

## **Forest School Update – 21st May 2026**

As we approached the end of another successful half term, children across Beech, Cedar, Elm and Oak classes enjoyed a range of engaging Forest School experiences designed to develop confidence, resilience, teamwork and a love of the outdoors.

### **Beech Class**

Beech Class welcomed their families into Forest School for a wonderful shared session. The morning began around the fire circle, where the children reflected on their recent woodland visit and proudly shared their favourite memories and achievements.

Children and adults worked together to learn how to use flint and steel, practising how to safely create sparks. It was lovely to see families encouraging one another and sharing in the learning experience.

The children then explored a variety of activities across the Forest School site, including den building, potion making, spring flower collages and planting wildflower seeds for bumblebees. Many children drew inspiration from their recent woodland adventure, creating shelters from natural materials and engaging in imaginative role play.

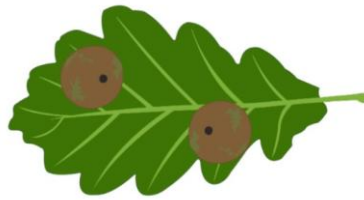
The session concluded with a celebration of the children's achievements throughout the half term. Each child received a Golden Acorn award in recognition of their creativity, teamwork, determination and positive attitude during Forest School sessions.

### **Cedar Class**

Cedar Class enjoyed many of the same activities independently, demonstrating fantastic enthusiasm and confidence throughout the session.

Den building proved particularly popular, with children working collaboratively to gather materials and construct shelters. The flint and steel activity captured the children's imagination, and they showed excellent perseverance as they attempted to create their own fire safely. Although they were unable to light a fire, they were thrilled by every spark they produced and encouraged one another throughout.

The session provided valuable opportunities for children to develop resilience, teamwork and confidence while exploring managed risk in a safe environment.



### **Elm Class**

Elm Class focused their final Forest School session of the half term on den building. Working together, the children collected natural materials from around the site and carefully planned how to construct a shelter large enough for everyone.

The children communicated exceptionally well, sharing ideas, solving problems and supporting one another throughout the challenge. They learned about the importance of strong structural supports and worked hard to strengthen and improve their den as the session progressed.

The activity showcased the children's growing resilience, creativity and ability to work collaboratively outdoors.

### **Oak Class**

With Year 6 away on their residential visit, Year 5 enjoyed a relaxed and rewarding Forest School session focused on independence and practical skills.

Children built and lit their own fires, demonstrating excellent responsibility and safety awareness. They also used knives safely alongside protective gloves to whittle roasting sticks, which were later used to toast marshmallows over the fires they had created.

Alongside these activities, some children relaxed in the hammock while others worked together to improve and strengthen existing den structures within the Forest School area. The session provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to enjoy the outdoor environment while further developing their confidence, teamwork and practical skills.

### **Supporting Our Forest School**

We are always looking for ways to improve and develop our Forest School environment and would greatly appreciate support from our families and wider community.

Our fire circle seating logs have unfortunately begun to deteriorate and are no longer safe to use. If anyone is able to donate large logs suitable for seating, we would be extremely grateful.

We would also warmly welcome donations of flowers, herbs, plants or wildflowers to help us create an even richer outdoor learning environment and encourage local wildlife.

**Thank you for your continued support in helping our Forest School flourish and grow.** 🌳 🌿 🐛