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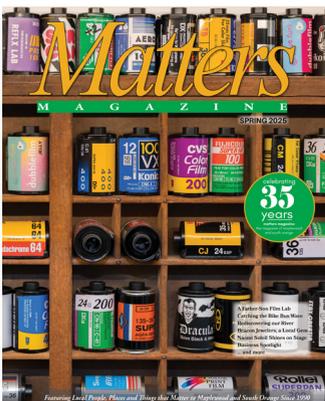
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2025-2026 Matters School Guide

See what our area schools have to offer



SCHOOL/LOCATION	CONTACT	AGES	ABOUT THE SCHOOL
—EARLY & PRIVATE EDUCATION			
AOPS Academy 788 Morris Temple, First Floor Short Hills	Shanku Semerem-Audige Campus Director 862-206-4667 aops@opsschools.org	Grades 1-12	AOPS (Art of Problem Solving) Academy is an after-school enrichment program designed to teach problem-solving skills through advanced math and language arts courses. The program emphasizes inquiry-based learning, fostering critical thinking and encouraging students to achieve personal solutions. AOPS Academy is accredited by the National Association of Schools and Colleges, ensuring a high-quality educational experience.
Far Brook School 52 Cedar Hills Road Short Hills	Earl Iltis Director of Enrollment Management 973-379-3442 fb@fbrook.org	Age 3-Grade 8	Far Brook's progressive approach integrates science, math, literacy, technology and art, harnessing children's innate curiosity and joy as a catalyst for powerful learning experiences. On U.S. acres of woods and wetlands, students explore the natural world with purpose. Written in a rich, diverse curriculum grounded in social justice, they are challenged, supported and truly known.
KinderGan Preschool 113 Parker Avenue Maplewood	Flaminia Bogomilski Director 973-763-7455 kinderganpreschool.org	Ages 2 1/2 months-5 years	KinderGan Preschool seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for every child. Its comprehensive and developmentally appropriate program is designed to promote each child's intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth. Activities to open broad horizons to language and include a preschool day as well as 100 hours hours.
Montclair Cooperative School 15 Chestnut Street Montclair	Emily Rohan Director of Enrollment Management 973-763-4055 enrollment@montcoop.org	Age 3-Grade 8	Montclair Cooperative School keeps children at the center of school life and engages parents in their children's education. At the heart of its progressive approach is the belief that children thrive in an environment that honors individuality and community, and that the partnership between teachers, families and teachers contributes to the life of the school to reap the benefit of an ever-rich, open-house, Friday, October 24 at 10 a.m.
Morror Memorial Preschool 600 Ridgeway Road Maplewood	Andi Dato Director 973-763-5400 mmr@mmrpschool.org	Age 2 1/2-5	Morror is a cooperative preschool offering a creative, play-based curriculum that encourages exploration and growth. It provides a happy, safe and nurturing environment that lays the foundation for lifelong learning by promoting the core values of love, patience, kindness, curiosity and self-esteem. On a partial co-op basis, the classroom is offered for 7.5 hours, 5 days a week. A non-co-op knowledge program is available for 5- to 6-year-olds.
Our Lady of Sorrows School 172 Academy Street South Orange	Jodi A. Sipe Principal 973-763-5369 ourladyofsorrowschool.org	Grades Pre-K-2	Our Lady of Sorrows School seeks to enhance the learning experience by encouraging students to recognize their talents and maximize their potential in the world as thinking learners and future leaders committed to the values rooted in the tradition of the Catholic faith. Instruction of English, Science, Technology, Junior high accelerated math, student council, etc. are all with an annual spring musical, and an impressive sports team.

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School Guide

Matters highlights local private school, preschool and enrichment choices in our area.

School Profiles

Matters features the philosophy of a private school, preschool or enrichment program.

ST. MATTHEW SCHOOL
555 Springfield Avenue, Maplewood
973-555-5555 | stmatthewschool.org
Grades served: K-8



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THE COATES SCHOOL
335 High Hedge Drive, Mahanoy
973-555-5555 | thecoateschool.org
Grades served: 9-12



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LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL
425 South Orange Avenue, South Orange
973-555-5555 | learningcenter.org
Ages served: 3-6



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Camp Guide

Matters highlights local summer camp opportunities.

SUMMER CAMP GUIDE

Fun for the summer is just months away!
Sign up early for the best opportunities.

CAMP NAME/LOCATION	CONTACT	AGES/DATES	ABOUT THE CAMP
Buck's Rock Camp 50 Buck Rock Road New Milford, CT	Scott Roseman Camp Director 880-256-5030 info@buckrockcamp.org	Grades K-11 July 1- August 22 6, 8 and 4 week sessions	Buck Rock is a founder of choice, non-competitive camp where artists discover their own visual and performing arts projects and activities. Artists and teachers offer world-class instruction in over 20 different arts including dance, drawing, painting, sculpture, lighting design, animation and much more.
Chatham Day School 900 Chatham Road Chatham	Maureen Harty Director of Auxiliary Programs 973-413-8800 maureen@chathamday.org	Summer Fall Day Camp Ages 3-6 (4-6) (Fall Grades) 10 weeks from June 15- July 24, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Summer 2.0 Fall Day Camp Rising 2nd-4th Grades Week of June 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Chatham Day School offers a variety of camps for children ages 3-6. Its week-long sessions offer enrichment and excitement in a different theme each week. For ages 7-15, there are week-long programs in music, theater, and sports. Students develop confidence and maturity while improving their performance skills.
Class Act Performing Arts Studio 128 Livingston Avenue South Orange	Page O'Connor Executive Director 973-739-8191 classact@classact.org	June 27- August 14	Class Act offers multiple camps. From ages 3-6, its week-long sessions offer enrichment and excitement in a different theme each week. For ages 7-15, there are week-long programs in music, theater, and sports. Students develop confidence and maturity while improving their performance skills.
Cora Hartshorn Arboretum and Bird Sanctuary 304 Forest Drive South Short Hills	Talor Williams Executive Director 973-376-5887 hartsornarboretum.org/camp	4 weeks - rising 4th (Cupcake Social), rising 5th (Cupcake Social), rising 6th (Cupcake Social) 2 (Bugs) only May Camp: February 19-17, March 30- April 3 Summer Camp: weekly starting June 22	Cor Hartshorn Arboretum is a camp that is close to nature and close to heart. Experience a wide range of nature through science, games, crafts, hikes, outdoor education, hands-on science and more. These age-appropriate programs provide hands-on learning throughout the summer. See website for more information on dates and camp themes.
Curious Children Child Care Center 150 South Orange Avenue South Orange	Michelle Williams Director 973-763-1505 cc@curiouschildren.org	Rising 2nd-4th Grades (Rising) Summer Camp Weeks of August 17-26	Curious Children's weekly and evening classes, English & Creative Writing, and Summer Camp is a continuation of its classroom program, designed to spark creativity and foster growth in its educational and nurturing environment where your child can discover, imagine and grow through creative arts and crafts, outdoor education, play, discovery and movement.
Far Brook School 52 Cedar Hills Road Short Hills	Melissa Wilton Director 973-379-3442 fb@fbrook.org	Monday, Grade 10 June 15- August 1 (Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) extended hours: 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Summer at Far Brook creates memories that last a lifetime! Fun, engaging, and fun-filled camps are offered throughout the summer. Outdoor education, leadership, development of older camper and disease-making team classes taught by highly credentialed and knowledgeable camp staff, including Far Brook's healthy

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Open House

Matters lists open house opportunities for local private schools and preschools so families can learn more about their options.

Open House Guide 2025

TAKE A LOOK!



Looking for a school or enrichment opportunity for your child? Check out these private schools, preschools and enrichment programs and plan to attend their open houses to learn more.

SCHOOL/CONTACT	ABOUT THE SCHOOL	OPEN HOUSE DATES
AOPS Academy Grades 1-12 788 Morris Temple, First Floor, Short Hills Shanku Semerem-Audige, Campus Director 862-206-4667, aops@opsschools.org	AOPS (Art of Problem Solving) Academy is an after-school enrichment program designed to teach problem-solving skills through advanced math and language arts courses. The program emphasizes inquiry-based learning, fostering critical thinking and encouraging students to achieve personal solutions. AOPS Academy is accredited by the National Association of Schools and Colleges.	Weekly open houses on Mondays, 5-6:15 p.m.
British Swim School Ages 3 months-18 Whitaker Gardens Retirement Community 233 Elmwood Avenue, Maplewood 201-645-1300, britishswimschool.com/ny	British Swim School believes that every individual should have the opportunity to become a safe and happy swimmer with age-appropriate, fun and safe lessons for babies, children and adults. The brand is dedicated to its motto "Swim for the Love of Life!" Lessons focus first on essential water survival skills before moving on to more development and advanced techniques.	Please call or visit our website to learn more.
Chatham Day School Grades Preschool-2s-8 700 Shurtleff Road, Chatham Township Heather Balgobain, Director of Admission 973-413-8800, chathamday.school.org	Chatham Day School celebrates and values each child as a unique learner with appropriate personal, civic and academic challenges. Our program provides a diverse and nurturing environment. Every student is known, supported and valued. All CDC classes are defined by a love of learning, a commitment to personal growth and hard work.	October 17 & December 4, 9-30 11 a.m.
Far Brook School Ages 3-Grade 8 52 Cedar Hills Road, Short Hills Earl Iltis, Director of Enrollment Management 973-379-3442, farbrook.org/admissions	Far Brook's progressive approach has been the educational philosophy guiding the school through its founding in 1948. Far Brook is known for its hands-on approach, integration of the arts, focus on social justice and inquiry-based learning. It values this rich, child-oriented experience as truly "school as it should be" and ready to welcome and support the growth of all learners.	Small Group Tours: most Fridays, October 10, December 12, 2025, 11:30 a.m. Virtual Open House Webinar: November 7, 12-1 p.m.
KinderGan After School Program Ages Kindergarten-5 years 113-117 Parker Avenue, Maplewood Flaminia Bogomilski, Director 973-763-7455, kinderganpreschool.org	The KinderGan After School Program offers the same exceptional care and educational excellence as the renowned preschool. Children enjoy engaging activities, incredible speciality arts and personalized attention, ensuring a seamless continuation of their growth and learning. The program runs Monday-Thursday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and includes a preschool day for children ages 4-5.	Please call to schedule your tour.
KinderGan Preschool Ages 2 1/2 months-5 years 113-117 Parker Avenue, Maplewood Flaminia Bogomilski, Director 973-763-7455, kinderganpreschool.org	KinderGan Preschool seeks to create a stimulating and enriching educational environment for children. Its comprehensive and developmentally appropriate program is designed to promote each child's intellectual, social, physical and emotional growth. Open from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. and includes a preschool day for children ages 4-5.	Please call to schedule your tour.

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