



Our Lady Immaculate  
Catholic Primary School  
A Multi-Academy

Forest School at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School aims to provide a safe outdoor environment that will enable and encourage the children to explore their natural surroundings.

The learning approach at Forest School is child centred and provides opportunities for them to become independent, explore, use their imagination, take appropriate risks and initiate their own learning. Forest School is a holistic approach to learning, incorporating children's individuality and develops their skills for lifelong learning.

We are pleased to be able to offer children of Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School the opportunity to take part in our Forest School programme. It will take place in the school grounds, and they will enjoy sessions fortnightly throughout the school term. The sessions will be led by Mary Harpur, Level 2 trained Forest School Lead.

What will happen during a Forest School session? Activities will take place in a secure and safe environment. Children will be able to explore, investigate and discover the natural world through practical activities. Some Forest School activities will be planned. This may be to enable the children to master and perfect a new skill before they are able to enjoy another activity or just because it is a fun experience.

Learning and exploring in Forest School is encouraged and supported by adults and as well as the other children. Child-led activities are fundamental within the Forest School ethos. Reception have enjoyed going to forest school. They have hunted for different bugs, climbed over logs, met Foxy and friends, made different things using natural objects, made mud pies and mud soup in the mud kitchen, visited Mary's garden, collected water and sat on logs around the fire circle. They have had a great time exploring the forest school area!







