

Forest School – End of Term Celebration

4th December 2025 – Rainy Weather

To mark our final Forest School session before the Christmas holidays, all classes — Beech, Cedar, Elm and Oak — joined together for a whole-day celebration. Although the weather was wet and the fire-building proved challenging, the children showed fantastic resilience and made the most of every moment.

Digging, Mud, and Teamwork

All children had the opportunity to dig today.

Beech and Cedar explored the vegetable patch, embracing the mud and enjoying the sensory experience of digging in soggy soil.

Elm and Oak worked together to complete the final stages of emptying the large boat that Key Stage 2 have been tackling over the last four weeks. This has been a huge project requiring patience, strength and determination. We are incredibly proud of Year 5 and 6 for completing it!

Fire Building and Tool Work

Every group helped prepare and light the fire, despite the damp conditions.

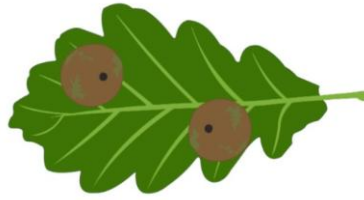
Children used the bill hook and mallet safely to split wood, with Cedar class showing excellent independence.

They revisited their fire circle rules, fire safety, and the Jenga method of building a strong structure.

All children practised lighting the fire with flint and steel, strengthening their skills and confidence.

Hot Chocolate & Festive Fun

Once the fire was burning, the children mixed up a large pan of hot chocolate — a tricky task for little hands learning to open bottles and pour independently! While it warmed on the fire, the children enjoyed a lively game of “123 Where Are You?” followed by a Christmas hat hunt across the site.



A Warm Ending to a Wet Day

We finished the session gathered around the fire circle, enjoying our well-earned hot chocolate and singing Christmas carols together.

Despite the rain, spirits were high and the children showed wonderful teamwork, enthusiasm, and resilience — a perfect way to end a busy term full of different weathers and exciting challenges.