore** and experience the natural world around them, which gives them a wonderful opportunity to learn new **skills** such as wood carving, cooking and shelter building. Forest School is somewhere **everyone succeeds** and where no-one fails, it is a great way of helping develop social and **communication skills** along with confidence and self-esteem. Curriculum subjects are brought to life through Forest School, which is available to all children and is included in the timetable from Nursery through to Year 3.

*"St Ives is a really exciting place to be, with so many fun activities and extra-curricular clubs so you're never left out."*

Pupil

*At St Ives we aim to foster a love of learning, nurture curiosity and help children see the world from a wider perspective.*









St Ives is a **truly independent** school and prides itself on the **range of senior schools** it feeds locally and beyond. Typically these include local popular choices such as Guildford High School, St Catherine's School, Cranleigh School, Churcher's College, Tormead, Seaford College, Prior's Field, Frensham Heights and more.

Senior school scholarships are often awarded to pupils at St Ives and we are always **delighted** by the **positive feedback** we receive about our children and **how well they are prepared for life at senior school.**

Destination	2019	2018	2017	2016
Guildford High School	33%	22%	25%	37%
St Catherine's School		11%		9%
Tormead School		11%	6%	
Churcher's College	22%		6%	
Frensham Heights		22%	6%	
Prior's Field School	22%	11%	38%	27%
Seaford College			6%	9%
The Royal School				18%
Bohunt	11%		6%	
St George's Ascot		11%		
Midhurst Rother		11%		
Farnborough Hill			6%	
Bedales			6%	
Reigate Grammar	11%			

*"St Ives girls are always a presence in our entrance cohort at 11+. They are very well prepared for this academically selective environment, bring warmth and a strong sense of personal responsibility to their new school, and contribute hugely to our wide extra-curricular programme. They go on to hold positions of authority in the School and proceed to some of the top universities in the country. We are proud of our long association with St Ives."*

Mrs Alice Phillips, Head, St Catherine's School

*"Girls from St Ives are true all rounders with lots of enthusiasm for academic subjects, Sports, Music, Drama and Art. They prove to be an asset to any school they join as they are superbly prepared for senior school."*

Mrs Fiona Boulton, Head, Guildford High School



*St Ives pupils are going places.*



Our fee structure is tiered throughout your child's time with us, a system which we believe offers parents the best **value for money** during the early years of independent education.

## Vouchers and Government Schemes

We accept both early years vouchers and employer childcare vouchers, and are part of the Early Years Funding Scheme.

## Scholarships

We are delighted to offer scholarships for Year 3 entry. Awards are offered following an assessment day when children will complete tests in Maths and English and will have a short informal meeting with the Head.

## Bursaries

We are pleased to offer means tested bursaries. Parents may apply and, provided they qualify and funds are available, a bursary may be awarded.



# REGISTRATION FORM

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Full Name of Pupil		Date of Birth	
Address			
Postcode		Telephone Number	
Email Address			
Date of Admission			
Particulars of Previous Education (if any)			
Names of Father and Mother or Guardians			
("we", "us" or "you"),			
Professions			
Dated this	day of	20	
Signature of both Parents			

## Notes

Early registration is recommended. Registrations will be considered in the order they are received. Offers of places are subject to availability and the admission requirements of the school at the time offers are made.

## Declaration

We request that the above named child be registered as a prospective pupil of St Ives School for which we agree to make the registration payment of £250. We understand that the £250 will be refundable when the child leaves the school, but will be non-refundable in the event that the place is not taken up after one has been offered. Payment by cheque or bank transfer (details can be obtained from the Registrar).

We understand that the standard terms and conditions of the School will undergo reasonable changes from time to time as circumstances require and will apply in all our dealings with the school. We understand also that the School (through the Head, as the person responsible) may obtain, process and hold personal information about our child, including sensitive information such as medical details, and we consent to this for the purposes of assessment and, if a place is later offered, in order to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child.

Please return Registration Form and fee to St Ives School Office, Three Gates Lane, Haslemere, Surrey, GU27 2ES.





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