Beaulieu
Convent School Jersey



Learning beyond the classroom

Space to explore. Freedom to discover.
Confidence to grow.

Welcome to Foundation Stage

Growing, playing and learning outdoors

At Beaulieu, we believe that some of the most important learning happens when children have the freedom to explore the world around them.

Our Foundation Stage children are encouraged to play, investigate, create and get active outdoors every day. They have space to follow their own ideas, make discoveries, with the freedom to get muddy along the way.

From building a den or balancing on a log to searching for minibeasts or simply watching the world around them, outdoor play gives young children experiences that cannot always be recreated indoors.

And while they are busy playing, they are also learning: developing friendships, becoming more independent, solving problems, using their imagination and discovering what they can do.

"Staff in the early years foster warm, nurturing relationships"

JSRF, MARCH 2026



Space to play, room to grow

For young children, play is learning — indoors and outdoors.

Being outside gives children experiences and opportunities that simply aren't possible in the same way indoors. There is more space to run, climb, balance and explore.

Children can investigate natural materials, experiment with water and mud, build with sticks and logs and use their imaginations to create their own games and adventures.

MOVE

Running, jumping, climbing, balancing and using bikes and other equipment help children develop strength, coordination, control and confidence in their growing bodies. Using balls, sand tools and building materials also builds fine motor skills.

CONNECT

Outdoor play gives children space to make friends, communicate, negotiate, collaborate and learn how to play together. Together they invent games, tell stories and build dens.

DISCOVER

First-hand experiences help children make sense of the world around them. They can ask questions, investigate what they see and develop a growing understanding of nature and their environment.

GROW

Through play, children make choices, solve problems, take appropriate risks and persevere when something doesn't go to plan, discovering there is more than one way to do things. They develop independence, confidence and a sense of what they are capable of.

Outdoor play supports children's wellbeing, development and learning — while giving them something incredibly important: time and space to be children.



> **"The early years curriculum is underpinned by a strong understanding of how young children learn and develop."**
>
> JSRF, MARCH 2026

WHAT THE GUIDANCE SAYS

> **"Time outdoors benefits children's health and wellbeing and promotes all areas of development and learning."**
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> *Birth to 5 Matters*, non-statutory guidance for the Early Years Foundation Stage



Lessons among the trees

Our Forest School is a dedicated woodland space on the school grounds, where children return regularly to play, explore and build on what they discovered last time.

Sessions are led by our trained Forest School staff, who let curiosity, touch, sound and discovery guide the learning. They step back so children can take the lead, and step in with a question, an idea or a helping hand when it's needed.

> "Staff are highly responsive to children's needs and interests"
>
> JSRF, MARCH 2026

Freedom to explore. Confidence to try.

Learning led by curiosity

Children lead the play

There is no single right way to play. Children can choose what interests them, follow their own ideas and use natural and open-ended materials to create, experiment and imagine.

Along the way, children learn to share ideas, work together, solve problems and make decisions for themselves.

They also learn to care for the natural world — noticing the plants, insects, weather and changing seasons around them and beginning to understand their place within it.

Muddy hands, big imaginations and a sense of adventure are all part of the learning.

A stick can become a wand. A pile of logs can become a den. A muddy puddle can become an experiment.

"From the word go in early years, children are encouraged to make appropriate choices, to take responsibility for themselves and their learning, and to be caring towards others"

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Making dens



Exploring the woodland

A school with space to explore

As a through school from Foundation Stage to Sixth Form, Beaulieu gives our youngest children access to a wide range of outdoor spaces and facilities across the school.



FOREST SCHOOL
A natural environment for child-led exploration, challenge and discovery.



OUTDOOR LEARNING AREAS
An extension of the classroom, outdoors: spaces designed to encourage active, imaginative and hands-on play.



PRIMARY PLAYGROUND
Room to run, play, create and make friends.



ASTROTURF
Opportunities to develop physical skills, learn about teamwork and enjoy active outdoor play.



NETBALL COURTS
Space to move, practise skills and enjoy being active.

A school with room to explore, from the very beginning of your child's journey.

“The unwavering focus on doing what is right and in pupils’ best interest is unmistakable.”

“Day in, Day out, Beaulieu champions its promise to encourage pupils to embrace challenge, seize opportunities, show respect for others, and always endeavour to be the best versions of themselves”

“A strong, deep-rooted culture of care and support permeates the school”

“The Beaulieu family is a real thing”

“Each child feels like a child and not a number”

“Each pupil is known as an individual”

THE JERSEY SCHOOLS REVIEW FRAMEWORK (JSRF), MARCH 2026



Give your child room to grow

At Beaulieu, we want our youngest children to be curious, confident and happy learners who feel comfortable exploring the world around them.

Come and see outdoor learning in action.

Download our Primary prospectus to discover more about Foundation Stage at Beaulieu and the opportunities available throughout our 3–18 school.

Visit our Foundation Stage

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