

Dress Code

Please ensure that your child is appropriately dressed for the weather and messy play activities i.e. suitable footwear (wellies), hats, sunhats, gloves etc.

We will provide waterproof overalls when appropriate and children should wear trousers to accommodate them.



For further information, please speak to a member of staff.



What is Woodland Learning?

Woodland Learning is taken from the Danish approach to outdoor play and learning more commonly known as 'Forest Schools' introduced into the UK in the 1990's. Research has shown that children who attend these groups have high self esteem and confidence. Children explore the woodland area taking part in various activities.



Through play the children learn about their natural environment, how to handle risks and most importantly to use their own initiative to solve problems and co-operate with others. Through the use of their emotions, imagination and senses a child learns to develop an understanding of the world, the environment and everything within it.

Play and Learning

Small groups of children will have the opportunity to take part in Woodland Learning sessions weekly for the majority of a half term. All sessions are designed around the needs of the group ensuring they are child led and planned to the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum. Sessions may be based around a theme such as 'Mini-beasts', 'Planting and Growing' or a story such as 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Sessions run all year round come rain or shine.



Our Woodland Area

Every woodland area is unique and we are very lucky to have a fantastic area within Sacrista gardens close to Pre-school to provide such fun and exciting learning opportunities for the children. It holds a huge array of trees and shrubs which the children will learn about through tree rubbing and leaf collecting. There is a wonderful area in the centre enclosed by trees perfect for group time and outdoor stories. There are also lots of exciting areas formed by trees great for dens and more importantly our very own mud kitchen!