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Dear Parents and Carers,

You will have heard the exciting news that Forest School is running this year at St Mary's.

Your child's class (Willows) will have Forest School for 6 weeks. This will run on Tuesday afternoons 1 – 3pm from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

We will need two parent volunteers to enable this to run. If you are able to help, please contact Miss Hutchinson via Dojo.

The children will need to come to school dressed appropriately for Forest School (details below). We will have a rack for their wellies so please send them in trainers for the morning and we can change in to wellies (weather dependent). We suggest keeping their wellies in school for the duration of the half term to avoid bringing them back and forth or forgetting them! It is also really useful if you can send a large plastic bag or bin bag in with your child so that any muddy clothing can be put straight into this to go home at the end of the day.

## Forest School – Clothing Parent information

Children do not need to wear school uniform on Forest School days. They should wear clothing that is most appropriate for the weather and that meets the requirements below. All children **MUST** wear a long sleeve top and long trousers (no shorts).

### Colder weather

Thermal base layer - leggings, not tights please, long sleeved top and thick socks (ideally thermal polyester/merino/ silk, not cotton as this holds moisture and provides little warmth)

Second long sleeve top (again not cotton)

Warm fleece/wool jumper

Cosy trousers i.e tracksuit pants, fleece leggings (not jeans please)

Mittens/Gloves (waterproof if possible)

Warm hat and fleece snood (these are very warm!)

Neoprene or fleece lined wellies, or waterproof walking boots.

### Warmer weather

Long sleeved top

Long trousers (not jeans) **NO SHORTS**

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Trainers, sturdy outdoor boots or wellies  
Jumper/ fleece (as it can be cool in the woods)  
Sun cream  
Insect repellent (optional)

**All weather:**

Waterproof Jacket and waterproof trousers/dungarees. A thicker jacket for colder days is a good idea. It is important that even in dry weather your child still has their waterproofs as this enables them to play in puddles, mud and sit on damp ground etc. They also protect from scratches and prickles.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

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