

IMPACT REPORT

John Blow Primary School at Slate Farm
Wilderness Forest School



Introduction

As part of our commitment to developing the whole child, Forest School has become a valuable component of our wider curriculum offer. Delivered in collaboration with Slate Farm Wilderness, the provision aims to build resilience, independence, and wellbeing through hands-on, nature-based experiences. Sessions have run across year groups throughout the academic year.

To evaluate the impact of this initiative, we gathered feedback from parents in Summer 2025.



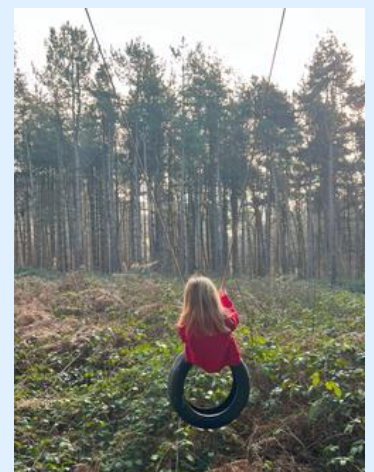
Key Findings from Parent Survey

- 100% of parents strongly agreed their child enjoyed Forest School.
- 100% said their child spoke positively about the experience.
- 100% said their child talked about what they did in Forest School.
- 100% of parents would like their child to continue participating.
- 100% agreed (60% strongly) that Forest School helped their child grow in confidence.
- 80% agreed that their child became more resilient or willing to try new things.
- 80% agreed Forest School supported their child's overall learning and development.



My child is like a different person since attending Forest School—more confident, happier, and now joining in with peers at lunchtime, which they never did before.

Parent of Y2 learner



Forest School gave my child the chance to mix with others from different year groups, which really boosted their confidence. They couldn't stop talking about it at home.

Parent of Y3 learner



"The outdoor setting clearly suited my child—they were always excited to share what they'd done and looked forward to each session."

Parent of Y4 learner

My child thoroughly enjoyed their time at Forest School and was excited to tell us about it when they came home. I think the environment suited them and I'm looking forward to attending the Forest School celebration.

Parent of Y4 learner



Key Findings from Pupil Survey

1. I enjoyed going to Forest School.

100% strongly agreed.

2. I felt excited to tell people what I did at Forest School.

100% positive with 82% strongly agreeing.

3. Forest School helped me feel more confident to try new things.

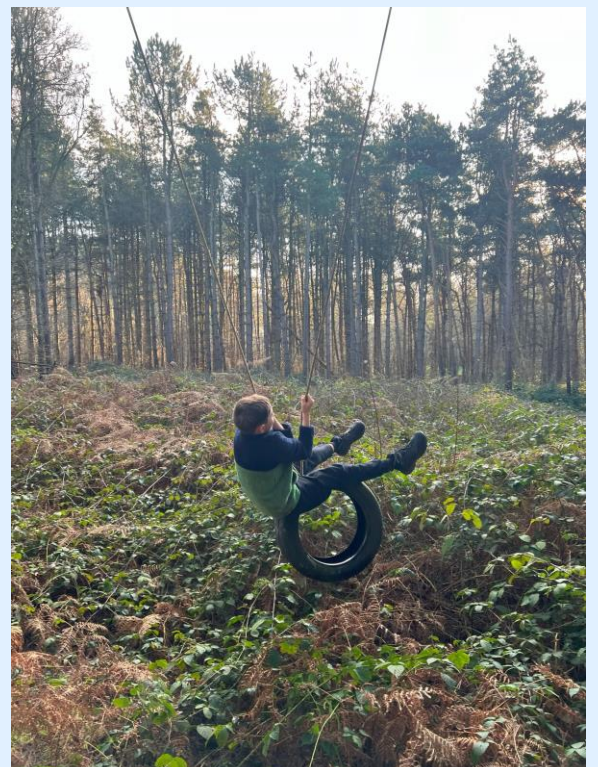
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4. I got to play or work with children I don't usually mix with.

100% positive with 82% strongly agreeing.

5. I would like to go to Forest School again.

100% strongly agreed.



Capturing the childrens' experience...

*I loved it: I got to be with other children who I don't usually play with and now we play with each other at school.
Forest School is the best!*

Year 5 learner

It was awesome! It was so much fun.

Year 6 learner



It was amazing! I enjoyed pretending we were in Minecraft using the fire to make our own torches.

Year 4 learner

The forest was fun! I am looking forward to going with daddy and showing him the trye swing!

Year 2 learner