



Summer Term 2026

How we spend our time in Acorns

At Acorns, we plan a fun and exciting range of activities which the children can engage in each day. Activities are planned around children's interests and ideas, stories and special themes and events such as Book Week, Mothers' day, cultural and religious festivals. Children choose the activities they want to participate in, as well as being able to self-select arts and crafts, games and puzzles available every day.

Here are some of the activities they have enjoyed this term:

Art and Craft

Children enjoy the opportunity to explore themed art and craft projects as well as free choice activities. There is always lots of choice! This is a great opportunity for children to mix with children from other classes, or enjoy a bit of calm time and express their creativity.



Art and Craft cont'd



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Cooking

As part of our creative themed activities, the children carry out some simple cooking each half term, and sample their handiwork at home time! If you have any simple recipes you'd like to share with us, we would love to hear from you! This term we made chocolate crispie cakes.



Themed Weeks

We try our best to make sure our Acorns children don't miss out when there are special events and activities. Here's Don Rae leading our annual 'Wake Up, Shake Up!' dance aerobics before school, with Acorns children joining the rest of the school in their blue high vis jackets! Don is one of our school's favourite visitors so we make sure we are all there joining in the fun, keeping fit!



Indoor Play

Our indoor toys and games are very popular with the children, and we make sure that there is a range of activities out each day. Children make new friends in a calm and nurturing environment, and learn and practise important skills such as sharing, turn taking, negotiating, leading/participating in play.



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We understand the importance of play in young children's development, and that it is crucial to children learning about the world around them, about their place in the world, social communication, confidence and risk taking. These are all key skills that support their learning and development.



Meal Times

You said, we did! You asked us to encourage children to eat more fruit at Acorns, and we have built this in as part of their daily routine at breakfast club. Pieces of cut fruit are available as well as whole fruit to encourage children to eat healthily.



Outdoor Play

OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning programme) is a huge hit at lunch times, and the children love accessing OPAL play after school too! We use the whole of the school grounds, and bring our outdoor play times alive using our fantastic OPAL resources! Adults are trained 'Play leaders' and will supervise ball games and traditional games such as 'Duck, Duck, Goose' and 'What's the Time Mr Wolf?'



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Thank you for all your support



We've really enjoyed having your children with us in Acorns this year! We wish all our families a happy Summer break and we are looking forward to seeing many of you back in September.