

The two Acorns nurseries are run by a team of experienced childcare professionals.

The Headteacher

Janet Irwin is passionate about providing the best opportunities for children. She holds an MA in Education and was among the first in the sector to receive Early Years Teacher Status.

A qualified and experienced infant and primary teacher, she opened her nursery school in Lindfield in 1985. She is a qualified Forest School Leader. She enjoys writing for children and has a keen interest in introducing languages at a young age. She has produced books and songs for both Oxford University Press and Marks & Spencers. She also runs a successful educational consultancy & tutoring business for adults & children too.

What Ofsted says about 59: 'Outstanding'

'Children make rapid progress from their developmental starting points. They rapidly gain the skills needed to thrive in the next stages in learning and school. Superb relationships with all children.... Their wonderfully nurturing approach helps children to feel exceedingly happy, secure and settled. Staff ensure all children reach their full potential. Parents feedback overwhelmingly positive about the superb quality of care.'

What our parents say:

'It's like a big family. Staff are excellent. They form fantastic relationships and really care for the children

The endless interest and enthusiasm of the staff really do set a standard that others would struggle to meet. Just take a visit and see for yourself!

The Acorns is a very special place and my son loves it.'

'We are so pleased we found you.

We couldn't be happier.'

Term-time Nursery & Forest School for 18months-8 year olds + Summer Holiday Camp for 2-11 year olds
Stay & Play sessions for parents/childminders and their children
Sessions for home-educated children

59 Denmans Lane Lindfield 24 months+
Monday-Friday 9am-3pm
Half day or all day
Extended day 8am-6pm

25 Denmans Lane Lindfield 18 months+
Mon-Friday 8.30am-2.30/3.30pm
Half day or all day
Wrap around care before and after nursery available at 59 Denmans Lane

FOOD:-

Food hygiene national rating:5 star
Locally sourced nutritious:healthy snacks and home-cooked lunches

WHY ARE WE SPECIAL?

Holistic approach:childhood is treasured
Fantastic indoor/outdoor play areas
Fun-filled structured days
Firm foundations established
Traditional values
Experienced professional team
'Outstanding' OFSTED reports
Forest school adventures
Reading scheme & introduction to French

Choose one of our nurseries or both of them

'Where learning and laughter go hand in hand'
Award winning nursery!
daynurseries.co.uk
Ranked in Top Twenty Nursery groups in South of England 2022



**59 Denmans Lane
Lindfield RH16 2JN**
(The Witch Pub end)

**25 Denmans Lane
Lindfield RH16 2LA**
(Village High Street end)

Sessions for home-educated children
Stay & Play sessions for parents/childminders & their toddlers
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The Acorns at 59 Denmans Lane Lindfield

Established in 1985 - a friendly home-based setting where children feel at ease and develop at their own pace. A balance of free-flow play and the gentle introduction to numbers, letters and words is magically woven throughout the day.

'Learning and laughter go hand-in-hand' with fun and games, reading and songs-even sometimes in French and in other languages.

The outdoor mark-making and adventure play areas, and our mud kitchen, enable children to explore, draw, build dens and pretend to be whatever they want to be as they create their own world.

Home-cooked lunches are eaten with relish by the young explorers. Tired and happy, some then get aboard the going home train, bus or rocket to be collected at 12:30 pm.

Children who stay for the afternoon can relax in the homely atmosphere. After a rest at quiet time, they might choose to listen to a story, make music, engage in other activities, enjoy free play or go out and about in the village.

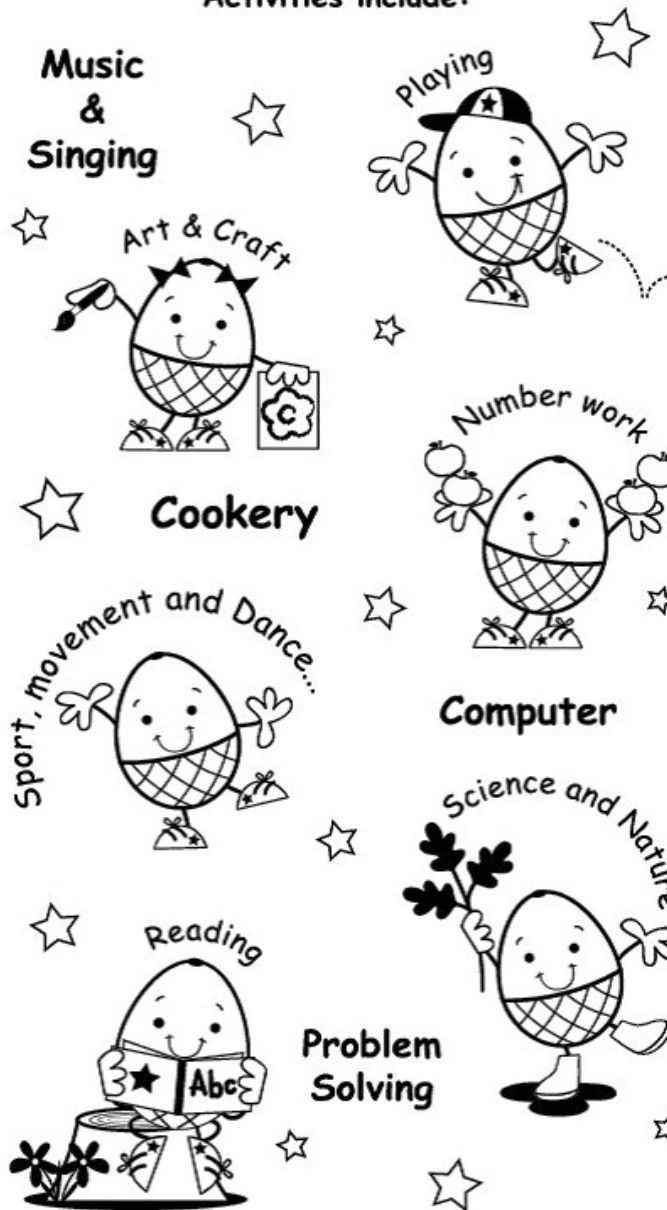
Young artists are well catered for at The Acorns. In the bright airy craft room, children can paint and create and make pots with clay.

"Happy children, given time to be children, playing, chatting, being inquisitive, questioning, discovering, exploring and learning at their own pace, in preparation for their seamless transition to school, is the essence of The Acorns," says Mrs Irwin.

We also welcome children deferring entry to school or being home-educated.

Follow us on Facebook: The Acorns Nursery and Forest School and Instagram too.

Activities include:



Specialised workshops in French and Pottery

The Acorns at 25 Denmans Lane Lindfield

This is a new setting which opened on September 5th 2022. Our Westmeston team has relocated to this new venue, where we welcome children from 18 months. We will continue to give your child the space and freedom to explore, discover and actively learn about the world around them. We will go on walks and nature trails and forest school adventures. We will spend time playing outdoors, developing physical and social skills, friendships, independence, curiosity and a thirst for knowledge

Ideally situated close to Pickers Green, The Common and Eastern Road Nature Reserve No,25 will foster a real sense of wellbeing. Much fun will be had splashing in puddles, exploring nature, building dens and climbing trees. The 'little Acorns' will forage for creepy crawlies and marvel at spiders' webs glistening in the hedgerows.

Back at the nursery, the children will be led on a path of discovery: learning their numbers and alphabet through songs and games, building models, dressing up and learning to take care of themselves as they grow in independence ready for a seamless transition to school.

'This is an exciting new chapter in the life of The Acorns. My eldest daughter went to nursery here in 1976 when the nursery was held in the house. Now held in the garden lodge. we will welcome younger children and incorporate a programme of forest school adventure for the older children. alongside a traditional nursery school curriculum. Janet Irwin No Ofsted rating yet as a new setting

To arrange a visit please telephone Janet Irwin: 01444 455081

Janet offers private tuition and speech support to children and adults at her home in Lindfield.