



Fees 2025-26

(Updated December 2025)

Registration fee - £75 (non-refundable)

A deposit of £200 will be requested at the time of a place being offered and this will be refunded after the child leaves nursery. If you do not attend nursery the deposit will not be returned.

Nursery Opening Hours

Monday – Friday 7.45am to 6.00pm

2026 Christmas Closure

Little Crackers is open 51 weeks of the year and closes from 6.00pm Wednesday 23 December 2026 - 7.45am Monday 4 January 2027 inclusive.

Standard Fees

These are our standard fees with no available funding applied.

Nursery Session Charges 2025 – 2026	Ladybirds (9 months)	Dormice (2 years)	Hedgehogs & Badgers (3 & 4 years)
Morning (Snack & Lunch Included) 7.45am – 12.45pm	£64.60	£44.50	£44.50
Afternoon (Snack & Tea Included) 1.00pm – 6.00pm	£64.60	£44.50	£44.50
Full Day (2 snacks, Lunch & Tea Included) 7.45am – 6.00pm	£123.77	£84.83	£84.83
Full Time All Week* (2 snacks, Lunch & Tea Included) 7.45am – 6.00pm	£569.35	£390.22	£390.22

*8% discount is applied for a full week's attendance.

As the number of nursery days in each month varies over the course of the year, you will naturally see some fluctuation in your monthly bills.

Available Funding

Working Families Funding

If you are a working eligible family your child may be entitled to 30 hours a week of government-funded childcare, calculated on the school term of 38 weeks. This provides a total of 1,140 childcare-funded hours which is spread evenly over 51 weeks of the year. The 30 hours entitlement starts from the term after the child is 9 months old and ends the term after they turn five or at the end of Reception, whichever is earlier. Eligibility must be verified with an access code and applications must be made online by parents.

Supported 2-year old Funding

Families with children aged 2-years-old are able to access this funding if you are in receipt of additional government support such as Income Support or Universal Credit, or your child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance. You may be able to access up to 15 hours funded childcare over 38 weeks for your two-year-old from the term after their second birthday. Eligibility must be verified with an access code and applications must be made online by parents.

Universal Funded Childcare

Families may access universal funding for 3-4 year-olds for a maximum of 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year. The 15 hours entitlement starts from when the child is 3 years-old and ends the term after they turn five or at the end of Reception, whichever is earlier. A parental declaration form will be sent out via email following acceptance of your place at Little Crackers. This must be completed to access the funding.

For more information, please visit the [Warwickshire Country Council's website](#).

Apply early via the [Best Start in Life parent hub](#) to ensure you receive your funding code in time for the new term.

Understanding Your Funding

The total funding available is 30 hours over 38 weeks totalling 1,140 hours, or 15 hours over 38 weeks totalling 570 hours depending on your eligibility. As we run our provision over 51 weeks of the year the funding will be applied as follows:

Session/s	30 hours funding over 51 weeks	Funded hours when taken as part of a session
Full Week	22.35 hours per week	
Full Day	4.47 hours per day	9.30am – 2.00pm
Half Day	2.24 hours per day	10.15am – 12.30pm or 2.00pm - 4.15pm
Session/s	15 hours funding over 51 weeks	Funded hours when taken as part of a session
Full Week	11.18 hours per week	
Full Day	2.24 hours per day	10.15am – 12.30pm
Half Day	1.12 hours per day	10.45am – 12.00pm or 3.00pm – 4.15pm

Free Funded Only Session

Parents may access just the free funded sessions for a maximum of 15 or 30 hours a week, dependent on eligibility, over 38 weeks stretched over 51 weeks as stated above and no more than 1 session a day. If you are accessing funded only sessions, you do not need to pay a registration fee and your deposit will be returned to you by the end of the first month of attending nursery. If you do not take up your nursery place, as agreed, the deposit will not be returned. If you are in receipt of supported 2-year-old funding you will be advised as to what you need to pay regarding the enrolment of your child.

Fees – Including Funding

Parents who access funding will receive these hours free of charge. Parents who access funding are charged for the additional hours they use as follows:

Universal Funded Childcare - 15 Funded Hours for 5 days

Nursery Session Charges 2025 - 2026	Hedgehogs & Badgers (3 & 4 years)
Funded Hours	£0.00
Additional Hourly Rate	£8.26
Morning or Afternoon	£160.24
Full Day	£330.98

Working Families Funding - 30 Funded Hours for 5 days

Nursery Session Charges 2025 - 2026	Ladybirds (9 months)	Dormice (2 years)	Hedgehogs & Badgers (3 & 4 years)
Funded Hours	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Additional Hourly Rate	£11.91	£6.59	£8.26
Morning or Afternoon	£149.04	£79.39	£103.83
Full Day	£323.43	£190.43	£238.71

An additional discount of 8% is applied to those who do five full days a week. This would be deducted from the figures above.

Specified Charges Associated with Funded Sessions

The Government funding is for the provision of early years education only and does not cover all the consumable and additional activities we normally provide; these include but are not limited to the cost of meals, specialist teaching and activities and non-food related consumables. Specialist teaching and activities are what we believe sets us apart from other nurseries and include Forest School, music, yoga, dance, French, multi-sports, and much more, enabling all our children to experiment, create, explore and learn. These costs are voluntary and are charged separately.

Specified Charges Associated with funded sessions	Per Day	Per Half Day
Food Meals and Snacks	£5.00	£4.00
Extra-Curricular Activity see Consumables Guide for details	£6.00	£6.00
Non-food Consumables Wipes, creams etc.	£1.50	£1.50

If you claim funding you are only able to amend your booking pattern termly. Any other changes including any ad hoc sessions outside of this will be charged at the full rate for that session.

These specified charges are optional during your funded hours. These will be listed separately on your invoice. These are charged on a daily basis. You must give at least a term's written notice to opt in or opt out.

Specified charges can be:

- Provided by parents (no charge), or
- Supplied by nursery (charged fee - see above)

If you have chosen to opt out of the nursery consumable charge during your funded hours, the following applies:

- You must provide your child's snacks and meals as detailed in our [Consumables Guide](#).
- You will still receive high quality provision in line with the EYFS but they will not be included in the extra-curricular activities which sets us apart from other nursery settings. Extra-

curricular activities are detailed in our [Consumables Guide](#).

Payment of Fees

Fees are due on or before the first day of each month. Parents can view their accounts and bills for each month on My School Portal. Advice is sent by email when bills become available for a new term.

Parents are requested to make payment to us in the following ways:

- using childcare vouchers or the [Government tax free childcare scheme](#)
- direct bank transfer, please state billing reference number and send to:

Bank HSBC Bank plc
Account Name The Princethorpe Foundation - Crackley Hall
Sort Code 40-26-04
Account Number 01318128

Parents are asked to be vigilant in respect of any communications purporting to be from the Foundation requesting money that do not match our normal procedures.

Please note:

- **invoices are only available through My School Portal;**
- **our bank account details will NOT change during the academic year 2025-26;**
- **if you receive an email purporting to amend our bank details, do not make any payment and please contact us by telephone immediately to clarify;**
- **we do not email details of unsolicited discounts for payment of funds.**

Please contact the Finance Team if you have concerns about any communication you receive and in particular if you receive any request for payment of funds outside our normal routines.

Please note we do not accept payment in cash for the fee bill.

Employer childcare vouchers

We accept a number of employer childcare vouchers, for example Eden Red, Care 4, Computershare and Fair Care.

Late payment of fees

Interest is charged for late settlement of fees at a rate of 4% above base rate per annum or part thereof. Letters relating to late payment of fees are charged at £12 including VAT.

Terms and Conditions

A copy of our current *Terms and Conditions* is attached.

