



## Acorn Early Years Nurseries - Across Milton Keynes

Milton Keynes

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Nursery Early Years Practitioner
£26,624 - £29,120
Perm - Year round
<b>Start date:</b> 01/06/2026

### **About our School:**

As a thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to making Acorn a safe, nurturing and fun place for our children to be, we offer:

- Payscales that are competitive, transparent and reviewed annually
- 65% Childcare discount Pro-rata according to contracted hours
- Generous family leave
- Christmas closure
- 25 days of annual leave, plus bank holidays (and the option to buy more)
- 4 dedicated training days and individual development plans
- Enhanced pension scheme
- Cyclescheme
- Techscheme
- Length of Service awards
- Summer and Christmas parties
- Pay advances for when times are tough
- Employee assistance wellbeing programme

Acorn Early Years Foundation (originally Acorn Childcare) began as a single nursery in 1989 in the village of Castlethorpe in Milton Keynes, where the organisation is still led by the founder and Chief Executive, Zoe Raven. Driven by a desire to create a nursery which combined professionalism with a personal touch, Zoe and her family lived above the original nursery for ten years, and the organisation grew slowly and organically, first in old Victorian buildings, then on school sites, and then including purpose-built buildings. Now, over 35 years later, there are 18 nurseries across three counties, several out-of-school clubs, extensive forest school provision, a catering service and a training centre.

Acorn has always specialised in outdoor play and learning, the use of natural resources, healthy food, and an emphasis on the professional development of the staff

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### **About the Role:**

If you are offered an EYP role, you will receive a £500 recruitment bonus after successfully completing your 3 month probation period.

We are looking for inspirational Level 2 and 3 qualified Early Years Practitioners to join our nurseries in Milton Keynes, we have vacancies at a number of our settings within Milton Keynes.

Please let us know which nursery you are interested in. We may have a discussion with you regarding location based on your suitability and experience. To see our locations, go to:  
<https://www.acornearlyyears.org.uk/Pages/Category/find-a-nursery>

Ideally, the role will be 40 hours per week, Monday to Friday working between 07.15 and 18.15. Part time may be considered.

We're proud to be one of the leading childcare providers in Milton Keynes, Northampton and Bedford with over 30 years' experience who specialise in nature pedagogy and promoting the professional development of our employees. We believe that childcare needs a personal touch, and our nurseries and out-of-school clubs offer flexibility and individuality with a homely feel. As a not-for-profit organisation, we place our children's well-being at the heart of our work.

We very much welcome candidates that are looking to progress their personal career development due to future opportunities in the pipeline within the location of MK.

The ideal candidate will be passionate, motivated and enthusiastic about outdoor learning and creative play, as well as a good working knowledge and practice of the EYFS and safeguarding procedures.

Apply today or get in touch with our HR team for an information chat on: 01908 510309 or email: [recruitment@acornearlyyears.org.uk](mailto:recruitment@acornearlyyears.org.uk)

Successful applicants must be able to provide 'right to work in the UK' documentation, provide two satisfactory references and undertake an enhanced DBS check prior commencing employment.

**Closing date for applications: 30/06/2026**