



Children can be admitted to Little Acorns Pre-school the term after their third birthday. They will be admitted into the Early Years classroom and will spend much of their time alongside the Reception children. From January 2019 Little Acorns Pre-School will be offering 3 hours of provision 5 mornings a week.

All parents are entitled to 15 hours free nursery provision for their child from the start of the term following their third birthday, as shown in the table below -

Child's birthday	When you can claim
1 st January to 31 st March	The beginning of term on or after 1 st April
1 st April to 31 st August	The beginning of term on or after 1 st September
1 st September to 31 st December	The beginning of term on or after 1 st January

An additional 15 hours per week ie 30 hours free nursery education can be claimed by parents in certain circumstances, as follows -

- Both parents must be working (or the sole parent in a one-parent family is working)



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- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at the national minimum wage or the national living wage
 - The parents combined income does not exceed £100,000 per year

An entitlement of 30 hours per week can be spread between more than one provider and across the year. Parents fulfilling the criteria to receive up to 30 hours funded nursery education will be required to apply for a Department for Education Reference Number (DERN) via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. If you wish to access more than 15 hours per week you must bring your DERN, national insurance numbers and child's birth certificate into school in order for us to verify your entitlement.

If you wish to apply for a nursery place please complete the application form attached.

Please note attendance of Little Acorns Pre-school does not guarantee a place at Threlkeld School in Reception in the September following your child's 4th birthday. Applications for a Reception place will still need to be made through the Local Authority. Please contact the school office for further information or visit the school admissions section on the Cumbria County Council's website.

Session Choices



Day	Times
Monday	9am - 12 noon
Tuesday	9am - 12 noon
Wednesday	9am - 12 noon
Thursday	9am - 12 noon
Friday	9am - 12 noon

Please note that 4 weeks' notice is required to amend nursery sessions taken. All payable sessions will be charged for via invoice at the end of each half term at a cost of £4.00 per hour. Payment can be made by cash or cheque. Any cheques should be made payable to Threlkeld School please.

If you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to contact us, either in person, by telephone on **017687 79680**, or by email at adminthrelkeld@keswick.cumbria.sch.uk.

We very much look forward welcoming your child to Acorn Pre-school at Threlkeld School.



Little Acorns



Name of Child:

Date of birth:

Place required from:

Parents/Carers Name and Address:

Telephone Number:

Little Acorns



Email: _____

Please indicate (tick) below the sessions required.

	9am – 12noon session	Snack Fruit/veg	milk
Monday			
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday			