



Welcome to Leverton Church of England EYFS Provision



At Leverton Church of England Academy we believe in providing firm foundations from the very beginning where children feel safe, secure and happy. Our Early Years team understands that each child is a unique individual. We work with parents to ensure their child starts gets the best possible start to our school where they will thrive and flourish in their own way and at their own pace.

The EYFS Team



Mrs. Victoria Gray
- Class Teacher &
EYFS Lead



Mrs. Dawn Wilson -
EYFS Practitioner



Mrs. Joanne Baker
- EYFS Practitioner
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Leader



Mrs. Vicky Daly
EYFS practitioner

Little Acorns 2-3yr olds

Little Acorns are our pre-school children who are aged two and three. The children access the provision within the Willow Classroom with the rest of the early year's children. The Willow room is set-up with a range of indoor and outdoor learning experiences that children access throughout their play. Staff support children in their next steps with some adult led focus tasks as well as high quality interactions with children. Each new child will be assigned a key-person who will take the lead on supporting your child with their individual needs and targets. Children are able to access funded sessions the term after they turn 3.

Squirrels 3-4yr olds

Group capacity: 16 children

We call this group of children **Squirrels**. Children can join Squirrels in the academic year that they turn 4.

They have access to a range of multisensory, play based learning experiences both inside and outside whilst also accessing daily phonics and maths sessions.

Owls 4-5yr olds

Group capacity: 15 children

Children who turn 5 between 1st September and 31st August will become our full-time reception children. All parents must apply to the local authority to secure a place at the school. We call this group of children **Owls**. It is important to note that we cannot guarantee that children who attend squirrels will be guaranteed a place within Reception.

Early Years - The Leverton Way!

Throughout all our early years groups, children have access to high quality indoor and outdoor provision which supports all children in developing through their own play. Children are supported by experienced staff enabling them learn and develop from their own starting points. Resources are carefully planned and available at all times. We call this our continuous provision. As we assess the needs and interests of the children we then add to areas of the provision to support children's individual development. We call this our enhanced provision. As children become more able to focus and maintain their attention, they will take part in more focused adult led sessions. These build up gradually throughout Little Acorns and Squirrels, with a more formal timetable in place as children become an Owl. Our curriculum plans are available for parents to access through our school website where you will also find a wealth of information about each group of children and the rest of school. We plan around themes to engage the children as a starting point. These are then adapted in light of the children's interests and individual learning needs.

Children are assigned a 'key person' when they join our setting who will work more closely with your child on assessing their needs and informing their next steps although all members of staff will work with each child throughout their time in the unit.

What does my child need to bring?

- A suitable waterproof coat - EVERYDAY
- Their own labelled water bottle
- Lunch box or hot meal ordered (if staying for lunch at school)
- Own nappies/pull ups, wipes, nappy bags if needed
- Change of clothes in case of accidents
- A pair of labelled wellies
- Named sun cream (in hot weather)
- Hat & gloves (in cold weather)

What should my child wear?

Children aged 2-4 who are not in full time school yet can wear any clothing that is comfortable and suitable for playing all day however, we encourage parents to send their child in our school uniform to support children in feeling part of the group. Uniform is available from age 2 up and includes red jumper, white polo shirt and grey/black bottoms. Uniform with our logo can be purchased from Uniform Direct although plain items can be purchased from most clothing outlets. Children must NOT wear earrings to school or any other jewellery and we encourage hair to be tied back to avoid the spread of head lice.

- Please remember to label all clothing and that we provide a range of messy play on a daily basis, although we wear aprons we cannot guarantee that children won't come home dirty. However, they will come home with many memories of a fun day!

If you have any questions or queries about our setting or would like to arrange a visit please give the office a call on 01427880470