

<u>2026 / 2027 term dates</u>	
Autumn Term 1	Start - Monday 7 th September Finish - Friday 23 rd October
Week Commencing 26 th October Half Term	
Autumn term 2	Start - 2 nd November Finish - Friday 18 th December
Week Commencing 21 st December to 1 st January Half Term	
Spring term 1	Start - Monday 4 th January Finish - Thursday 11 th February
Staff Development Day (Nursery Closed)	Friday 12 th February
Week Commencing 15 th Feb to 19 th Feb Half Term	
Spring term 2	Start - Monday 22 nd February Finish - Thursday 25 th March
Week Commencing Friday 26 th March to 9 th April Half Term (inclusive of bank holidays)	
Summer Term 1	Start - Monday 12 th April Finish Friday 28 th May
Week Commencing 31 st May to 4 th June Half Term	
Summer Term 2	Start - Monday 7 th June Finish - Tuesday 21 st July

ACORNS EARLY YEARS CENTRE - YOUNG OAKS TERM TIME

Schedule and Conditions

1. The Young Oaks Term Time Room is open **Monday to Friday, 8:45am – 2:45pm**, during Kent school term times only. Term Date will be available to parents.

Children may attend the following sessions, subject to availability:

- **Full Day:** 8:45am – 2:45pm
- **Morning Session:** 8:45am – 11:45am
- **Afternoon Session:** 11:45am – 2:45pm

Children are eligible to attend Young Oaks from the **term in which they turn 3 years of age** and remain with us until they leave to start school.

Throughout each session, children benefit from a rich programme of learning, play and development opportunities. Breakfast, lunch and healthy snacks are available through our voluntary Enhanced Provision.

Funded Childcare Places

30 Hours Funded Childcare

Eligible families can access their full funded entitlement by attending:

- Monday to Friday
- 8:45am – 2:45pm
- Total of 30 funded hours per week

15 Hours Funded Childcare

Families accessing 15 funded hours will normally be offered:

- Two full days per week (8:45am – 2:45pm); and
- One half-day session (8:45am – 11:45am or 11:45am – 2:45pm).

Session patterns for 15-hour places will be allocated according to availability and the operational requirements of the nursery.

All funded places are subject to eligibility and availability.

A Term Time Calendar is on our website.

2. The Centre operates during Kent school term times only and will be closed during all school holidays, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays and any designated staff development (INSET) days.

3. Enhanced Provision Contribution

To support the additional experiences, meals, resources and consumables provided throughout the day, Acorns offers a voluntary **Enhanced Provision Contribution** for families accessing funded childcare places.

This contribution helps us to provide:

- Breakfast and healthy fruit snacks
- A freshly prepared lunch
- Enhanced learning activities and experiences
- Arts, crafts and creative resources
- Sun cream and everyday consumable items

Attendance Pattern Weekly Contribution Monthly Contribution*

1 day per week	£5.00	£17.27
2 days per week	£10.00	£34.55
3 days per week	£15.00	£51.82
4 days per week	£20.00	£69.09
5 days per week	£25.00	£86.36

Contribution Breakdown

- Breakfast and fruit snacks - £1.50 per day
- Lunch - £2.50 per day
- Enhanced activities, resources and consumables - £1.00 per day

Total voluntary contribution: £5.00 per attended day

*Monthly contributions are calculated by multiplying the weekly contribution by 38 funded weeks and dividing by 11 equal monthly instalments (September to July).

Our bank details are as follows:

Bank:	HSBC Dartford
Account Name:	AEYC
Sort Code:	40 19 04
Account Number:	41506889

Please use your child's surname as a reference.

4. The Enhanced Provision Contribution is entirely voluntary and is **not** a condition of accessing your funded childcare entitlement.

Parents may choose to provide their child's own breakfast, lunch and snacks if preferred and will be given guidance on our Healthy Eating and Nutritional Guidelines.

Families choosing to participate in the nursery meal provision will be charged monthly from September to July, with school holidays already taken into account.

We kindly ask for one full term's notice where possible if you wish to amend your meal or contribution arrangements.

If a child arrives without a packed meal after parents have chosen to provide their own food, the nursery will provide appropriate meals and snacks to ensure the child's wellbeing. The nursery reserves the right to discuss reinstating the Enhanced Provision Contribution for the remainder of the term.

If you would like to discuss alternative arrangements, please speak to a member of the management team.

Our aim is to provide all children with a rich, engaging and enjoyable preschool experience whilst continuing to offer flexibility and choice for families accessing funded childcare.