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## Winterbrook Meadows Education Guide

### Introduction

Welcome to our guide to education in the local area to Winterbrook Meadows, Wallingford, Oxfordshire. This is one of the prime areas in the UK for high performing schools for all age groups, from nursery through to university.

Entry to state-funded schools is usually from a designated catchment area, defined by the local authority. Independent schools often (though not in all cases) select students following an entrance examination.

The information in this booklet is intended to be a general guide to the schools, colleges and universities in the area. Admission to a particular school cannot be guaranteed and will depend on several factors, including where you live and your child's academic ability. Please contact the schools directly for more information.

### A Wealth of Education Choices

From nursery to university, there are superb educational choices for every stage of your child's learning journey, and all close to home.

Choosing the right nursery, primary and secondary school for your child are among the most important life decisions you can make. Surrounding Winterbrook Meadows, there is a wide choice of schools to suit all abilities and talents, from small private nurseries to excellent comprehensive and independent schools as well as some of the most famous universities in the country.





## Pre-schools

There is a good choice of nursery and pre-schools located close by, ready to nurture your little ones through imaginative play and self-discovery.

### 1) Paddocks Pre-School

★ Ofsted ‘Outstanding’ - 1 mile / 1.6 km

Paddocks is a long-established, charity-run pre-school near the centre of Wallingford, with a committee made up of parents.

[paddockspreschool.com](http://paddockspreschool.com)

### 2) Rainbow Pre-School

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 1.5 miles / 2.4 km

A nurturing and vibrant early years setting for children aged 2 to 4, with a focus on learning through play.

[rainbowpreschool.org.uk](http://rainbowpreschool.org.uk)

### 3) Duchess Nursery

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 1.7 miles / 2.7 km

A warm, friendly, 51-week nursery for children aged 3 months to 6 years, with 3 individual rooms to cater to different children’s needs.

[duchessnurserywallingford.co.uk](http://duchessnurserywallingford.co.uk)

### 4) Crowmarsh Pre-School

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 2.1 miles / 3.4 km

A well-appointed setting offering an exceptional learning experience for children aged between 3 and 4, with the ethos of ‘growing and learning together’.

[crowmarshgiffordprimary.com](http://crowmarshgiffordprimary.com)

### 5) Puddleduck Nursery

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 2.9 miles / 4.7 km

A professional 61 place day nursery, this warm and welcoming provision promotes child-led learning in a fun, but safe and secure setting.

[puddleduck-oxfordshire.co.uk](http://puddleduck-oxfordshire.co.uk)

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## Primary Schools

Winterbrook Meadows is close to several well regarded state primary schools where children will receive a happy and fulfilling start to their education.

### 6) St John’s Primary School

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 1 mile / 1.6 km

A one-form entry school offering an exciting and engaging primary school experience for children aged 4 to 11.

[stjohnswallingford.org.uk](http://stjohnswallingford.org.uk)

### 7) St Nicholas C of E Infants School

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 1.5 miles / 2.4 km

A church school for children aged 3 to 7, who aim to provide the highest quality education to ensure the best outcomes for every individual child.

[st-nicholas.co.uk](http://st-nicholas.co.uk)

### 8) Cholsey Primary School

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 1.5 miles / 2.4 km

A two-form entry school accepting children aged 5 to 11 with a mission ‘to prepare children for the future through academic excellence and individual care.’

[cholsey.oxon.sch.uk](http://cholsey.oxon.sch.uk)

### 9) Fir Tree Junior School

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 1.6 miles / 2.6 km

Welcoming children aged 7 to 11 with a dedicated team of staff, who give their time, expertise and support in making each day a special day for the children.

[fir-tree-juniors.org](http://fir-tree-juniors.org)

### 10) Crowmarsh Gifford C of E Primary School

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 2.1 miles / 3.4 km

A one form entry primary school with a pre school accommodating children from 3 years, who pride themselves on developing the individual interests of children.

[crowmarshgiffordprimary.com](http://crowmarshgiffordprimary.com)

### 11) Brightwell C of E Primary School

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 2.8 miles / 4.5 km

A small village school with just over 170 pupils, which recently gained academy status working within the Merchant Taylors’ Oxfordshire Academy Trust.

[brightwell.oxon.sch.uk](http://brightwell.oxon.sch.uk)

### 12) Benson C of E Primary School

★ Ofsted ‘Good’ - 3.6 miles / 5.8 km

A church school for children aged 3 to 7, who work to support all children to feel safe, and to achieve to the best of their potential.

[bensoncofeprimary.org.uk](http://bensoncofeprimary.org.uk)





## Independent Schools

For those who choose private education, we have listed some good independent schools and sixth form colleges close to Winterbrook Meadows. Together they cater for all ages from pre-prep to university entry level.

### 13) Moulsoford Preparatory School

★ ISI: Excellent - 2.8 miles / 4.5 km

An independent prep school for children aged 3 to 13, with flexi boarding, providing the broadest possible education, while remembering that children learn best when happy and settled.

moulsoford.com

### 14) Cranford House School

★ ISI: Excellent - 2.9 miles / 4.7 km

As one of the leading independent small schools, Cranford House offers a vibrant education for boys and girls aged 3-18, specialising in academic achievement, outstanding pastoral care and extra-curricular opportunities for all.

cranfordhouse.net

### 15) The Oratory Preparatory School

★ ISI: Excellent - 5.8 miles / 9.3 km

An independent day and boarding school set in 65 acres of Oxfordshire countryside, offering an education focused on self-expression through sport, music, art and drama.

oratoryprep.co.uk

### 16) Pangbourne College

★ ISI: Excellent - 10.4 miles / 16.7 km

Pangbourne College is an independent day and boarding school for girls and boys aged 11-18 years, set in over 230 acres of Berkshire's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with the best four mile stretch of rowing river in the country.

pangbourne.com

### 17) St Andrews

★ ISI: Excellent - 10.5 miles / 16.9 km

An independent prep school that is a co-educational flexi-boarding and day school for over 300 children aged 3 - 13, with a vision is to nurture happy, grounded and kind children, who are stretched but not stressed.

standrewsberkshire.co.uk

### 18) Abingdon School

★ ISI: Excellent - 11.3 miles / 18.2 km

Abingdon School is a leading independent day and boarding school for boys aged 11 to 18, with a Prep School for boys aged 4 to 13. 70% of A-Level pupils achieved A\*/A grades in 2023.

abingdon.org.uk

### 19) St Helen & St Katherine

★ ISI: Excellent - 11.4 miles / 18.3 km

Rated the top independent girls school in Oxfordshire in 2023, St Helen & St Katherine welcomes girls aged 9 to 18 and in 2023 81.5% of GCSE results were grades 9-7 and 91.7% of A level results were graded A\*, A or B.

shsk.org.uk

### 20) Bradfield College

★ ISI: Excellent - 11.8 miles / 19 km

"An education for life." Welcoming students aged 13 to 18, Bradfield College equips the young people in its care to flourish personally and professionally and to make a positive contribution to society.

bradfieldcollege.org.uk

### 21) Radley College

★ ISI: Excellent - 13 miles / 21 km

Radley College is proud to be a traditional boarding school offering boys aged 13 to 18 an outstanding all round education. "A Radleian is recognisable by his drive and ambition, his confidence and kindness, his loyalty and integrity, and his love of life."

radley.org.uk

### 22) Downe House

★ ISI: Excellent - 15.1 miles / 24.3 km

An independent boarding school in Berkshire for girls aged 11-18, Downe House is a traditional school with a sharp focus on the future.

downehouse.net

### 23) Headington Rye Oxford

★ ISI: Excellent - 16.1 miles / 25.9 km

An independent day and boarding school in Oxford for girls and boys aged 3-11 and girls aged 11-18, welcoming children from different backgrounds, cultures and countries.

headington.org

## Secondary Schools

As your child progresses on their education journey and moves on from primary school, the area close to Winterbrook Meadows provides some good state secondary schools.

### 24) Wallingford School

★ Ofsted 'Good' - 1.5 miles / 2.4 km

With Academy status and a comprehensive school, Wallingford School welcomes 1,348 pupils aged 11 to 18 and strives to provide opportunities for all.

wallingfordschool.com

### 25) St Birinus Boys' School

★ Ofsted 'Good' - 6.8 miles / 11 km

St Birinus School is a boys' comprehensive academy in Didcot, offering an environment which fosters resilience, leadership skills and a commitment to the highest educational standards.

st-birinus-school.org.uk

### 26) Didcot Girls' School

★ Ofsted Outstanding - 7.1 miles / 11.4 km

The only all girls' comprehensive school in Oxfordshire, offering superb opportunities for pupils aged 11 to 18 to develop in an environment which fosters resilience, leadership skills and a commitment to the highest educational standards.

didcotgirls.oxon.sch.uk

### 27) UTC Oxfordshire

★ Ofsted 'Good' - 7.7 miles / 12.4 km

University Technical College (UTC) Oxfordshire is a STEM focused school and sixth form, specialising in life sciences, physical sciences and engineering, for children in years 10 to 13.

utcoxfordshire.org.uk

### 28) Kendrick School

★ Ofsted 'Outstanding' - 13.5 miles / 21.7 km

Kendrick School is an 11-18 selective girls' school with academy status, specialising in Science, Mathematics and Languages. Now acknowledged as being amongst the very best state schools in the country.

kendrick.reading.sch.uk

### 29) Reading School

★ Ofsted 'Outstanding' - 13.8 miles / 22.2 km

A state grammar school for boys with academy status, it's history traces back to the school of Reading Abbey, making it one of the oldest schools in England.

reading-school.co.uk





Colleges & Universities

Within 16 miles of Winterbrook Meadows are two well-known UK universities, including Oxford University.

30) Abingdon & Witney College

Abingdon Campus - 11.8 miles / 18.9 km / Witney Campus - 26.9 miles / 43.3 km

An award-winning further education provider offering a range of vocational courses, apprenticeships, access to higher education and higher education courses.

abingdon-witney.ac.uk

31) University of Reading

★ The Times & Sunday Times Good University Guide 2025: 24th - 14.3 miles / 23 km

Proud to be ranked 1st in the People & Planet University League, The University of Reading is offers over 150 postgraduate courses with 94% of graduates making it into work or further study within 15 months of graduation.

reading.ac.uk

32) University of Oxford

★ The Guardian University Rankings 2025: 1st - 15.2 miles / 24.5 km

Rated the 1<sup>st</sup> best University in the UK (source: theguardian.com), Oxford University is a prestigious institution renowned for academic excellence, historic architecture, and a tradition of producing world-class scholars and leaders.

ox.ac.uk

33) Oxford Brookes University

★ The Guardian University Rankings 2025: 38th - 15.8 miles / 25.4 km

Oxford Brookes University is one of the UK’s leading modern universities and enjoys an international reputation for teaching excellence and innovation as well as strong links with business and industry.

brookes.ac.uk

34) Buckinghamshire New University

★ The Guardian University Rankings: 77<sup>th</sup> - 23.3 miles / 37.5 km

Buckinghamshire New University is a caring and supportive University, and their students are at the heart of all that they do, working hard to provide their students with highly-interactive, quality teaching to ensure they reach their full potential.

bucks.ac.uk

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Oxford University





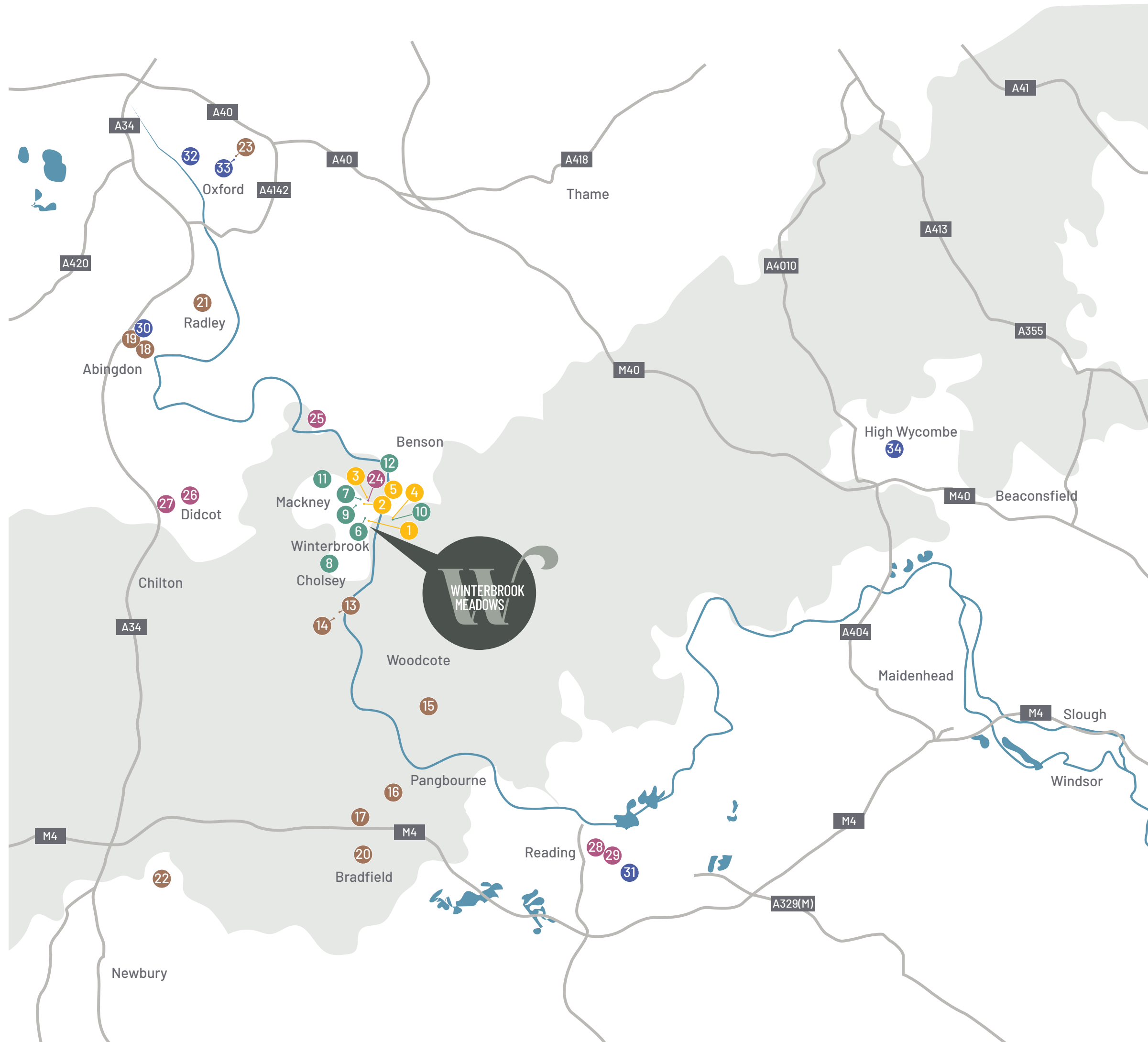
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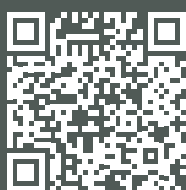
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