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Learning together inside and outside the classroom

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Forest School Sessions on Thursdays for Avon Class (Y1 & Y2)

Dear Parents/Carers,

From Thursday 10th September 2026, we shall be starting Forest School sessions with Avon class. We are very pleased to be offering this opportunity for your child. They will have sessions Thursday after lunch from 1pm to 3:15pm.

Session Dates on Thursday: September 10th, 17th, 24th
October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Forest school uses the outdoor environment to help all children learn. Children are encouraged to develop their independence, decision making skills and practical abilities whilst learning to care for the environment around them. Many significant benefits have been reported from Forest School such as improvements to confidence, social skills and learning abilities.

The children will use the area next to the school car park and will need to wear suitable clothing as Forest School takes place whatever the weather!! They will need:

- A long sleeved under top
- Long sleeved fleece or sweatshirt
- Long trousers (joggers are ideal – these should not be tight fitting – NO JEANS)
- Spare socks
- Wellingtons or stout shoes (please ensure that these still fit)
- A carrier bag for wet/dirty clothes
- Sunhat and sun cream

Anyone without the appropriate clothing may not be able to do Forest School. We do not allow children to do Forest School in school uniform or PE kits.

During Forest School sessions, the children enjoy hot chocolate and a biscuit. If you prefer your child to have their own drink and snack, please send this in on Forest School days.

We have already collected your child's medical details. Please inform us if anything has changed, and ensure any medication your child needs (i.e. inhalers etc.) is in school.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours faithfully
J R A Godding
Mr Godding
Headteacher