



Little Acorns Montessori Bucklers Park



Welcome

Thank you for your interest our brand new setting at Bucklers Park. Little Acorns Montessori is a family-run group that was established in 1994 in Winkfield. Our settings have a warm, welcoming environment where all children can thrive. We nurture children's curiosity, creativity, and confidence while fostering a love for lifelong learning. Our Montessori inspired curriculum blends child-led activity, explicit teaching/direction, and play, in order to deliver the EYFS effectively.

We are incredibly excited to be opening our third setting at Bucklers Park, Crowthorne. This setting is already very close to our hearts being residents of the estate and with young children of our own. We are looking forward to serving the community with high quality learning delivered by a fantastic team of practitioners.

Update

We are currently waiting on our initial Ofsted Registration visit. This is compulsory for all new settings and needs to be completed before a nursery is able to open. Based on current Ofsted wait times we anticipate this will be completed in the next two months allowing us to open the setting early September.

Those who completed our enquires form detailing a September or as soon as possible start date will be contacted with an event invitation and enrolment details over the next few weeks. Any enquiries for later start dates will also be contacted over the coming months.



Winkfield

Established in 1994 by founders Val and Michelle, nurturing generations of local families



Bracknell

A busy and thriving setting with its own baby room, strong connections to its local community



Crowthorne

Our soon to open third setting at Bucklers Park, on the edge of the forest with wonderful facilities

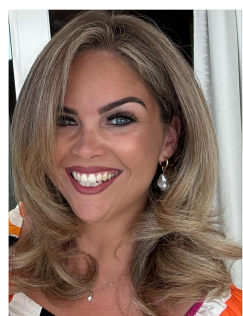
Meet the team

At the heart of every great nursery is a dedicated staff team. With that in mind we are proud to introduce our Manager and Deputy Manager.

Both Emma and Martine have a wealth of experience and are truly passionate about Early Years Education. We know they will create a warm, safe, and stimulating space where children can grow, learn, and thrive.

Emma - Manager

"Hello and a very warm welcome to Little Acorns at Bucklers Park! I'm thrilled to be leading our brand-new nursery as a qualified teacher with a wealth of experience in early years, Key Stage 1, and primary education. Having spent many years teaching in both Reception and KS1, as well as holding leadership roles in school and Higher Education settings, I'm passionate about creating a nurturing, child-led environment where every child can thrive and grow in their own unique way. Most recently, I worked as a Senior Lecturer at University Centre Farnborough, where I specialised in lecturing in Primary Education on the PGCE programme. It was a real privilege to support and inspire future teachers, sharing my experience and championing high standards in early years and primary teaching practice.



It's a real privilege to be part of developing this beautiful new setting in the heart of the forest—an inspiring space where nature and learning come together to spark curiosity, creativity, and confidence. We look forward to building strong, supportive partnerships with local schools and early years providers, with a real focus on developing a high-quality, smooth, and confident transitions into Reception—one that supports each child's individual journey and sets them up for success.

We can't wait to welcome you and your family into our warm, inspiring nursery community, where together we'll bring our shared vision to life and create a joyful, nurturing space for every child to flourish."

Martine - Deputy Manager

Hello, my name is Martine, and I've been working in the childcare industry since I left school at 16. I've achieved both my Level 2 and Level 3 qualifications in childcare, and continued to grow my knowledge by learning alongside the children I support.



Over the years, I've had the opportunity to gain experience in a variety of settings, supporting children from the baby room right up to their first year of school. In my previous role, I was the SENCo giving me valuable insight into how to support children in achieving their full potential. I especially enjoy thinking creatively, using each child's interests and strengths as a starting point. This role also highlighted the importance of building strong relationships with families and maintaining a close connection between home and the nursery setting.

I absolutely adore working with children and being part of their learning journey. Watching a child achieve something they once thought was impossible—and knowing I've helped support them along the way—always brings the biggest smile to my face. One of my favourite types of play is construction. I love using a variety of resources to build ships and become pirates, or creating an aeroplane so we can all fly off to Peppa Pig World—just a couple of my most recent adventures!

I'm so excited to be joining the Little Acorns Team at Bucklers and to meet all our lovely families. The setting is in such a beautiful environment, and as someone who lives in Crowthorne myself, I already know how wonderful the local community is. Finally, I'd love to leave you with one of my favourite quotes: "NOTHING is impossible. Even the word itself says, I'm possible."

Recruitment

We are currently recruiting for Level 3 practitioners to join our team with interviews happening over the coming weeks. If you know of anyone that might be suitable please ask them to contact us via email - Charlotte@littleacornsmontessori.co.uk

Our job advert can be found here:

<https://uk.indeed.com/job/nursery-practitioner-level-3-3096cff326298293>

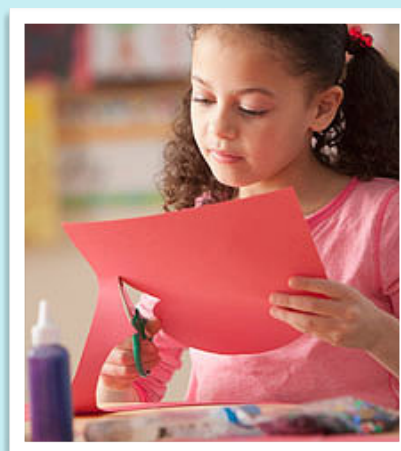
GOVERNMENT FUNDING

Starting September 2025, eligible working parents in England can get 30 hours of free childcare per week for children aged 9 months to 4 years. For more information on what you are entitled to please use the Childcare Choices website:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Any funding you receive can be used at Little Acorns Montessori. This will be deducted across the year. You will need to register on the Government website and provide the setting with your unique funding code:

<https://www.gov.uk/get-childcare>



Website

For further information about our settings and what we believe in please visit our website. There you'll find further information about our approach to Early Years Education and Montessori-inspired curriculum. Each of our settings is unique and shaped by the children who learn there and the communities that surround them.

<https://www.littleacornsmontessori.co.uk/>

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