

# Acorns Early Years Training Centre Newsletter

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*“Growing Leaders, Growing Learners”*

## News

Happy New Year! The start of the year is a great time to think about CPD opportunities for your staff and setting. Please see below for courses being delivered by Acorns for this half of the Spring term. We are starting to roll out training with the Stronger Practice Hub, which is fully funded by the DfE. Do follow the hub and keep an eye out for more training and events. On the final page of the newsletter there are details of free CPD—NPQEYL, Experts and Mentors Programme and details of the Stronger Practice Hub. Do get in touch if you would like any further information.



## Bespoke Training Support

*Individual training tailored to your needs*

Acorns can support you with a range of training needs. This could be delivering a staff meeting, INSET day training, or support over a longer period of time such as developing outdoor learning. Recently we have delivered training on reading, cookery, woodwork and supporting staff with Ofsted inspections. We have a range of experienced early years educators available to provide training and support to suit the needs and requirements of your setting.

For further information regarding cost and availability please contact us.

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## Seasonal Learning Outdoors

These courses will provide participants with the opportunity to learn more about the benefits of outdoor learning through the seasons. Each session will have a practical element as well as the opportunity to spend time in the nursery garden.

Trainer: Steven Musk is Senior Teacher at Ludwick Nursery School. He leads on outdoor learning and is a qualified Forest School practitioner.



**Wednesday 17th January—Winter in the Garden**

**Wednesday 24th April—Spring into Summer**

**1.30pm - 3.30pm**

£25 per session

**Venue: Ludwick Nursery School,**  
Welwyn Garden City, AL7  
3RP

**To book-Call: 01707 323693 or Email: [acorns@ludwick.herts.sch.uk](mailto:acorns@ludwick.herts.sch.uk)**

## Visitor mornings



Come and see an outstanding early years setting in action. There will be the opportunity to look round the nursery and learn more about the curriculum.

**To book : email**  
**[acorns@ludwick.herts.sch.uk](mailto:acorns@ludwick.herts.sch.uk)**

**Wednesday 14th February**

**9.30am-11.30am**

**(£10 per person)**



## Free Maths Training

This training (see flyer below) is being delivered in conjunction with the Reachout Stronger Practice Hub.

Please follow this link if you would like to book:

<https://us21.list-manage.com/survey?u=93c9022b5f2c2abd1a389372d&id=ff0d1ad3a3&attribution=false>



## Early Years NPQEYL

**The National Professional Qualification for Early Years Leadership (NPQEYL)** launched in Autumn 2022 and we are pleased to be supporting Alban TSH in the delivery of this course. This is a great opportunity for early years leaders to access an NQP which is fully funded. The qualification is for leaders qualified to at least Level 3 with a full and relevant qualification who are, or are aspiring to be, managers of Private, Voluntary and Independent nurseries, head teachers of school-based or maintained nurseries, or childminders with leadership responsibilities.

Follow the link below to find out more.

<https://albantsh.co.uk/npq-qualifications/>

The flyer is for a 'Let's Count' course. At the top, it features the logos for 'REACHOUT EARLY YEARS STRONGER PRACTICE HUB EAST OF ENGLAND' and 'acorns EARLY YEARS TRAINING CENTRE'. The main title is 'LET'S COUNT' in large, bold, black letters, followed by 'FREE FACE TO FACE MATHS COURSE'. Below this, it states: 'A TWO-PART FACE TO FACE COURSE FOR EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONERS TO DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING OF HOW YOUNG CHILDREN LEARN TO COUNT. PARTICIPANTS WILL UNDERSTAND THE PRINCIPLES OF COUNTING AND HOW TO DEVELOP A RANGE OF ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT CHILDREN, INCLUDING THE USE OF NUMBER RHYMES AND GAMES.' The course dates are 'THURSDAY 25 JANUARY' and 'THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY', with a time of '2.30PM TO 4.00PM'. The location is 'LUDWICK NURSERY SCHOOL WELWYN GARDEN CITY AL7 3RP'. The trainer is 'LUCY PARKER, DEPUTY HEAD AT LUDWICK NURSERY SCHOOL, WHO HAS DELIVERED MATHS TRAINING ACROSS SCHOOLS AND SETTINGS IN HERTFORDSHIRE AND IS A QUALIFIED MATHS PD LEAD.' It also mentions 'THERE WILL BE A FREE MATHS GOODIE BAG FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS! LIMITED PLACES – BOOK SOON!' and a 'CLICK HERE TO REGISTER AND RESERVE YOUR PLACE' link. At the bottom, it says 'Funded by UK Government' with the UK coat of arms logo.

## Experts and Mentors Programme

The Experts and Mentors Programme is also part of the DfE Covid recovery programme.

Early Years Leaders have been trained as experts and mentors to provide support to settings. This free support is bespoke to the setting and might include staff training, coaching or whatever support your setting identifies. The application is short and easy to make and can be done following the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/JRN9n7ivPa>

*'The support was hugely beneficial as it has enabled me to implement effective changes as well as provide support for my middle leaders which have all had a positive impact on the children'.*

## Social Media - follow us!



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