



Orchard Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Forest School sessions for the Autumn Term 2026

We will be running Forest School sessions from the first day back Monday 24th August.

Pupils in **EYFS** will have weekly Forest School sessions on a Wednesday.

Pupils in **classes 1,2 and 3** will continue to have a session every other week, as communicated by their class teachers on Dojo.

Sessions for **Key Stage 2** children are as follows:

Class	Date Session 1	Date Session 2	Date Session 3	Date Session 4	Date Session 5
Class 4	Monday 14 th September	Monday 5 th October	Monday 2 nd November	Monday 23 rd November	Monday 14 th December
Class 5	Monday 7 th September	Monday 28 th September	Monday 26 th October	Monday 16 th November	Monday 7 th December
Class 6	Monday 24 th August	Monday 21 st September	Monday 12 th October	Monday 9 th November	Monday 30 th November
Class 7	Thursday 10 th September	Thursday 1 st October	Thursday 29 th October	Thursday 19 th November	Thursday 10 th December
Class 8	Thursday 3 rd September	Thursday 24 th September	Thursday 15 th October	Thursday 12 th November	Thursday 3 rd December
Class 9	Thursday 27 th August	Thursday 17 th September	Thursday 8 th October	Thursday 5 th November	Thursday 26 th November

Sessions have been scheduled and carefully recorded (including the very rare occasions that some have been cancelled), so that all classes have had the same number of Forest School sessions throughout the year, completing the planning and same themes across the key stages.



Please ensure your child has their Forest School kit in school on their designated day to do Forest Schools safely. Please see the attached letter for further information on Forest School kit and clothing.

We're so pleased with how the first year of running Forest Schools at Orchard has gone. The team have worked incredibly hard and we're very grateful for the support from the PTA for funding the training and bought a huge list of equipment, as well as to parents who have donated items, done maintenance work outside and equipped their children for the sessions. We would also like to thank Mr. Maguire who has put in a lot of hours in the Forest Schools area to make it safe and enjoyable for the children. We look forward to building on this further in the future.

Kind regards

Forest School Team

Mrs Astle, Miss Kucharska, Mrs Shearsby

