



We are passionate about learning and discovering in the outdoors and are keen for every child to have the opportunity to do so in their own school grounds. We offer a wide range of exciting 'outreach' opportunities led by qualified and experienced staff.

## Willow work (November—March)

- We work with your children on a 'whole school' willow dome/tunnel construction project in a day. Children and school staff help design the structure with our staff before-hand.
- £300 for an experienced member of staff to lead the project.
- Willow supplied is grown at Testwood Lakes for a suggested donation £60 - £100.

e.g. bird feeders, insect hotels, log piles etc.

*"My son now tells me the names of trees and insects, when out walking he is far more observant." Parent of Year 2 child attending Forest School*

## Forest School (All year round)

- 6 week Forest School programme for up to 15 children in your grounds for £150 per session.
- Free 2 hour Forest School taster sessions.

## Habitats (Spring/Summer)

- We work with your children and school staff to survey your grounds and learn about habitats using nets, sheets, trays and magnifiers to identify animals and plants.
- We can lead further activities and games to extend learning about habitats, classification, adaptation, life cycles and food chains
- We can work with your children and staff to create a more wildlife friendly school grounds,

## Den building (All year round)

- Would you like your children to build dens in your School Grounds, but have no natural materials? We can supply a 'load of sticks/ logs suitable for den building for a suggested donation of £50.
- We can lead den building sessions for £100 for a half day, £200 for a full day with sticks/tarps.

## Play Ambassadors (All year round)

- We train your Year 5/6 pupils to become 'Play Ambassadors'. They play with a range of simple outdoor discovery equipment e.g. bug pots and discuss health and safety considerations.
- They then train younger pupils on how to play with the equipment and help maintain the equipment.

# Staff training and grounds maintenance

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We believe that a hands-on connection with wildlife gives a much better understanding of the environment, as well as our place in it - all while having fun! Our experienced staff and volunteers are experts in making outdoor learning exciting and memorable.



## Staff training (All year round)

- Bespoke INSET training days for your school staff on a range of outdoor learning themes, e.g. using your school pond all year round, literacy and numeracy ideas.
- Level 1 and Level 3 Forest School courses and one-off experience days at our Education Centres for teachers to put into use in their school grounds.
- Specialised CPD training such as fire lighting, tool use, invertebrate ID, tree ID.

## School grounds maintenance (September—March)

- Pond maintenance - we can clear your school pond ready for pond dipping in the summer—£50 per hour.
- Willow dome maintenance—we can help maintain your willow structures—£50 per hour.
- Improvements to your grounds, e.g. log circle, habitat piles—£50 per hour.

*"A great course with lots of information given and to take away. Welcoming and friendly tutors with lots of knowledge."*  
*Willow Course Participant*

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust's education service holds the Quality Badge from the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom and is a member of the Forest School Trainers' Network. All our Education team are DBS checked and have completed Outdoor First Aid training.



### Wildlife School Club

Teachers and leaders can Make a Wild Change by joining our Bronze Wildlife School Club, which provides numerous resources aimed at helping you to get your children connected with the natural world. There are also further benefits for Silver and Gold members who can have help setting up wildlife clubs, help with using your setting grounds to learn about nature and much more.

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