

BURMAN NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that this academic year, all children at Burman will be continuing to take part in Forest School sessions.

Each class will experience at least 4 Forest School sessions across different terms of the school year. This will enable children to enjoy outdoor learning in our Forest Site during varied seasons.



What is Forest School?



Forest school is an innovative and educational approach to outdoor learning and play.

Children visit an outdoor space to learn personal, social and technical skills.

Forest School has countless benefits including improving confidence, raising self esteem and widening knowledge of the natural world.

Please see Forest School dates for the Autumn term below:

Autumn 1 (Before October Half Term)

Friday 9 th October	Willow
Friday 16 th October	Maple
Friday 23 rd October	Beech

Autumn 2 (After October Half Term)

Friday 6 th November	Birch
Friday 13 th November	Ash
Wednesday 18 th November	Oak
Friday 20 th November	Willow
Friday 27 th November	Maple
Friday 4 th December	Beech and Birch
Friday 11 th December	Ash

Forest School dates for the Spring and Summer terms will be provided later in the year. Please do refer to our Burman Bulletin for termly date reminders.

We will be having lots of fun outdoors and experiencing Forest School on our own site, in the spinney, the small woodland at the back of our school field.

Children will need to come to school already wearing clothes (non-uniform) for Forest School on their selected Forest School day.

This should include:

- Full length trousers or leggings (to protect legs in the woodland)
- A long-sleeved top (to protect arms in the woodland)
- A jumper / hoodie
- Socks
- Shoes to wear inside school whilst not at Forest School

Please send the items below named and in a bag ready to change into prior to the Forest School session.

- Wellies / boots / outdoor footwear (that you don't mind getting dirty!)
**If your child's Forest School session falls on a non-uniform day, please ensure wellies / boots / outdoor footwear is sent. Non-uniform shoes cannot be worn to Forest School and then back into school.*
- Hat, gloves and scarf (when needed)
- A waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers (if you have them)

Please do not send children to school in uniform on their Forest School day, as there is a chance uniform items could be damaged or ruined.

Please do not send children to school already wearing wellies or boots on their Forest School day. This will help keep the inside of school clean!

Unfortunately, children will be unable to attend Forest School without the correct kit as the items required help to protect them outdoors.

Please be reminded that children may return a little dirty from Forest School, however they are always told that if they are dirty it shows we have had really good fun!

If you have any queries regarding the sessions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards,
Miss Goddard

