

What is Forest School?

Forest School was developed in Scandinavia and is now growing in popularity in the UK. Forest School consists of regular outdoor sessions where children can engage with nature through hands on learning. A qualified Level 3 Forest School Leader delivers it in a woodland or natural environment.



What are the benefits of Forest School?

The outdoor environment can provide unique experiences, opportunities and resources for teaching and learning in a safe and supervised environment.

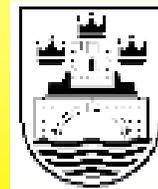
Forest School uses a holistic approach that encourages the development of the whole child and celebrates children's individuality, boosting self-confidence and self-esteem. Social and emotional skills are developed and children are encouraged to be reflective on their learning. Long term, regular sessions with a trained Forest teacher, provide children with fun, hands on inspirational activities that engage them with the natural seasonal surroundings of our wooded area.

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Buzzing
with
nature



Learning and
achieving in
a caring
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Where do sessions take place?

Ann Edwards Forest School sessions take place within our school grounds in a nature area located to the right of the field. It was created in 2012 and since then trees and hedgerows that were planted have become established and parts of it have been left to grow wild to encourage birds and insects. Our sessions are run by our Level 3 qualified Forest School Teacher Miss Lund.



What kind of activities take place at Ann Edwards Forest School?

Children engage in hands on activities linked to the nature around them. They use tools to whittle sticks, build shelters, use flints to create fire, search for minibeasts, listen to birds, make mud pies, collect natural treasures, the list is endless. Activities are child centred with adult led tasks to help children to learn to take care of others, develop confidence as well as take risks safely. Links are made where possible to our creative curriculum topics as well as encouraging and developing the children's own interests.

