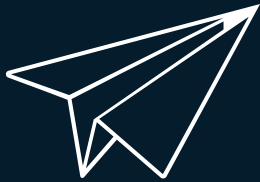


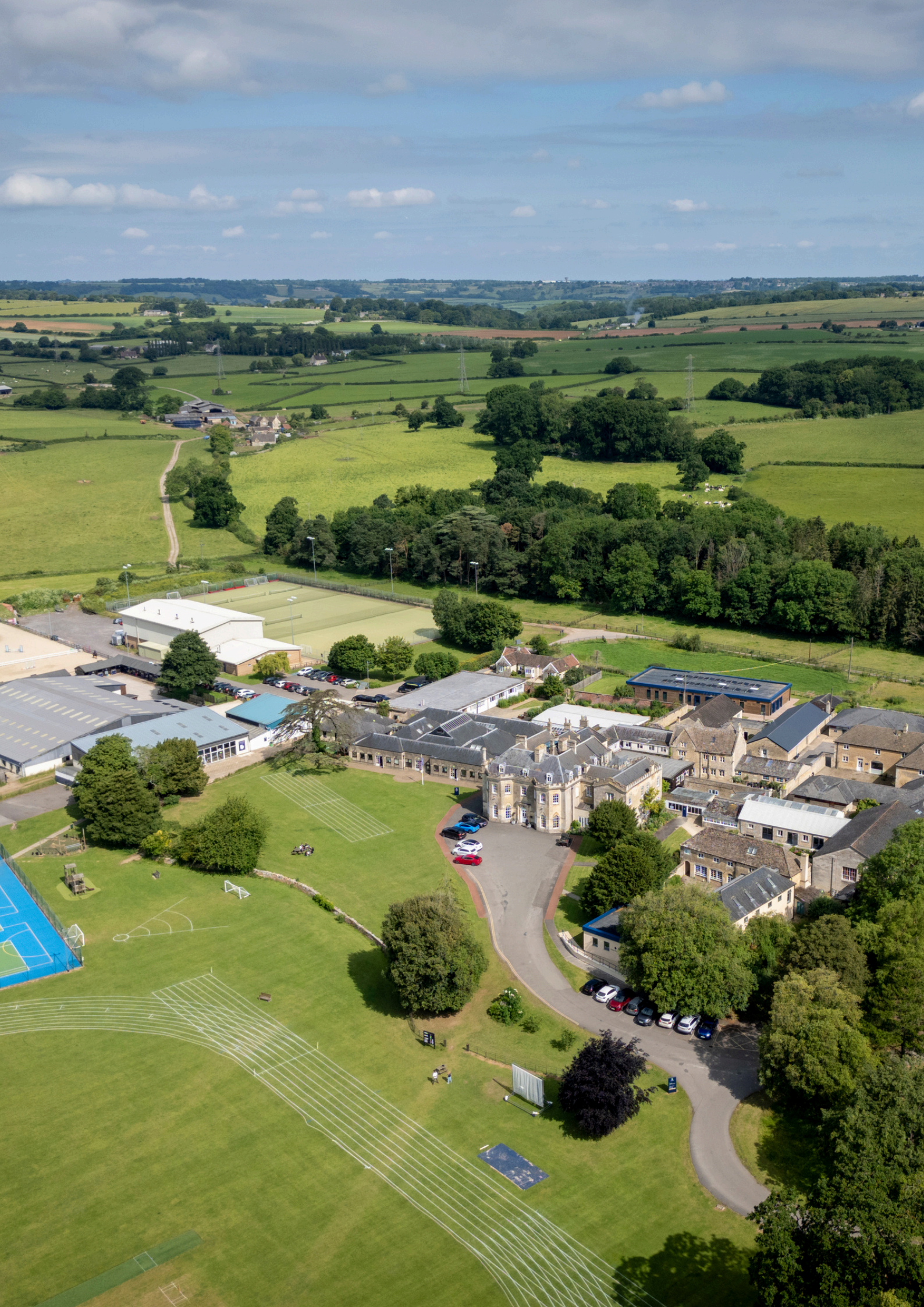


STONAR



Discover Stonar Prep





WELCOME



"An excellent school – my children have thrived since being there and are really happy and achieving so much."

– Stonar parent

Stonar is a welcoming, joyful school. There is a sense of purposeful calm that is felt by everyone who visits our beautiful, leafy campus.

We ensure each individual achieves their potential by blending exceptional academics with personal development. Our youngest pupils are first introduced to learning through play and exploration. Enthusiastic teachers spark a lifelong love of learning by focusing on what individuals are interested in and by having fun every day.

Pupils enjoy a nurturing, personalised experience here. Our school culture focuses on working hard, being kind, and getting involved. We are a happy school, where children relish the space and fresh air, achieve highly and benefit from access to the whole school's extensive facilities.

Children get one chance at their Primary education. We hope our charming school feels just right for you and your family as your child begins this exciting new chapter.

We look forward to meeting you.

Rob Cunningham

Head of Prep

NURSERY

Stonar's Nursery is place where joy paves the path to achievement. Welcoming children from 2 to 4 years old, our exceptional teachers understand the needs of the youngest pupils, gently and carefully guiding them to build their knowledge and skills as they learn through a play based curriculum.

Teachers respond to pupils' interests, capturing teachable opportunities while children are 'in the moment', fascinated by a topic or activity.

- Child-centered; adults as facilitators
- Encouraging curiosity and discovery
- Varied routine with specialist teaching including swimming, Spanish and Forest School
- Online learning journal ensures parents are kept updated on activities and achievements
- Visits to the Equestrian Centre at the heart of Stonar
- Busy schedule of termly events for parents to join, e.g. Poetry Slam, Christmas Nativity
- Freshly cooked lunch and healthy snacks provided



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We chose Stonar because, when we visited, we had the most wonderful feeling about the school. The staff were warm and welcoming and we knew our boys would be nurtured and cared for. We have not been disappointed! In my opinion, Stonar's Nursery is unrivalled - the setting is absolutely first-class and the staff are incredible.

- Stonar parent

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Nursery Admissions

The Nursery welcomes children from 2 years old and provides a gentle introduction to school life.

Offering 51 week **all year-round** and **term time only** options, as well the ability to add individual weeks during the school holidays with the **term time plus** programme, we believe we offer ultimate flexibility for today's busy world. For families with older siblings in the Prep School, daily wraparound care is offered to mirror the Prep School timetable.

The minimum number of sessions is four mornings per week or three day sessions. Fewer sessions may be considered at the discretion of the Nursery Manager.

We work with your child's individual requirements to support them as they settle into the Nursery. Typically, a parent and child will attend together for an hour in the first instance. Subsequent visits aim to help children to feel comfortable and confident in their new environment, but the timings and duration of these will be agreed upon between you and the Nursery Manager.

PREP



Stonar pupils enter Prep, from Reception, ready and eager to tackle new challenges and develop new skills and knowledge in and beyond the classroom.

Small class sizes and dedicated teachers ensure that pupils quickly settle in and embark on warm and trusting relationships. The environment is one of hard work and excellent academic outcomes, through inspiring teaching where the individual is both challenged and supported. Prep pupils are in the perfect state of mind in which to maximise learning and discover new passions.

- Broad, innovative curriculum
- Informal and formal assessment to track academic progress
- Learning and playing outdoors and in
- Use of the entire school's extensive facilities, including swimming pool

The Prep experience is enhanced by specialists teaching Art, Drama, Music, Spanish and Sport, including swimming. In addition, our trained Forest School Leader provides weekly sessions for Reception to Year 2, and termly sessions for children in Years 3 to 6.

Stonar is proud of its membership of the prestigious international education group, Globeducate. As a result, Prep pupils learn about global issues and the actions they can take to shape the future through the curriculum and wider school activities, events and trips.



Prep Admissions

Children join the Reception class in the September after their 4th birthday and an individual transition programme will be developed for you and your family to ensure a smooth start.

We welcome enquiries for other year groups at any time of year. Pupils are invited to join their prospective class for a Taster Day, with pupils sitting English and Maths assessments for entry into Year 3 and above. We can offer a place based on feedback from the day and a report and reference from their current school.

We support busy parents by providing wraparound care (from 8am - 6pm) within the school fees, in addition to a freshly cooked lunch and healthy snacks daily.

An extensive bus route is available, arriving at school by 8.20am and departing after the Stonar Clubs programme finishes.

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Warm and trusting relationships between staff and children gently encourage the children to grow emotionally, socially and intellectually. This is where they learn to love learning, ready for all the years that follow.

- Stonar parent

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SPORT & RIDING



Sport plays an important part of life in the Prep School. A seasonal programme of boys' and girls' major sports is combined with a comprehensive PE programme and termly co-curricular sports clubs.

Stonar Prep pupils are taught by specialist sports coaches and share the same excellent facilities as the Senior School:

- Extensive playing fields
- Floodlit astroturf
- Netball and tennis courts
- Indoor heated swimming pool
- Large sports hall

From Year 3, pupils enjoy participating in a competitive fixtures programme of matches and festivals against local schools, as well as the opportunity to compete nationally through the Independent Schools Association. We promote a positive attitude towards physical activity, educating our pupils to value commitment and to demonstrate integrity, respect and mental resilience in all their sporting endeavours.

- Boys' major sports: rugby, football, hockey, cricket, tennis and swimming
- Girls' major sports: hockey, netball, cricket, tennis and swimming



Riding

From Reception, pupils have the option of participating in the Equestrian programme at Stonar. Located next to the Prep School, the Equestrian Centre's convenient location and exclusivity to Stonar pupils means we can offer riding lessons during lunchtime, after school and on Saturday mornings. Our highly qualified, experienced coaches teach in small groups, or individual lessons, with a focus on developing the basics of riding to set a strong foundation. The coaches help children to develop their skills, progress as individuals and realise their ambitions.

Stonar is an approved Pony Club Centre and we run weekly sessions for Prep pupils. Pony Club members are able to work towards achievement badges and tests.

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Great school, with lots of sports opportunities and excellent riding facilities.

- Stonar parent

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CO-CURRICULAR



Our co-curricular programme is fundamental to life at Stonar, with activities, trips and clubs carefully selected to complement the core academic programme, as well as making the most of our grounds, facilities and the local environment.

A broad and balanced termly Stonar Clubs programme ensures there is something for everyone to get involved in and develop skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, self-esteem and time management.

- Individual music lessons
- Speech & Drama lessons, working to LAMDA qualifications
- Academic, Sport, Music, Creative & Performing Arts clubs
- Free, flexible wraparound care (from Reception)
- At least one trip per term
- Biannual adventurous residential trips for Years 3 - 6
- Biannual trips abroad for Years 5 & 6.



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