

The Little Book of  
*Moreton Magic*



Moreton Hall Prep

# 100 acres of English countryside

*Space to grow...*

Tennis courts  
*Love all*

Sports Hall  
*Join our team*

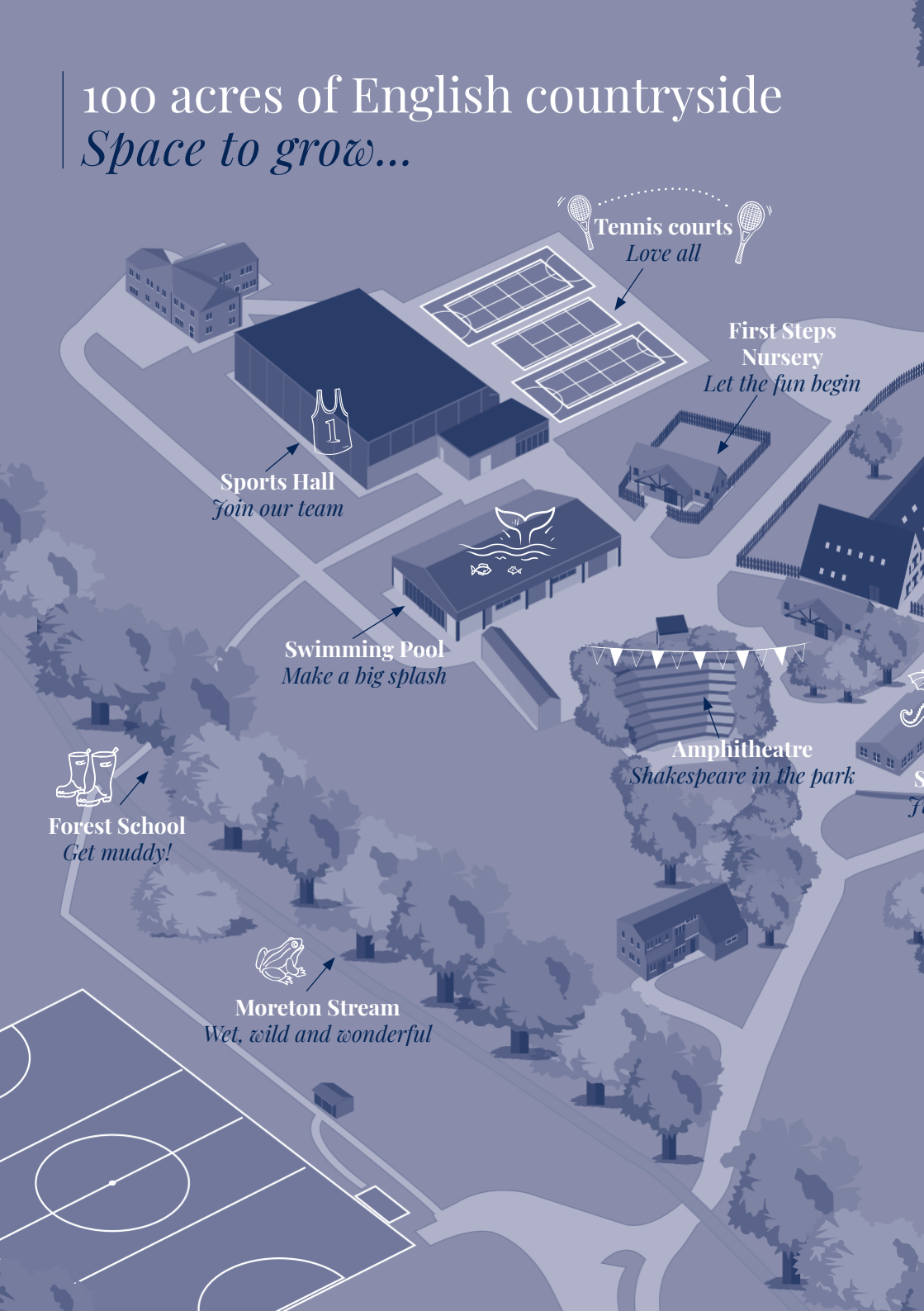
First Steps  
Nursery  
*Let the fun begin*

Swimming Pool  
*Make a big splash*

Amphitheatre  
*Shakespeare in the park*

Forest School  
*Get muddy!*

Moreton Stream  
*Wet, wild and wonderful*







**Cornflower Farm**  
*Make an animal friend*

**Science**  
*Explore the universe*

**Moreton Prep HQ**  
*Where the magic happens*

**Cooking School**  
*Become a Junior Masterchef*

**Dining Hall**  
*Really delicious food*

**The Holroyd Community Theatre**  
*Take the stage*

**Stables House**  
*Junior boarding*

**Front Hall**

**Music**  
*Make noise*

**Walled Garden**  
*Plant your roots*

**Art**  
*Unleash your creativity*

**Playing Fields**  
*Sports for all*

**Golf Course**  
*Fore!*

**Moreton Hall Prep**





# Our Family

Moreton Hall introduced our Prep over 20 years ago with the aim of introducing younger pupils to the same exceptional education provided by the Senior School.

**Today, the Prep shares the Senior School's high academic aspirations, incredible facilities, dedicated staff and uniquely joyous and nurturing ethos. Children are not only happy here, they flourish - academically, socially and personally.**

We are delighted to have been named Tes Boarding School of the Year 2021. This award was bestowed upon us in recognition of our commitment to our pupils and the wider community. "Moreton Hall stood out as being an exemplar of all that a great boarding school should be," said the Lead Judge. It's perhaps no surprise that boarding in the Prep is ever more popular.

With 100 years of teaching excellence as our foundation, we work to ensure that the Prep provides the most inspirational, contemporary and relevant teaching to our pupils, leading to the best possible outcomes for the children. Our school is agile to modern times and best prepares all pupils to take the next step in their education.

We look forward to welcoming you to Moreton.

# A Welcome from our Head of Prep



At Moreton Prep, we set high expectations for our children, while providing a nurturing, family environment in which every child is valued and understood.

**A school is only as good as its teachers and the teaching staff at Moreton Prep is exceptional. They are passionate and skilled, able to bring out the best in each individual pupil.**

Our core teaching staff is augmented by specialists from our Senior School, including sport coaches and drama, art and spoken english teachers - providing pupils with the best of both worlds. We also offer an extensive list of co-curricular activities to ignite interests and broaden the children's horizons. Moreton stretches our pupils to the highest academic standards so they are fully prepared to move into the best schools in the country, including our Senior School.

While our mission is serious, we also have serious fun. Moreton's liberal approach gives children the freedom to be themselves: playful, curious and confident. Instead of petty and punitive rules, we instill a mutually beneficial loop of respect and trust between pupils and their teachers. Children make full use of our extensive parkland and enjoy the independence of boarding. Laughter is our soundtrack.

Moreton Prep offers a happy, wholesome and high-achieving foundation for your child. I warmly invite you for a visit to see for yourself what makes this such a special place.

**Deborah Speakman**  
Head of Moreton Prep







When Sophie learned  
that physics could take  
her to other planets.

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# Academic

Moreton Hall's Prep School develops within every child the ambition to exceed expectations.

The range of subjects, activities and enrichment offered in these preparatory years instils the belief that success is attainable, with self-confidence the badge of starting life in our Prep School. Moreton offers a unique curriculum that weaves traditional academic subjects such as Latin with more modern initiatives such as computing and Mandarin. With each step, the Prep pupils are guided sensitively to the next stage of their education and challenged to push themselves.

Classes remain small, ensuring that the strengths of individuals are recognised and nurtured. Specialist subject teachers ensure that the children are not spectators, but active participants in their education, while our experienced Learning Support department offers aid as required. All pupils are encouraged to be excited by the challenges and experiences offered each day.

In addition to ensuring pupils have a firm foundation in the core curriculum, Moreton's wider curriculum takes each pupil on a journey where talents in drama, music and sport are highly valued and where 'having a go' is encouraged at every opportunity.

Moreton Hall has the unique ability to tailor the school experience to each individual pupil to get the best out of them. ”

Parent











# Enrichment

Alongside our academic programme, Moreton offers our Prep pupils a vibrant enrichment programme that includes a wide range of after school activities, clubs, guest speakers and trips.

These activities stretch our pupils by exposing them to subjects not included in the traditional curriculum, as well as spark intellectual curiosity and broaden their horizons. One term, a pupil may choose chess, fencing and golf, and the next they may join Lego League and cooking school. The activities reflect the interests of the children and change with demand and the seasons.

In pursuit of providing an education that is as deep as it is broad, Moreton Prep offers pupils age-appropriate, junior versions of Moreton Hall's successful academic societies, such as the Junior Bronwen Society which explores current events, Junior Lady Barbirolli which celebrates music, and Mini Model United Nations, all of which regularly invite professionals from across a wide range of fields to share their expertise.



Children carefully build their confidence at every stage. ”

ISI Inspection Report

# Academic Progress

All pupils' progress is monitored from an early age to ensure that potential is fulfilled and any difficulties are identified.

Detailed termly reports, parent-teacher meetings and half-termly progress grades give parents comprehensive feedback on their child's progress, while standardised assessments provide a gauge for pupils' progress against a national benchmark. An open door policy operates throughout our Prep School and all subject teachers endeavour to work closely with parents to support pupils.

As the pupils reach Years 5 and 6 they begin preparation for entry to Senior School. Pupils then move seamlessly to our Senior School, where the boys are guided in their choice of senior school for entrance at Year 9. Preparation for entrance and scholarship examinations is woven into the curriculum and specialist guidance is offered to all.











# When Tom found the pirates' hidden treasure.

*The Moreton Magic*



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# Pre-Prep

Our Pre-Prep department welcomes boys and girls aged from three to seven years. This is where the adventure of learning in a school setting begins.

Our team of dedicated teaching staff guide the children through these foundational early years. The curriculum is rich in variety and engaging for all, with numerous opportunities for creative and explorative play available throughout the day. Throughout the week, specialist teachers supplement the provision with age-appropriate lessons in subjects such as French and Ballet, along with Swimming, Drama, Sport and Music. The classrooms are designed around the needs of our youngest pupils, enabling free-flow play outside and inside.

Being part of the Moreton family, sharing play times and stimulating outdoor activities, help the children build confidence and move along to Reception, followed by Years 1 and 2. Here the preparatory curriculum broadens, allowing gentle but more formal lessons in english and mathematics. Each day there is time for individual reading with an adult and a time to hear a story read aloud, establishing a love of literature, which we believe is the bedrock of learning.

Happy, smiling faces greet me every day when I get to the school. What more can I ask for? ”

Parent











# Prep

As pupils move to Year 3, they have reached the Prep section of Moreton Hall.

**In these preparatory years (Years 3 - 6) the academic pace accelerates, as experienced subject specialists guide our Prep pupils to work at standards beyond national level. Traditional disciplines such as Latin are introduced, along with daily supervised prep sessions.**

In English lessons, pupils read and discuss a range of fiction and non-fiction texts, exploring their ideas and concepts through drama and role-playing. Pupils learn grammar and how to write effectively, along with weekly spelling lessons. As they progress through the years, they develop their creative and analytical writing, communicating their thoughts and ideas in more complex and mature ways.

Pupils learn key maths skills through instruction, practice and practical application. Along with weekly maths homework, children are expected to regularly revise the times tables and corresponding division facts.

History, Geography and Religious Studies are taught through a topic and skills-based approach following, and building on, the objectives in the National Curriculum. Science, Mandarin, French, Spanish, Latin, music, art, design technology, food technology and physical education are taught by subject specialists, providing expertise which fires the imagination and nurtures talent.

Prep pupils move into some classrooms on Moreton Hall's senior school campus to benefit from the facilities and equipment available. Each classroom is equipped with laptops to ensure that pupils have a strong foundation in computer and media literacy.

**The school is very clever at encouraging every child to get involved in everything from choir to fencing, orchestra to playing for the football team. Our child's confidence has simply soared. ”**

Parent









When hard graft, grit  
and teamwork come  
together.

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# Sport

The focus of our Sports department is to expose all pupils to opportunities in which they can enjoy exercise and sport in a positive and stimulating way.

The vision is that all pupils will develop expertise and skills, whilst cultivating a sense of confidence and determination in sports. By offering an extensive range of extracurricular lessons, such as fencing, dance, golf and tennis, every child is encouraged to find a sporting interest.

From the first days in Reception, sport is timetabled; beginning with lessons in gymnastics, swimming and PE, aiming to develop core strength, coordination and stamina. Team games are introduced in an encouraging way so that all pupils feel ready to be part of the squad.

By the Junior years, specialist coaches teach Games on three afternoons and this, together with PE and swimming lessons, ensures that all children are able to be part of a team and play Prep school fixtures.

The school's outstanding facilities for swimming, hockey, lacrosse, cricket, rugby and football are constantly in use with after school clubs, weekend activities, class and individual coaching lessons, as well as squad training.

We brought our children to Moreton Hall Prep because we felt it could offer a really vibrant education. We cannot fault the opportunities that are given to children here. ”

Parent











Vocabulary

Imagination

Explore

**BASTARDY BEEDS**  
THE STORY OF THE  
MIGHTY MANTIS  
BY [Author Name]





# When Lucy decided she wanted to be an author.

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# Drama

Our dedication to performing arts is central to our belief that confidence is the product of a holistic education.

Speaking to an audience becomes the norm as all Moreton Prep pupils, from Prep-Prep to Year 6, have numerous opportunities each week to build confidence through drama and public speaking. For the younger children the emphasis is on participation, creative imagination and the ability to work in partnership with other members of the class. Older children have opportunities for improvisation and group projects.

After school drama clubs, led by our Senior School staff who are also professional actors, are popular with all ages. Dynamic Prep musical productions take place twice a year, in which every child has a role. Together, The Holroyd Community Theatre and Moreton Hall's amphitheatre provide pupils access to a state-of-the-art performing space and the perfect backdrop for summer productions and concerts.



Drama at Moreton Prep is hugely popular and professional. ”

Good Schools Guide





# Spoken English

The ability to communicate with confidence and clarity is a hallmark of a Moreton education.

**Public speaking continues to be a vital skill in modern society. It allows children to form connections, influence decisions and inform. Furthermore, the ability to speak clearly and persuasively is named as one of the most useful skills in the business world.**

At Moreton, the public speaking journey begins with pupils as young as Year 2. At its heart, public speaking requires a level of self confidence from the speaker, who has to lead from the front, which is a skill that can be learned and developed. During weekly sessions with specialist teachers, pupils investigate and practise the pronunciation, intonation and delivery of the spoken word. Using humorous and popular examples of poetry and prose the children are sensitively guided through exercises to enhance their ability to deliver English in its spoken form.

Moreton offers many opportunities for pupils to perfect their communications skills outside the classroom as well - Mini Model United Nations teaches debate and visiting authors, artists and speakers engage the children in discussions, encouraging them to offer their opinions. Moreton offers tutoring for all Spoken English examinations and has an outstanding rate of success in national competitions.

**The quality of pupils' personal development is excellent. Pupils are courteous, helpful and articulate, expressing their views with quiet confidence. They listen to and respect the views of others, giving and accepting constructive criticism. ”**

ISI Inspection Report





When Sarah  
realised that  
sometimes it is  
better to colour  
outside the lines.

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# Art

Art in Moreton Prep is tactile, highly creative and fun. Pupils in the early years begin with painting, construction and free form pottery. As they grow in confidence, they are introduced to other art forms and taught more challenging techniques.

All our pupils have lessons in the Senior School Design Centre, benefitting from the equipment, materials and staff expertise. Practical techniques are taught, allowing the children to gain confidence as their designs take shape and they realise their ideas - growing and perfecting their skills along the way.

The contextual study of historical and contemporary artists permeates all art classes and projects. To challenge and inspire, childrens' artwork are entered into national and local competitions and their work is exhibited in the annual National Prep Schools Art Exhibition. Regular visits to galleries further enrich pupils' interest.



# Music

With an ethos of 'music for all', our thriving music department aims to engage every pupil in the pleasures of music.

Moreton Prep offers all children outstanding facilities and specialist teachers in a wide range of musical instruments. From traditional instruments such as the piano and trumpet to the more obscure, lessons with specialist conservatoire teachers can be arranged in virtually every musical discipline.

All pupils receive weekly music lessons and all children sing in the Moreton Prep Choir. Those receiving individual instrumental tuition have the opportunity to play in one of many ensembles or orchestral groups and perform in the regular concerts that take place throughout the year.



Lots of music goes on, classical and popular, with children performing regularly to both large and small audiences. ”

Good Schools Guide



# The Great Outdoors

Moretonians spend a lot of time outdoors - from sports lessons and matches on our playing fields, to caring for animals on our farm, building dens in Forest School and pond dipping in the stream that flows through our grounds. We don't mind a bit of mud.

**We design nature into the curriculum because we understand just how important it is to a child's development.**

Studies have found that children who play outside are happier, more attentive and less anxious than children who spend more time indoors. Fortunately, Moreton's grounds offer an ideal environment for children to interact with nature, which they do multiple times daily.



## Time Outdoors:

- Builds confidence
- Promotes creativity and imaginations
- Teaches responsibility
- Provides stimulation by engaging the five senses
- Gets children moving
- Reduces stress and fatigue

Our children enjoy Cornflower Farm enormously and our youngest daughter's favourite lesson is Outdoor Education. I'd say the rural environment is what they both love most. ”

Parent











# When George found his love of the natural world.

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# Boarding

Boarding at Moreton Prep boasts a flexible approach that suits both busy families and those living away from home.

**Children from age 7 are welcome to board full-time or for an occasional night when desired.**

The happiness and safety of each child is our primary concern. Resident House-Parents, along with the assistance of our Prep teachers, create a warm and friendly family atmosphere within a culture of outstanding pastoral care.

After-school hours may be spent in activities and clubs, playing outdoors, reading or simply relaxing with friends in the Common Room.

Boarding for one or more nights a week allows time to take part in drama rehearsals or to try new activities or sports without the hassle of late pick-ups. As well as forming strong friendships, pupils learn independence in a safe, protective environment and to live as part of a friendly and mutually supportive community.



The relationships formed with the pupils is genuine and it feels like the support of an extended family. ”

Parent

# Facilities

Moreton Prep is housed in its own building - affectionately known as the Toblerone because its triangular shape resembles one of the world's most iconic chocolate bars - which is located within the stunning grounds of Moreton Hall.

Prep pupils have access to the school's outstanding facilities, in addition to 100 acres of glorious Shropshire countryside in which to roam and grow.

Cornflower Farm, Moreton's smallholding, is popular with Prep pupils, providing hands-on learning and quiet sanctuary for the children.

## Moreton Hall Facilities:

- 25-metre, heated indoor pool
- All-weather playing surface
- Grass football, hockey and lacrosse pitches
- Nine hole golf course
- 8 tennis courts
- Large sports hall
- Cornflower Farm
- Amphitheatre
- Holroyd Community Theatre
- Design Centre equipped for ceramics, art, pottery and design technology
- IT Centre
- Science Centre
- Technology Centre offering design and cookery lessons
- Welcoming boarding house

Moreton provides a relaxed, happy and wholesome environment for our children's education. They are usually beaming at the end of the day. ”

Parent











# 100 acres of imagination

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