



HOATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers of Class 1

In Term 6, children in Class 1 will be taking part in sessions of either Beach School or Forest School (some onsite and some offsite) on a Wednesday.

- Wednesday 3rd June (offsite at either Beach or Forest)
- Wednesday 10th June (offsite at either Beach or Forest)
- Wednesday 17th June (offsite at either Beach or Forest)
- Wednesday 24th June (offsite at either Beach or Forest)
- Wednesday 1st July (Forest School onsite)
- Wednesday 8th July (Forest School onsite)
- Wednesday 15th July (Forest School onsite)

Where we go will depend on the weather and the tides. We will notify you in advance via Dojo to let you know whether we will be going to the Forest or the Beach. If there are any changes to these dates, we will let you know.

For Forest School we use the Scout Campsite at Ross Woods which is a ten minute drive away from the school, off New Road, Herne. The site is a scout camp site and has some amazing activity opportunities in addition to the woodland. There is parking available and we are able to use the toilet facilities. The site now has numerous hand washing facilities with hot water and hand sanitising stations and the children will wash their hands before getting onto the minibuses and when they disembark.

The beaches we hope to use are Reculver, Hampton or Dumpton Gap.

These days offer children the opportunities to achieve and develop through self-led, hands on learning experiences in a local woodland. The sessions are structured but flexible. Children are encouraged to learn at their own pace, including time for free play within set boundaries, which is recognised as a valuable learning process. Activities can be repeated in subsequent sessions, allowing participants to be involved at a time appropriate to their individual learning.

Temporary shelter is used in case of bad weather, and there is usually a fire which is supervised. All activities and the site are Risk Assessed and there will be safety talks to establish ground rules.

The children will be outdoors for each session, so we advise that they wear/bring the following and are prepared for all weather conditions.

Essential things to wear in the woods:

Long trousers (to avoid scratches)

Long sleeves (to avoid scratches)

Sturdy footwear – boots or wellies are best





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For the beach children should have:

Long trousers or shorts

T-shirt and a sweatshirt

Footwear that can get wet and a bag to put them in

A change of shoes/clothes and a small towel (just in case they get wet)

Recommended for both Forest & Beach: – depending on the weather

A suitable packed lunch and plenty to drink

Coat, hat, scarf, gloves

Plenty of layers of clothing or thermals

Waterproofs (we can provide these if necessary)

Sun hat (warm weather)

Insect repellent (if required)

Sun cream should be applied before school during warm weather

We provide drinking water and activities may include making a hot chocolate drink and cooking (e.g. popcorn, marshmallows, chestnuts, potatoes, sausages) over the fire.

There will be a variety of practical activities and games and children may be using tools, such as loppers, bowsaws and peelers under close supervision from Forest School staff. Use of tools depends on the students' age and ability levels, which is assessed by Forest School staff.

When we are onsite, children will be able to order a school dinner as usual. On the offsite days, children will need to bring a packed lunch and drink for that day and come suitably dressed for all weathers. If you wish to order a school packed lunch please indicate this on the permission form. **Please note that this has to be ordered before we break for the next school holiday, so please complete the permission form by no later than Friday 22nd May, (the end of term 5), thank you.**

The children will be travelling by minibus and normal school hours will apply.

Please complete the consent form by clicking on the link below and submitting your reply by **Friday 22nd May 2026**

[Forest School Consent Form](#)

Thank you

Mrs Phillipson

