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12th October 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Forest Skills 9 Week Programme

Starting on 29th October your child's class will be participating in an immersive 9 week forest skills programme.

This programme is designed to build confidence, resilience and teamwork through hands-on experiences in nature. Pupils will engage in activities such as shelter building, biodiversity studies and tool use, all while developing a deeper connection with the environment. Pupils will be utilising our extensive grounds but also venturing further afield to the local community garden.

Mr Wood will be leading these sessions. Mr Wood is a fully trained forest skills practitioner after following an extensive accredited professional training course with Forest Schools Scotland.

We'll be heading outdoors rain or shine on the undernoted dates listed below. Please make sure your child comes to school every Thursday with appropriate outdoor clothing, alongside boots or wellies and waterproofs. A change of clothes is also a great idea for your child to change into afterwards.

We will be heading off school grounds for a lot of the sessions therefore your child will need a completed Educational Excursion Form (EE2). The EE2 for the 9 sessions can be found in your Parent Portal account so please complete that when you have a moment. If you are not yet a Parent Portal user then we strongly advise that you sign up, however in the meantime we can provide you with a paper copy EE2 which you will need to complete, sign and return to the school in time for the first session on 29th October 2026.

Outdoor learning session dates are as follows:-

29th October 2026
5th November 2026
12th November 2026
19th November 2026
26th November 2026
3rd December 2026
10th December 2026
17th December 2026
7th January 2027

If you need any further information, please contact the school office.

Kind regards

Louise Delargy
Head Teacher