

Little Thetford Acorns

Awarded £18,763 under Measure 321: Basic Services



The Fens Adventurers proudly supports the work of Little Thetford Acorns pre-school, providing much needed childcare in the rural Fens. The pre-school was awarded an initial grant from SureStart in 2009 towards the cost of a brand new building.

However the pre-school still needed to equip the new facility and the Fen Adventurers were pleased to award a grant of £18,763 towards the costs in December 2009. The pre-school has been up and running since February 2010 and had filled all its places by the end of July.



The Fens Adventurers grant was used to help landscape the garden and purchase new play equipment, and install a new kitchen. The pre-school provides complete wrap-around care including Breakfast and After-school clubs and a Holiday Club. The expansion of Little Thetford Acorns provides an important resource for local

parents wanting to return to work. Demand for childcare is set to increase as the number of hours of free childcare for under 5's rises from 12.5 to 15 per week. The opening of the new pre-school also saw the creation of eight full time jobs, adding to the economic benefits. www.littlethetfordacorns.org.uk

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