



# John Blandy Primary School

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next term, Birch Class will begin taking part in Forest School sessions held within the school grounds on Tuesday afternoons starting from 11<sup>th</sup> November. These sessions will be led by myself and kindly supported by a parent volunteer, Mrs McBrien.

Forest school will include a variety of nature inspired, play-based educational activities, which will be fully risk assessed as normal. Activities may include bug hunts, social games, creative activities and den making. The activities are all suitable to the age and capabilities of the group and will be motivated and led by the children's interests.

## For each session your child will need:

- boots or wellies.
- Long trousers, a long sleeved top and if the weather is cold a fleece or jumper, hat and gloves.
- A waterproof jacket.
- Waterproof trousers or waterproof suit. (we will be sitting on wet logs as well as being out in all weathers)

**These will get muddy and wet, so please don't send your child with their best clothes!**

## Please note:

- If your child has a waterproof all in one outfit, they will still need warm layers and a coat.
- A number of thin layers are better than one thick one and can always be removed if too warm.
- Please send warm clothes even when it seems sunny and warm at the start of the day.
- Sessions will go ahead even if it is raining or cold. Strong wind is usually the only reason we may not use the wood, although we may use the field instead.
- Please send clothes that you don't mind getting dirty, and let your child know that at Forest School they CAN GET DIRTY, and you don't mind!
- Please keep their named clothes in a named bag and bring to each session. The clothes bag will be returned at the end of the day.

If you have any questions or queries, please do speak to Mrs Nichols, our Forest School Leader, or one of the reception staff. We have a small supply of spare waterproofs in school. If your child would like to borrow a pair, then please do let us know and we will ensure we have enough for everyone.

Please complete and return the attached permission slip, so your child can enjoy the fun and sometimes messy activities of Forest School!

Please ensure you return the permission slip by **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025 – see attached.**

With best regards,

Mrs Nichols

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I, being the parent/carer of .....agree/do not agree for my child to participate in the Forest School activities at John Blandy Forest School.

Signed .....

Date.....

Additional information.

Is there anything you would like me to know about your child e.g. fear of spiders, additional needs etc

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