



Orchard Community Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Forest School sessions for the Summer Term 2026

We will be running Forest School sessions from the first day back in April (13th).

Pupils in **EYFS** will continue to 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
Class 6	Monday 27 th April	Monday 18 th May	Monday 15 th June	/
Class 5	Monday 13 th April	Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st June	Monday 22 nd June
Class 4	Monday 20 th April	Monday 11 th May	Monday 8 th June	Monday 29 th June
Class 9	Thursday 30 th April	Sports Day – rearranged date TBC	Thursday 18 th June	/
Class 8	Thursday 16 th April	Thursday 7 th May	Thursday 4 th June	Thursday 25 th June
Class 7	Thursday 23 rd April	Thursday 14 th May	Thursday 11 th June	Thursday 2 nd July

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. We hope that we will now be having some warmer weather, so sun hats and lighter clothing may be needed. Please note that even if it is warm, to do Forest Schools safely, the children still **need to be wearing a long-sleeved top and full-length trousers**. Children will not be able to take part in the sessions in a t-shirt or shorts. 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

*Mrs Caldwell and the Forest School Team
Mrs Astle, Miss Kucharska, Mrs Shearsby*

