Longvernal Primary School

Acorns Nursery

Prospectus 26-27



'Children at Longvernal learn with mud on their hands and smiles on their faces.'







Welcome to Acorns Nursery!

When your child joins Acorns Nursery, they will become part of a warm, caring, and vibrant community where every day is an opportunity to explore, discover, and grow. They will learn through exciting, play-based activities in a safe and nurturing environment, building the skills and confidence they need for their next steps.

They will also join in with a variety of school events and celebrations, becoming a valued member of the Longvernal family right from the start of their journey.



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At Longvernal, your child will have the chance to adventure beyond the classroom through Forest School and outdoor learning, exploring nature, developing new skills, and building confidence in the fresh air. Their world will expand through the magic of literature and the inspiration of special visitors to spark their curiosity and raise aspirations.

Acorns is our on-site nursery for children aged 2 to 4, offering the perfect beginning to their learning journey. Situated to the left of our school playground, it provides a seamless transition into school life.

With two welcoming, spacious and engaging indoor spaces, two well-equipped outdoor areas, and direct access to our beautiful forest area and school grounds, your child will have plenty of opportunities to play, explore, and develop in a safe, secure, and nurturing environment.



EYFS Lead

Jess Collins



Nursery Team

Deputy Nursery Leads

April Hill and Tamsyn Boyling

Nursery Practitioners

Brenda Weatherhogg and Kiri Parfitt

For more information or to arrange a visit to Acorns Nursery, please contact the school office:

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The children enjoy a carefully planned, creative, and child-centered approach to learning. With a strong focus on learning through play, they have access to a wide range of exciting equipment and resources, both indoors and outdoors, to spark curiosity and inspire discovery.

At Longvernal, we see the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) as a progressive journey, where the knowledge and skills children develop in nursery are built upon in Reception, ensuring a smooth and confident transition into the next stage of their education.






Keyworker

When your child joins our nursery, they will be allocated a dedicated key worker once we have had the chance to get to know them and they have begun to settle in. If this changes at any point during the year, we will keep you informed.

Your child's key worker will build a strong and caring relationship with them, working closely with you to ensure they feel happy, secure, and confident in nursery. They will monitor your child's progress, support their next steps in learning, and celebrate their achievements.

Caterpillars and Butterflies

Children are placed into age-appropriate groups to support their learning and development – Caterpillars for our younger children, and Butterflies for preschoolers. This allows us to tailor activities and experiences to suit each stage of their growth.

While there are plenty of opportunities for free-flow play, both indoors and outdoors, where the two groups can mix, dedicated sessions such as PE, maths, and literacy may be delivered separately. This ensures every child is offered the right level of support and challenge for their age.







Uniform

We do not have a set uniform in nursery, but we recommend that children wear comfortable, practical clothing that allows them to move freely and enjoy active play – for example, tracksuit bottoms, trainers, T-shirts, and jumpers. Please be prepared for the possibility of mud, water, paint, or pen marks – we do our best to avoid them, but they are often part of the fun and learning!

you wish, you may purchase Longvernal T-shirts, sweaters, and fleeces featuring our Woodpecker logo. These are available through 'Schools Colours Direct' via the link in this pack or on our school website. Orders can be delivered to the school free of charge.

Fees and Sessions

Acorns is a term time only nursery, operating with the same term dates as the school.

Nursery opening hours are 8:45 – 15:15

Nursery children are welcome to attend both Breakfast and Afterschool club.

Description	Cost per hour
Free entitlement hours	8:45 – 14:45 Free
2-year-old (Caterpillars) – additional hours purchased	14:45 – 15:15 £5.50 per hour
3/4-year-olds (Butterflies) – additional hours purchased	14:45 – 15:15 £4.30 per hour
Breakfast Club 7:30am – 8:45am	£8.00 per session
Afterschool Club 15:15 – 18:00 (M, Tu, W, Th) 15:15 – 17:00 (F)	£8.00 per session
Meals (only if required)	£2.40 per day

prices may be subject to change

Fees and Sessions

We accept both Government funding and fee-paying places. To check if you may be eligible for funding, please visit https://childcarechoices.gov.uk.

All children aged 3 and over are entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare from the term after their third birthday. Some families may also qualify for 30 hours.

Some 2-year-olds may also be eligible for funded hours.

If your child is in receipt of funded hours and you wish to change their sessions, changes can only take place at the start of a new long term (September, January, or April). We require at least 4 working weeks' notice, and any change will depend on availability.

For fee-paying places, changes to hours can be made at the start of any term, with the same 4 working weeks' notice period required.













Meals at Nursery

At Longvernal Nursery, we enjoy our meals together in the school hall. Families can choose either:

A hot school dinner, or
A packed lunch from home.

School Dinners

When your child joins us, we will set up a ParentPay account for you. All school dinners must be booked in advance through ParentPay by midnight on the Thursday before.

Healthy & Nut-Free

We encourage healthy eating, so please avoid including chocolate or sweets in packed lunches. We are a nut-free school, meaning no nuts or products containing nuts (e.g. Nutella, Bakewell tarts).

Free School Meals

If your family receives certain benefits, your child may be eligible for free school meals while at nursery. To check, visit https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Acorns Nursery is proud to participate in the Big Brush Club!

Big Brush Club is a supervised toothbrushing scheme funded by the NHS, being delivered to early years settings across the Southwest.

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