



Forest School Curriculum 2026-27

Exciting Outdoor Learning Opportunity

Dear Parents and Carers,

I'm excited to share that from September, all children in Years 1-6 will be taking part in Forest Schools - a fantastic outdoor learning experience that we're delighted to offer.

Each year group will take part in Forest Schools for half a term, with sessions led by Miss G Franklin. These will take place on Monday and Tuesday mornings, starting with Year 1 in September.

What is Forest School?

Forest School is an outdoor learning approach where children explore nature and learn through hands-on experiences in a woodland or natural environment. It encourages curiosity, creativity, and confidence.

How it Benefits Children:

- Builds confidence and independence through problem-solving and teamwork.
- Supports physical and mental wellbeing by being active outdoors.
- Enhances communication and social skills in a relaxed, natural setting.
- Fosters a love for nature and environmental awareness from a young age.

Key Information:

- Each session will last 60 minutes.
- Children will work in groups of 15. While one group is out enjoying Forest Schools, the other half of the class will remain in class for focused small-group learning with teaching staff.
- Sessions will be carefully planned and resourced by Miss G Franklin.
- In the afternoons, Miss G Franklin will continue to enrich our curriculum by supporting STEM projects in school, leading our school podcast, and running additional Forest School sessions for small groups children.

What children will need:

To enjoy their time outdoors, children will need appropriate outdoor footwear (wellies or sturdy shoes) and waterproof clothing. If parents wish, children may also bring in spare warm clothes that they don't mind getting muddy or dirty.

Whole School Timetable:

	<u>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Autumn 2</u>	<u>Spring 1</u>	<u>Spring 2</u>	<u>Summer 1</u>	<u>Summer 2</u>
	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<u>Forest School</u> <u>Mon.</u> <u>Tue.</u> <u>Wed</u>	<u>Mondays</u> 1S 9.30-10.30 1S 11.20-12.20 Groups of 15 <u>Tuesdays</u> 1L 9.30-10.30 1L 11.20-12.20 Groups of 15	<u>Mondays</u> 4S 9.30-10.30 4S 11.20-12.20 Groups of 15 <u>Tuesdays</u> 4L 9.30-10.30 4L 11.20-12.20 Groups of 15	<u>Mondays</u> 2S 9.30-10.30 2S 11.20-12.20 Groups of 15 <u>Tuesdays</u> 2L 9.30-10.30 2L 11.20-12.20 Groups of 15	<u>Mondays</u> 3S 9.30-10.30 3S 11.20-12.20 Groups of 15 <u>Tuesdays</u> 3L 9.30-10.30 3L 11.20-12.20 Groups of 15	<u>Mondays</u> 5S 9.15-10.15 5S 10.45-11.45 Groups of 15 <u>Tuesdays</u> 5L 9.15-10.15 5L 10.45-11.45 Groups of 15	<u>Mondays</u> 6S 9.15-10.15 6S 10.45-11.45 Groups of 15 <u>Tuesdays</u> 6L 9.15-10.15 6L 10.45-11.45 Groups of 15

Can You Help? - Forest School Donations Welcome

To help us get the most out of our Forest School sessions, we'd be very grateful for any donations of resources or materials that could be used for outdoor play, exploration, and building activities. If you have any of the following items at home and no longer need them, we'd love to give them a new purpose in our Forest School:

Items we're looking for include:

- Plastic guttering or tubing (for water play and construction)
- Wooden planks or pallets
- Large cable reels or wooden spools
- Tarpaulins or waterproof sheets
- Ropes and bungee cords
- Plant pots and trays
- Old pots, pans, and utensils (for mud kitchen play)
- Buckets and large containers
- Natural materials like pinecones, logs, or tree stumps (child-sized)
- Crates or boxes for building
- Gardening tools (child-safe)

If you're able to donate anything, please speak to your child's class teacher or drop items off at the school office. Thank you in advance for your support - it's hugely appreciated!

If you have any questions or would like to know more, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Mrs Cordon & Miss Franklin