

# TATTLER

## The Elms



‘Just the best school on the planet,’ says a mother – and they could well be right. This small-ish prep has its heart firmly in the right place: we’re always charmed by the polite, unaffected pupils (they’ve really got the door-opening thing nailed here), the fabulous staff and the stunning setting, surrounded by the Malvern Hills. New head Chris Hattam and his wife Jess have hit the ground running with a slew of smart initiatives, and there’s a new dynamism in the Elms’ air. You know about the farm and the riding, of course – but look at the scholarships (a total of 23 last year from 33 leavers, including Harrow’s top drama award and a record number of art scholarships); the sensational music and drama (the musical theatre teacher is so brilliant, there’s a waiting list for lessons); and the sporting achievements at all levels (every child represents the school at a sport at least twice a term). What really stands out, though, is the sense that everyone, staff and pupils alike, is having so much fun: we’re rather envious.