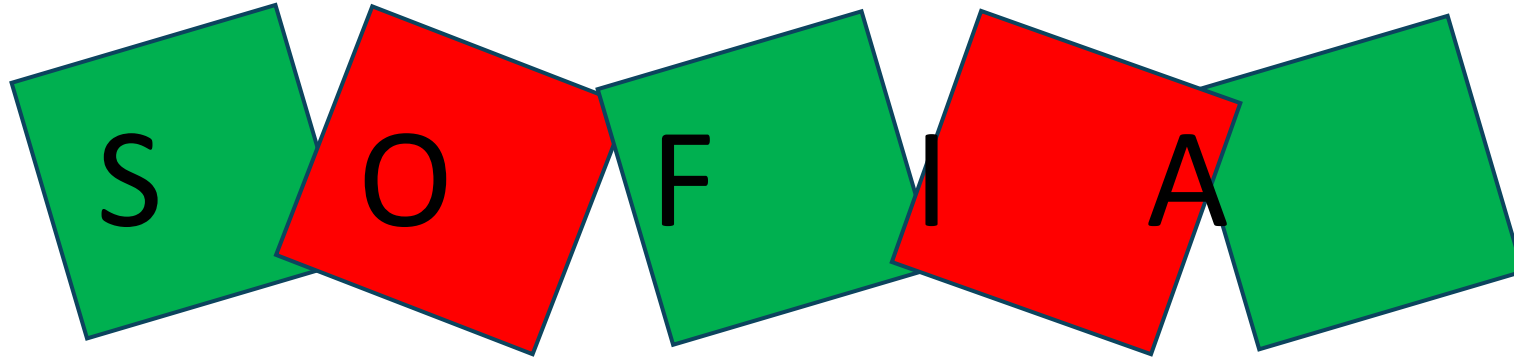


Scuola di



Italian School

Benvenuti

Welcome to our Open Day 2026

# Strong points of Scuola di Sofia Italian School

- Excellent parents' feedback
- All-round Classes Organisation
- Strong results-driven language curriculum
- Innovative, hands-on approach to learning
- Focus on Italian Language & Culture
- School community and family events
- Leadership and vision
- 30 mins + final Q&A





# Excellent parents' feedback

*We are extremely happy with Scuola di Sofia. Sofia is highly professional and the school is excellently organised, with great attention to every detail. Although my son grew up in a fully English-speaking environment and initially refused to speak Italian, he is now fully bilingual and switches naturally between the two languages!*

*The teachers really get to know the child individually and support them with a warm attitude, while ensuring the highest standards of teaching and childcare safety. I had a totally different experience in another Italian school (despite being supported by the Italian Consulate) and could not ask for more from the Scuola di Sofia. I only wish I had sent my daughter sooner!*

*There is so much work behind such a rich curriculum and lively calendar of events and we consider ourselves very lucky to be able to offer to our children the opportunity to be part of this amazing school community.*

*Our two boys have been attending Sofia's classes for years. They started with under 5 playgroups in early 2019, moved to online classes during the pandemic, and this year they both attend the Saturday morning school – their progress has been phenomenal... And they love it!!*

# Classes Organisation

## **PRESCHOOL**

Introductionary sessions for parents and children age 2 and 3 year olds

School based  
Saturday SW20 9NA

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

From 4 to 11 year olds  
Children sessions ½ day  
From Reception to Year 6

ISS Bilinguals  
ISS Beginners

School based  
Saturday SW20 9NA  
Sunday E14 3DW

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Online classes (45 mins)  
Mon-Fri after school hours

## **SECONDARY SCHOOL & GCSE/A-LEVELS**

From 11 to 18 year olds  
Children sessions

School based (1h)  
Saturday pm SW20 9NA

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Online classes (1h)  
Mon-Fri after school hours  
and mornings for A-levels

## **PRIVATE CLASSES**

Any age and level  
Children & Adults

Online Mon-Sun  
Anytime

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Mon-Fri 9am-6pm  
SM4 5BT according to availability

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School based  
Saturday pm  
SW20 9NA  
(limited availability)



# Strong results-driven language curriculum

We offer two distinct, well-structured curricula:

- **Beginners Curriculum:** Designed for children learning Italian as an additional language, this curriculum focuses on practical communication, everyday vocabulary, conversation, listening skills and confidence sentence-building.
- **Bilingual Curriculum:** Academically challenging programme that mirrors the Italian primary school curriculum, with content thoughtfully adapted and spread across the 7 yr structure of British primary education. It includes grammar, reading, writing, and oral skills, preparing students for formal qualifications such as GCSE and A-Level Italian.
- **Consistency Across the School:**

Our unique curriculum is uniform and structured across all classes. Staff are thoroughly trained to deliver the curriculum step-by-step, ensuring high quality teaching, consistency and measurable progress across the school.



# Innovative, hands-on learning that brings Italian to life

- We move beyond traditional language teaching, creating engaging, interactive lessons where children actively participate rather than passively listen.
- Learning happens through meaningful experiences, including arts & crafts, drama, music, creative writing, cooking, storytelling, role-play, outdoor learning, and cultural projects.
- Our lessons are designed to be fun, creative, and motivating, helping children develop confidence, independence, and a genuine love for the Italian language and culture.





LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

# More Than a Language: A Journey into Italian Culture

- At our school, children don't just learn Italian — they experience Italian culture.
- Through engaging interdisciplinary topics including history, geography, literature, science, art, and traditions, students discover the richness of Italy while developing curiosity and a love of learning.
- Each year group explores inspiring cultural themes that bring the language to life in meaningful and memorable ways.

# “Dante Alighieri” Topic. The children investigated:

- The poet Dante Alighieri
- General scheme of La Divina Commedia
- Greek Mythology
- Poetry and Art
- Rhymes and figures of speech
- Drama



# “Pio Pio, avventura in fattoria” topic. The children investigated:

- Animals and what they give us
- Healthy eating choices
- Science: how to grow a plant and what plants need to grow
- Cooking: baking bread at school



# “Tour of Italy in 10 weeks” topic. The children investigated:

- Geography, National Heritage Sites in Italy
- Unesco and WWF organizations
- Regions of Italy
- Researching information
- Analyzing and producing and informative text



# “The Pirates of Recycling” topic. The children investigated:

- Science: natural and artificial materials
- Respect for the environment
- Plastic pollution
- Reuse and recycle
- Climate change



**“Once upon a castle”** topic. The children investigated:

- Parts of the castles
- Positions, prepositions of place
- Tell a story, adverbs of time
- Coding, directions on a map
- Yoga, organization of body and space
- Tenses of verbs, past, present and future



# “Tonino the Robot” topic. The children investigated:

- Parts of the body and how we move
- Science: the difference between humans and machines
- Living and non living beings
- The five senses and the perception of reality
- Experimenting with the senses, smelling competition and cooking



**“I Promessi Sposi”** topic.  
The children investigated:

- Alessandro Manzoni and the historical background of the novel
- Grammar: direct and indirect speech
- Drama: characters development and acting
- Comic art and writing



# “Mediterranean Diet” topic.

The children investigated:

- Science: what is the Mediterranean Diet
- The Food Pyramid
- The advantages of a healthy eating
- Baking real Pizza from scratch
- Olive production theory and tasting
- Olive Oil tasting session



# “Italian territory and regions” topic. The children investigated:

- Geography: understanding and working on the map
- Italian landscapes features, working on enriching vocabulary (montagna, mare, laghi e fiumi, pianure, coste ecc.)
- Singing the twenty regions of Italy
- Science: make our own volcano
- Art: painting Venice



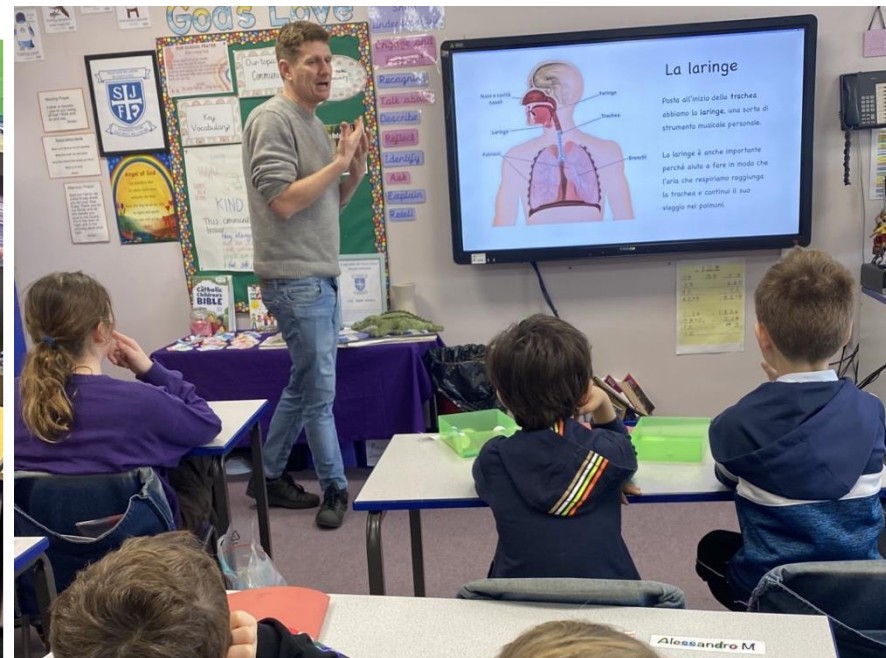
# “Great Italian Explorers” topic. The children investigated:

- History & geography: Marco Polo, Cristoforo Colombo, Amerigo Vespucci, Giovanni e Sebastiano Caboto, Nicolò da Conti
- The discovery of Space: Samantha Cristoforetti.
- Understanding life mission: Intervista ad Ardito Desio
- Caboto goes to Canada: Pancakes day
- Art: Painting with spices



# “Leonardo da Vinci” topic they investigated:

- Leonardo da Vinci
- History, Renaissance in Italy
- Art, reproducing masterpieces
- Engineering, building small machines
- Coding, solving brain puzzles
- Science, human body



# “Ancient Rome” topic. The children investigated:

- Life of children in ancient Rome
- History of Rome from the origins to the Empire
- Roman city, buildings and organization
- Roman home and its spaces
- Exploring Latin language
- Society and War



# Preschool Classes at ISS

- Parents and children sessions
- Song and movement based sessions
- Vocabulary include greetings, emotions, family, colours, food, transports, nature, weather, body, animals, seaside, music and more.
- Excellent way to build children's confidence through interaction with the teacher and with other children.





# School Community and Family events

- The school offers a vibrant social life for children and families.
- Events such as the Christmas Fair, Summer Picnic, Christmas Show, Local Trips, Assemblies, and House Celebrations help build strong bonds between students. Parents also get involved, creating a real community of Italian and mixed families and meaningful friendships.
- We also organise events which are part of our lesson plan, such as Carnival and Halloween parties, Sports Day, Science Day, Pyjamas day and Book Day.
- Our next event is open to all > do take part in our yearly Summer Fair on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 12.30-5 pm.













# Leadership and Vision

Our school is led with care, passion, and clarity of purpose. Our leadership ensures that every decision is made with students' growth and well-being at heart, helping the school maintain its high standards and warm, welcoming environment.

Our school has an exceptionally high student retention rate, with many families choosing to stay with us year after year. Some of our current students have been with us since our very first classes eight years ago - testament to the lasting trust and satisfaction our community places in our educational approach.

We provide exceptional educational support and added services at a highly competitive price, ensuring excellent value for families.

# Why is our school different?

## 1. A Visionary Model

Our school was born from a clear educational vision, not convenience and our format is truly unique.

## 2. Comprehensive Language Offerings

From children to adults, Preschool, Primary, Secondary, GCSE , A-Levels, private to group lessons—we meet the linguistic needs of the entire family in one place.

## 3. Flexible Scheduling Options

We offer classes on weekends, after-school in-person sessions, online lessons, and private tutoring—so you can always find a time that works for you.

## 4. Fully Trained In-House Staff

All of our staff are trained on our unique curriculum and use our exclusive teaching materials. No external contractors or freelancers—just a unified and consistent teaching team.

## 5. Catch-Up Solutions for Absences

Can't attend a class? No problem. We offer online make-up lessons and class recordings to ensure you never fall behind.

# Why is our school different?

## 6. Personalised Service

For those children enrolled to ISS we offer individual assessment to ensure their learning path is tailored to their needs. We also offer trial classes for online sessions and preschool.

## 7. Progress Reviews with Families

We regularly hold meetings between parents and head teachers to review each child's progress and support their ongoing development. We offer bespoke advice to parents during their linguistic journey.

## 8. Course Swapping Flexibility

Thanks to our wide range of classes, students can easily swap into another course if new situations arise.

## 9. Dedicated Support System

We provide newsletters with curriculum notes, homework in paper and digital form, detailed learning materials (dispense), and direct communication with our staff and head teachers via dedicated email support, as well as admin support.

## 10. Community Engagement

We host regular events to bring together our school community, creating a warm and inclusive environment beyond the classroom.