

The two Acorns settings are run by a team of experienced childcare professionals and others currently in training.

#### **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:**

'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. 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.' 59

'All children make very good progress as they take part in an exciting range of activities and experiences.' 25

#### **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. My son loves it.'

'We are so pleased we found you.

We couldn't be happier.'

**Term-time Nursery & Forest  
School for 18 months-8 year olds**

**Stay & Play sessions for  
parents/childminders and their 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 8.29am-3.30pm  
Half day or all day  
Extended hours available before and after  
nursery at 59 Denmans Lane**

#### **FOOD:-**

**Food hygiene national rating: 5 star  
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; kind hands  
kind feet kind words  
Experienced professional team  
Good & 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  
Ofsted: GOOD & OUTSTANDING**



**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.

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.

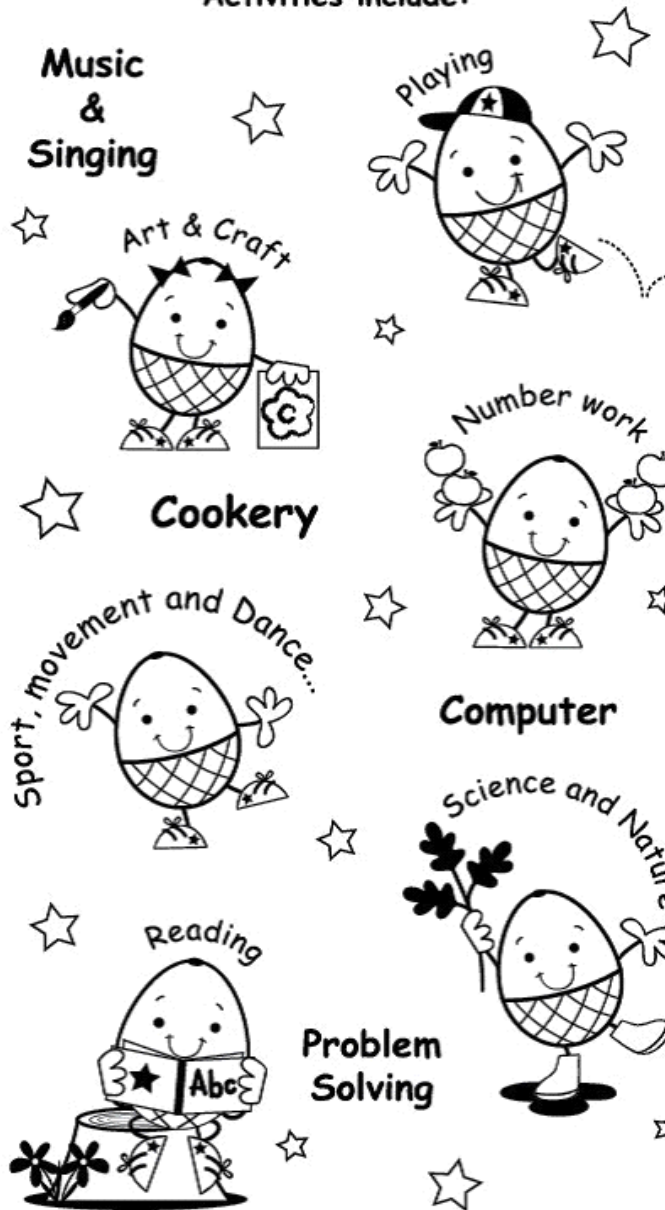
Young artists are well catered for at The Acorns. In the bright airy craft room, children can paint and draw. We regularly display their artwork in Haywards Heath Library.

*"Happy children, given time to be children: playing, chatting, being curious, creative, 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.

**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 setting opened on September 5<sup>th</sup> 2022. Our Westmeston team relocated to this new venue, where we welcome children from 18 months upwards. 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 fosters a real sense of wellbeing. Much fun is 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, being creative, building models, making music, 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 welcome younger children and incorporate a programme of forest school adventures for the older children, alongside a traditional nursery school curriculum.*

*Janet Irwin*

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.