

Forest Schools Newsletter

Summer Term 2025

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The Summer term has flown by so quickly but has been full of adventures in the Forest School area. Year 6 enjoyed a final morning at Forest Schools where we played their favourite game (Hide and Seek), climbed trees, built shelters, cooked pizza wraps on the campfire and laughed with friends. It was a brilliant morning and they showed just how much they have learnt during their time at Forest Schools here at St George's.



Pathfinders and Year 1 Explorers have experienced the forest in the summer season, with thriving flora (plants) and many species of fauna (animals and insects). The children have built on existing knowledge and are always impressing me with their care for the environment, with regular litter picks taking place and always wanting to identify and learn more about species found on site. As we have had very dry weather conditions and minimal amounts of rain, the children helped to fill the pond and raise the water level. While doing so, we found a resident frog!



There have been opportunities to use tools and create different crafts, learning new skills such as Nordic Weaving, pond dipping and identification of freshwater species, den building, clay creations and more! Safety information is revisited at every stage of learning and the children understand how to keep themselves and others safe.



As always, the mud pit has been popular among the children, with water play, guttering, digging and creating muddy dishes in the 'kitchen'.



Stag beetles remain a big part of our conservation at St George's, with many being found this season, both dead and alive. We have rehomed larvae and living females at our Stag Beetle Stumpery which was built earlier this year.

Thank you once again to Mr Barford-Buzzard and John Jackdaw for their continued support at Forest Schools. Like the children, we are always learning!

