Fees

Acorn Cottage fees from 1st March 2026

Under 3 Years Fees	Set Sessions	Ad hoc Sessions
Weekly Rate	£416.00	£470.00
Full Day	£94.00	£105.00
Half Day	£60.00	£68.50
Hourly Rate	£16.00	£17.00
(7:30-8:00)	£8.00	£9.00

3-5 Years Fees	Set Sessions	Ad hoc Sessions
Weekly Rate	£380.00	£429.00
Full Day	£86.00	£97.00
Half Day	£56.00	£65.00
Hourly Rate	£16.00	£17.00
(7:30-8:00)	£8.00	£9.00

Fees

Registration

There is a £100.00 registration fee on enrolment of your child, this is non-refundable. You do not have to pay the £100 registration fee if your child only accesses the government fully funded hours.

Settling in sessions

These will be charged at the hourly rate or session rate as stated in the table above.

Discounts

A 10% sibling discount will be applied where there is more than one child from the same family attending the nursery and this will be applied only to the eldest child's fees, providing they attend on a full-time basis.

Bank details

Please make all payments via Bank Transfer, Childcare Vouchers or Tax Free Childcare.

Account Number: 10426850
Sort Code: 09-02-22
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Early Years Free Entitlement Fees

Acorn Cottage funding fee schedule from 1st March 2026

9 Months - 2 Years: 22 Hours Extended Funded Early Education (51 weeks of the year)
We do not make any charges for food, extra-curricular activities or consumables

Days attended per week	Funded Only Cost	Additional Hours
8 hour day (10-6pm)	£0.00	£16 per hour (8-10am)
7 hour day (11-6pm)	£0.00	£16 per hour (8-11am)

Over 3s: 22 Hours Extended Funded Early Education (51 weeks of the year)

Days attended per week	Funded Only Cost	Additional Hours
8 hour day (10-6pm)	£0.00	£16 per hour (8-10am)
7 hour day (11-6pm)	£0.00	£16 per hour (8-11am)

Over 3s: 15 Hours Universal Funding (38 weeks of the year - term time only)

Days attended per week	Cost
5 hour day (1-6pm)	£0.00

To be read in conjunction with our Terms and Conditions

Government/ local authority free entitlement policy

Points to consider

Parents are eligible to claim for nursery free entitlement from the term after their child turns 9 months old until they start school.

All children, from the term after they turn three, are entitled to 15 hours per week (for 38 weeks); this is known as the 'Universal Offer'. This is currently offered as five hours per half-day session for 38 weeks of the year (during term time).

Eligible working families will be able to access 30 hours of government funding per week for children aged 9 months and above, starting from the term after their child turns 9 months old, from September 2025. This will be stretched across 51 weeks of the year, so children will be entitled to a maximum of 22 hours per week.

To see if you are eligible, please follow the link to Best Start in Life: https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/

HMRC has developed an online system that parents can use to apply for extended entitlement. If they are eligible, they will be given an eligibility code, which they will need to present to the nursery manager.

Parents will need to reconfirm their eligibility every three months via the HMRC online system; https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow

It is possible for parents to claim free entitlement at two settings as long as the maximum hours that the child is entitled to are not exceeded.

These codes must be obtained by:

- 31st August for a 1st September start
- 31st December for a 1st January start
- 31st March for a 1st April start

Free entitlement policy (continued)

The table below shows how we offer funding

Funding	How it is applied	What do the parents/ carers pay?
15 hours funding, 38 weeks of the year	To benefit from the full 15 hour entitlement, the child must attend a minimum of three days per week. This will be allocated to the afternoon sessions.	The 5 hours in the afternoon are free. If the child attends the full day, the morning session will be charged.
30 hours funding, 51 weeks of the year (stretched)	To benefit from the full 30 hour entitlement, the child must attend a minimum of three days per week, 7 hours on two days and 8 hours on one day. For two day attendance, 7 hours are allocated to one day and 8 hours to the other (15 hours).	Parents will have 7 or 8 hours per day fully funded and the remaining hours, if attended, will be charged at the hourly rate. Funded hours: 10am-6pm or 11am-6pm.