

ST. ANNE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

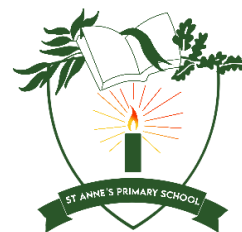
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Dear Parents,

We are excited to inform you that your child will be taking part in Forest School sessions next academic year. St Anne's and St Joseph's classes will take turns attending sessions on a fortnightly basis, meaning each class will have Forest School every four school weeks. Dates for the sessions will be sent out at the beginning of next term. The sessions will link to the Year 1 Plants and Seasonal Changes topics, and children will have the opportunity to take part in lots of hands-on learning in nature.

Forest School sessions take place in a dedicated area at the back of the school field. Activities will include planting, growing, den building, painting, identifying plants, exploring the mud kitchen area, making natural crafts, using tools (with close adult supervision), and much more. Once the children are ready to follow the rules around the fire area, we will also enjoy campfires and toast marshmallows during some sessions. A risk assessment has been carried out for all activities, and the children will be led by Mrs Lowery, a trained Level 3 Forest School Instructor and accompanied by class LSAs.

Forest School offers an excellent opportunity for your child to explore and learn outdoors, developing their skills and confidence in a natural environment. **To ensure that your child is comfortable and able to participate fully, we kindly ask that they wear their PE kit to school and bring weather appropriate clothing to school in a named plastic bag on their Forest School days. This should include waterproofs, wellies, and any additional layers or accessories suitable for the weather, such as a hat, scarf, gloves, or sunhat.**

Essential clothing for Forest School includes waterproofs (either all in one or separates) and wellies:



Please ensure that all items are clearly named. Part of the Forest School ethos is giving children the freedom to explore and engage with the natural environment, so they are likely to get wet or muddy. Brand new or precious clothing is therefore not suitable for Forest School, as we will be outdoors for the duration of the afternoon in all weather conditions unless there are severe weather warnings.

It would be helpful if your child could practise putting on and taking off their waterproofs and wellies before their Forest School sessions begin. When children are able to do this independently, it helps us get outside promptly and maximise our time outdoors.

If you have any questions or require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
The Year 1 Team

Date	Class
Thursday 10 th September	St Anne's Class
Thursday 24 th September	St Joseph's Class
Thursday 8 th October	St Anne's Class
Thursday 22 nd October	St Joseph's Class
Thursday 12 th November	St Anne's Class
Thursday 26 th November	St Joseph's Class
Thursday 10 th December	St Anne's Class