

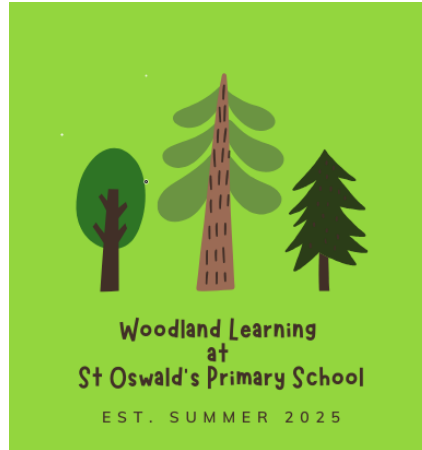


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Dear Parents/Carers

We are excited to tell you about our new Woodland Learning Area which we are launching on Saturday 7th June at our Open Day!

Woodland learning offers children a valuable opportunity to engage with the natural world in a hands-on, meaningful way that supports both their education and wellbeing. Being outdoors encourages curiosity and creativity, as children explore, discover, and learn through play and practical experiences. Activities like den building, observing wildlife, and using natural materials for art or science foster problem-solving, resilience, and teamwork—skills that are just as important as academic knowledge.

Spending time in nature also has a powerful impact on children's mental and emotional health. The calming atmosphere of the woodland helps reduce stress, boost mood, and improve concentration. Children often feel more free and relaxed outdoors, which encourages confidence, independence, and positive relationships with others. It's a space where learning feels less pressured and more connected to everyday life.

Woodland learning also offers a gentle way to reflect on the beauty and purpose of creation. Many parents value the chance for their children to develop a sense of wonder, care, and responsibility for the world around them. This aligns with the Christian idea of stewardship—looking after God's creations with respect and gratitude. Genesis 2:15 tells us that humanity was placed in the Garden of Eden "to work it and take care of it." As children form a personal

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connection with the natural world, they begin to appreciate their God-given responsibility to care for it.

For us at St Oswald's, this means supporting an education that not only strengthens academic skills but also helps raise compassionate, grounded, and spiritually aware young people. Every child in school will spend at least one session a week in the Woodland Area, focusing on many areas of the curriculum and linking in with their topics. We are really excited to further develop this area within school with the help of both the children, parents and wider community. A timetable will be shared with you via Class DoJo, including which days your child will need to have the appropriate clothing, footwear and any resources necessary.

Many thanks for your ongoing and future support with our Woodland Area. We will be having some 'Working Parties' where we'll be inviting parents, grandparents and children to come and help after school or on weekends. More information and dates will be shared via Class DoJo and the newsletter.

Kind regards
Louise McDonough

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