



**Cogenhoe**  
Primary School

Friday 10th May 2024

## Inspire. Aspire. Achieve!

Dear Families,

We hope you enjoyed your long weekend and got to do something nice when the sun was shining? Our children have enjoyed their sessions in their sunny Forest School this week - please make sure children are provided with sunhats and have sun cream on. Also, can we ask you to support our Forest School provision by supporting our dedicated staff who will be walking the Waendel Walk on Saturday the 18th of May by sponsoring them with a £1or more in exchange for a Green Mufti on Friday 17th May. We want to keep our Forest School filled to the brim with exciting resources for all our children.

### SATs

Next week is the national Key Stage 2 SATS (Standardised Assessment Tests) and want to wish all of our Year 6 children the very, very best. They have worked hard so now it is time to believe in themselves. Over the next week you will no doubt see lots of social media posts all about the things that the SATs do not test in our young people like: creativity, kindness, sportsmanship, effort, musicianship and artistic skills. Here at Cogenhoe Primary we know that our children are simply BRILLIANT allrounders and that these tests are just a snapshot of a very small element of their capabilities and lives, so we hope that they know that no matter what, we are all very proud of them - good luck year 6! We believe in you.

Finally, we have we had an Assembly last week where two gigantic bears were the star of the show. One bear will go home with one of our 5 in Row kst 1 Readers and the other will go home with the lucky child who wins our Conquer Cogenhoe Prize Draw at the end of term. We have set ourselves the challenge that every child will complete their steps- if you need help completing any of the steps at home, please let your child's teacher know. If you have lost your booklet- pop to the office. Good luck - you know you want that giant bear in your home!



This Term Value is  
**Compassion**



## Dates for your diary.

- 17th May - Forest School Mufti Day, Bugs & Butterflies KS1 - Wear something green KS2
- 14th June - Father's Day Pop-Up Shop
- 21st June - Sports Day

## Attendance Summary

**Preschool - 93.8%**  
**Reception - 96%**  
**Year 1 - 96.8%**  
**Year 2 - 95.2%**  
**Year 3 - 96.2%**  
**Year 4 - 95.5%**  
**Year 5 - 95.1%**  
**Year 6 - 94.8%**  
**Overall - 95.6%**

Please remember how important attendance is!





### Key Stage One

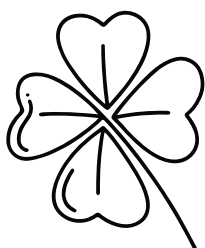
Reading is the cornerstone of learning; reading regularly has a significant impact on your child's working brain and those who can read fluently by the time they reach the end of ~~Kst~~ **Kst 1** are at an advantage for accessing all areas of the curriculum fully. We are promoting more regular reading at home in **kst1**, so we are setting the children a Reading Challenge – to read **5 days** in a row. Simply sign in your child's reading book for any 5 consecutive days as they read to you. Your child will then be entered in a prize draw at the end of term and could win a huge, plush Big Ted!

### Key Stage Two

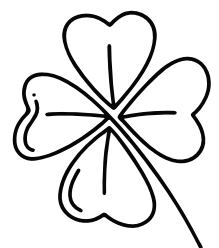
To become effective communicators and well-rounded individuals, it's important for children to step outside their reading comfort zones. Exploring a variety of genres, not just the ones they prefer, broadens a child's understanding of the world, and enhances their ability to connect with different kinds of texts and people.

We have set the Reading Bingo Challenge to encourage our **Kst2** children to explore our brand-new books we have ordered including our **Top 12 Recommended Reads** for each year group!

If your child completes their Bingo Board, they will be entered for the regular Prize draw. If they need longer, they will continue to be entered to win our new prizes in our School Prize dispensing machine!



Happy Reading and Good Luck!





# Reading Bingo!



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Read a non-fiction book	Read a biography	Read a book recommended by a friend	Read a Fairy Tale	Read a play or a script
Read a book by a male author	Read a book of poetry	Read a traditional tale	Read a book of simple fiction ie - Diary of a Wimpy Kid	Read a non-fiction book about a science topic
Read a book of your choice	Takes turns reading a page of a book with someone	Read outside	Read a Book that makes you laugh	Read a book by Roald Dahl
Read an Informational Book	Read a Mystery Book	Read a non-fictional book on Travel, The world, different places	Read a book by a Female author	Read a Book that has been turned into a film
Read a Horror Book	Read a historical book - Fiction or Non-Fiction	Read a book recommended by a teacher	Read a magazine	Read a book set in another country or about another culture

# Benefits of reading

## to your child

✓ Builds vocabulary

✓ Reduces stress

✓ Helps children learn language structure

✓ Lets children acquire knowledge

✓ Develops reading and writing skills

✓ Increases attention span

✓ Teaches critical thinking and problem solving

✓ Strengthens memory

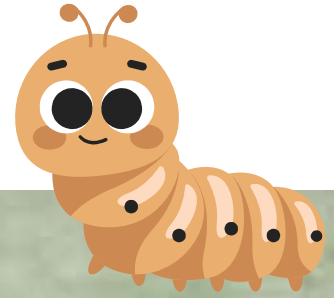
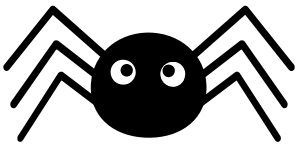
✓ Develops reading comprehension

✓ Provides bonding time

✓ Develops empathy

✓ Encourages imagination





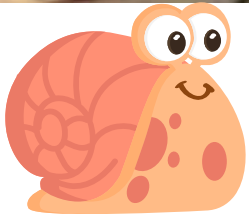
**Forest School Mufti Day – KS1 and Early years**

**Come dressed as A bug / insect.**

**Help sponsor our lovely volunteers, who are walking the waendel walk raising money.**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Mufti –donation £1+**



# Forest School Mufti Day - KS2



Please help support our wonderful group of volunteers, who are walking the Waendel walk on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May. By sponsoring them £1+ in exchange For a Green Mufti Day.



**Next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

# FOREST SCHOOL NEWS

Last term year 2 and 4 worked hard on their team building skills. They made lots of shelters, tried their hand at lighting fires and played team building games and puzzles.

This term it was the turn of year 3! Yr 3 have enjoyed 3 weeks so far of team building and will be spending the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of this term looking at trees and leaves.

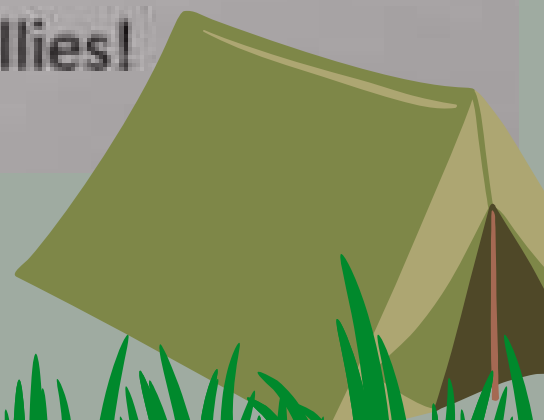
Some of the questions we will be answering...  
Can we identify a leaf by its shape?

What trees produce seeds or produce?

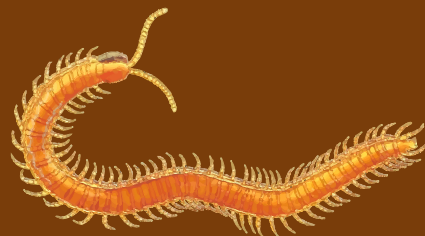
Are some trees poisonous to us?

Year 3 will continue to have forest school on a Wednesday afternoon this term.

Don't forget your wellies!



# YEAR 3 FOREST SCHOOL SESSIONS





# **Our Learning Champions for this term are...**

Preschool - Marley  
Reception - Sayana  
Year 1 - Arlo  
Year 2 - Daley  
Year 3 - Amelia-May  
Year 4 - Izzy  
Year 5 - Nevaeh  
Year 6 - Taya

## **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Well done to our children who have  
Conquered Cogenhoe so far this term!

Year 1 - Cooper & Simi



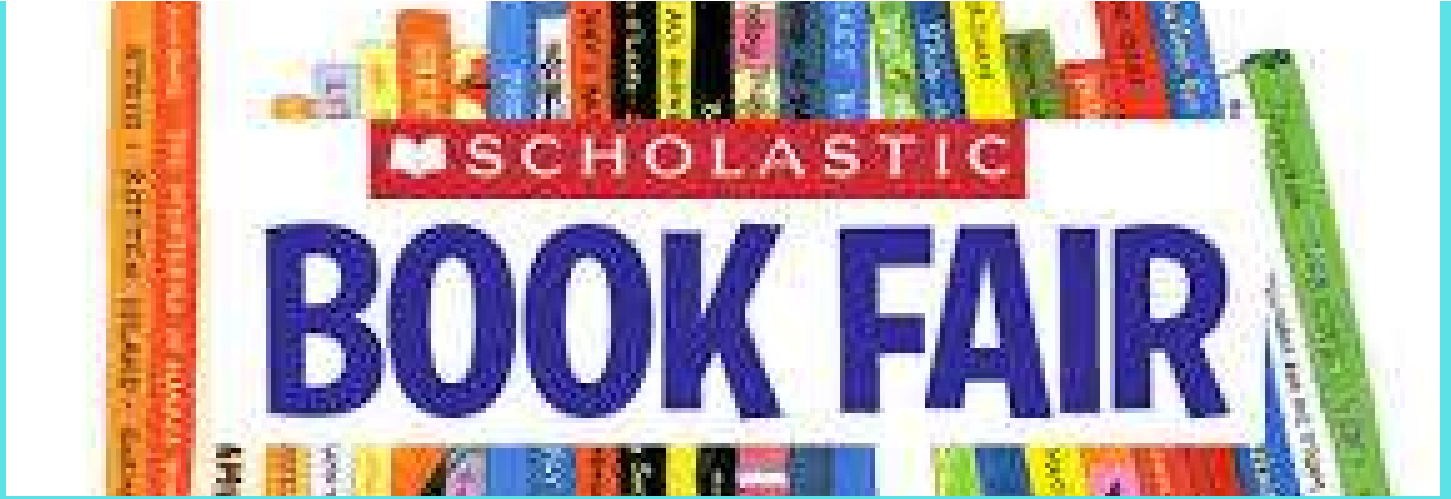


# Year 4 Chester House Visit



Our Year 4's conquered Chester House this week. We pride ourselves on giving children experiences to widen and broaden their curriculum knowledge. We are so fortunate to have Chester House Estate as one of the incredible facilitators to allow us to bring history to life!





Thank you so much for supporting our book fair this year. It was a resounding success with just under £700 worth of books sold! Which gave us a little under £300's worth of brand new books to add to our fabulous library!

Special thanks to our Reading Ambassadors also for giving up their time to help out our amazing PTA with this event!



### Wear Something Yellow Day!

We were overwhelmed by your kind donations, we managed to raise over £250 for this incredible cause, which has been very gratefully received by the Northamptonshire and Warwickshire Air Ambulance.



# Lab 13 Science Competition



Our Summer 2024 competition focus is all about raising the profile of science in our schools and emphasising how science doesn't have to be complicated or expensive.

We would like children from years 3-6 to design their own science activity using everyday materials from school or home. For example:

- Can a sundial be made from cardboard?
- What effect does vinegar have on a boiled egg?
- Is it possible to make chalk from eggshells?
- What sauces are best for cleaning old coins?
- Is it possible to make a magnifying glass with two materials?
- What's the biggest bubble that can be made?

Children should explain their activity and what they have learnt in either a poster or presentation of their choice.

How to enter:

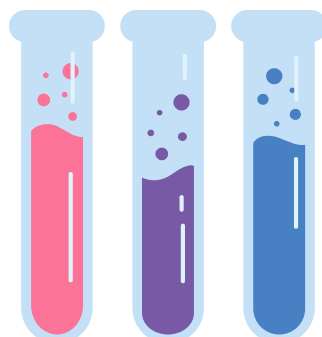
Simply forward entries to the school office :[admin@cogenhoe-school.net](mailto:admin@cogenhoe-school.net). Entries should be submitted no later than Friday 17th May 2024.

Prizes:

After all entries have been judged, we will announce the winning entries from each school. Each school's science lead can then bring the winner to a bespoke primary science morning or afternoon session in our amazing Lab\_13 laboratory, led by our Scientist In Residence, Kristina Castle. Dates and times will be confirmed but will be held during Summer term 2.

Questions?

Please email the school office at : [admin@cogenhoe-school.net](mailto:admin@cogenhoe-school.net)







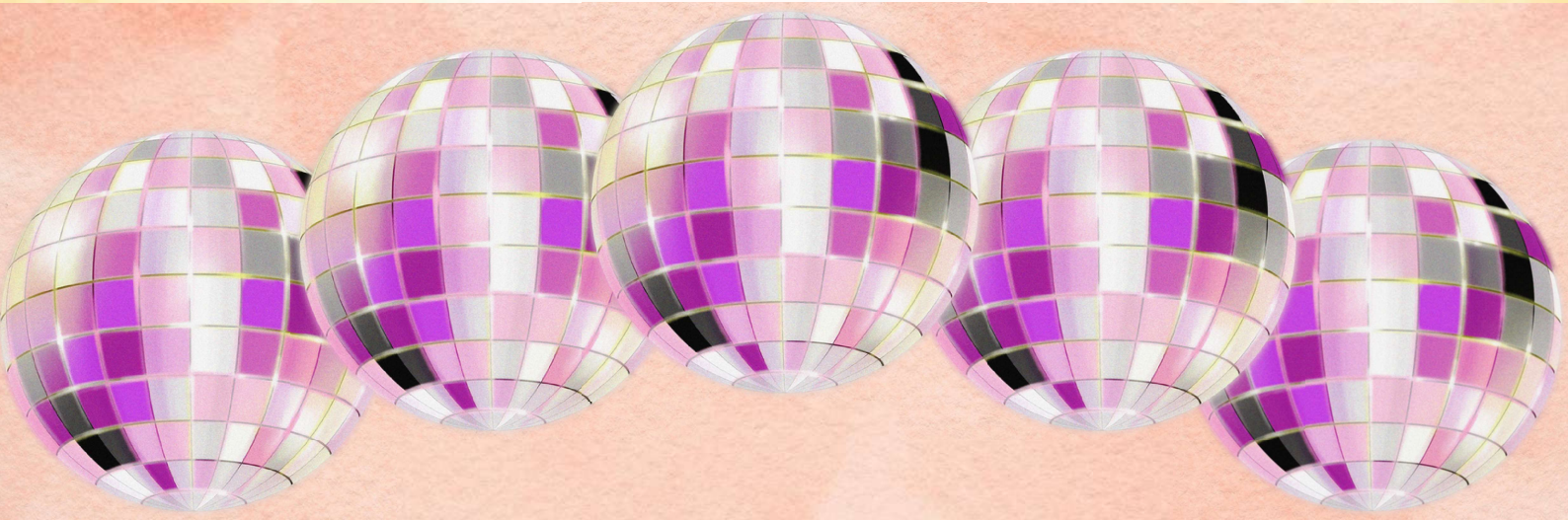
Saturday 29th June 2024 / Spinney Theatre

**STEPbySTEP**  
Dance School

Strictly Northampton



is BACK!







Learning to grow through play, nature and discovery...

Little Explorers is a child-centred pre-school, with its own Forest School, based within Cogenhoe Primary School on the outskirts of Northampton. We work in partnership with parents to achieve the highest outcomes for all of our children.

Our main aim is to provide a secure and happy environment, where each individual truly thrives socially, academically, culturally, physically, emotionally and intellectually. Every child we care for deserves a calm, caring and stimulating setting, enabling them to become successful, life-long learners!

## Our pre-school offers:

- ✓ Newly established Forest School
- ✓ Welcoming children from 3 yrs
- ✓ Vast outdoor area & excellent facilities
- ✓ One form entry (no mixed classes)
- ✓ Dedicated & experienced staff
- ✓ Wrap around care available before & after school
- ✓ Programme meets the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum
- ✓ We accept government childcare funding (which can be split over two different providers)
- ✓ Member of the Nene Valley Partnership Trust

## Contact us:

Email [admin@cogenhoe-school.net](mailto:admin@cogenhoe-school.net) or call 01604 890380 to book your bespoke, personalised tour and meet our team.

*We look forward to welcoming you into the Cogenhoe family!*

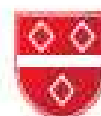
Grow



Discover



Play



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## Forest Tots

➤ Starting Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Feb

Exploring nature through hands-on, fun, outdoor play...

Love exploring, learning, playing and adventuring outdoors?  
Fond of puddle jumping or a fan of climbing?  
Want to experience something different with your child?  
Then Cogenhoe Forest Tots group is for you!

Our forest school has a relaxed, child-led approach with play at the heart of our ethos. Children learn with their whole bodies: walking, jumping, searching, smelling and feeling, all the time absorbing the world around them. Our hands-on activities produce muddy children with happy faces and brains that are inspired by nature!

### Cogenhoe Forest Tots offers:

- ✓ Sessions suitable from 18m - 5 years (accompanied by a parent/carer)
- ✓ Each session includes a drink & snack
- ✓ Accessible toilets
- ✓ A passionate & dedicated Forest School Leader
- ✓ A fun way to grow in confidence & independence
- ✓ A place to make new friends in a beautiful setting
- ✓ Activities may include: story-telling, tool use, den building, woodland crafts, campfires, mud kitchen fun & exploring bug hotels

### Book your sessions:

**Day/Time:** Tuesdays 10 - 11.30am (Starting 27<sup>th</sup> Feb)

**Venue:** Cogenhoe Primary School, York Avenue NN7 1NB

**Cost:** £35 for a five week block of sessions

**Book:** Email [admin@cogenhoe-school.net](mailto:admin@cogenhoe-school.net) or call 01604 890380

Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for all weathers

Tuesdays

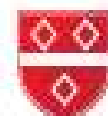
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Contact us to book your place!

Make friends

Muddy fun

Build dens



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