



Cotswold Forest School has enriched not only the education for the children that took part but also inspired the parents and teachers involved. The self confidence, self esteem and social skills that have been developed in Forest School that the children have taken into the classroom have been a joy to behold.

Mr. Alex Crump (FS Coordinator and Teacher)
Red Oaks Primary School, Swindon

Just wanted to say thanks for another lovely time in the forest on Thursday. Much fun had by all! All the very best.

Dear Cotswold Forest School, the highlight of home education for our sons was coming to your Forest School, they have grown in confidence and I can't tell you how good it was for them. I am hoping that they will be able to come to some of the sessions in the future. Thank you very much.

Mrs. Owusu

We would like to send many thanks to yourself and Chris for a wonderful day yesterday! We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and look forward to the next!! Many, many thanks.

Sam



Thanks for today. Callum said it was his best day since Christmas! How wonderful.

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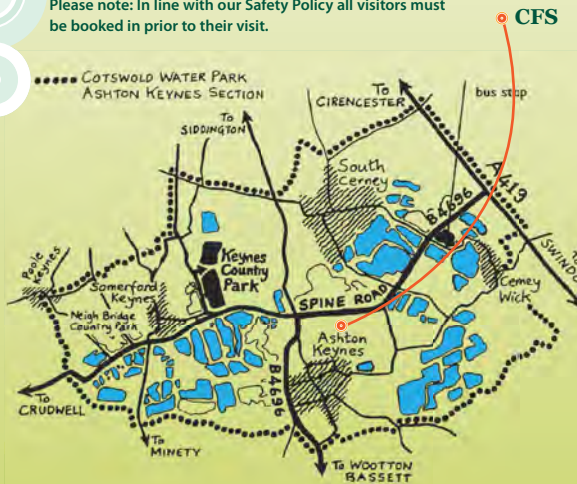
The students had a great time. It ticked all the boxes. It got them bonding, working as teams and communicating effectively. Some students worked with and got chatting to others who they had not spoken to before. And above all, it was fun. It put genuine smiles on all their faces and many of them commented that it was one of the best things they'd done. We'll certainly use you again.

Peter Woolley
Deputy Head Wycliffe College

How to Find Us

Cotswold Forest School activities are based in the heart of the Cotswold Water Park, known as the Western Section. We are approx. 1.5 miles from the A419/Spine road Junction (B4696). Our entrance is right next to the Clayhill Picnic Area, marked 'Cotswold Forest School'. From the gate please drive slowly along the track to our woodland car-park.

Please note: In line with our Safety Policy all visitors must be booked in prior to their visit.



Booking

Please visit us at www.cotswoldforestschool.co.uk.

To enquire about specific activity packages please contact the CFS team at enquiries@cotswoldforestschool.co.uk.

On Holiday and want to check booking availability?

Please call us on 08450 941 949 (Local BT rate) or alternatively 077 387 08880.

For full Terms and Conditions for our Workshops please visit www.cotswoldforestschool.co.uk. Every effort is made to ensure that our holiday Workshop will run as advertised. However, Cotswold Forest School reserves the right to alter the Workshop(s) or presenter(s) without further notice.

Cotswold Forest School reserves the right to cancel or alter activities due to insufficient numbers or severe inclement weather.



A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE

IN THE HEART OF THE COTSWOLD WATER PARK



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COTSWOLD FOREST SCHOOL BASED in the heart of the Cotswold Water Park was established in 2006. Its founder, a qualified teacher with a wealth of experience of the outdoors, felt that there was a real need to encourage youngsters and individuals to explore and live the many adventures that the woodlands can offer.

Cotswold Forest School offers a plethora of activities for: Nursery, Primary and Secondary Schools (Across the Educational Spectrum).

- Specific Year group training & Celebration i.e. Prefect Teambuilding.
- Youth groups including Youth Clubs, After School Clubs and the Prince's Trust.
- Home Education.
- Team-building sessions with the focus on Corporate Social Responsibility.
- Themed Activity events - Dawn chorus, Mammal tracking, Winter Wonder, Dusk nature trails and many more!
- Birthday extravaganzas.
- End of Year / School Parties.
- Our highly renowned Holiday workshops!

Our programmes aim to be educational, inspirational and great fun! They are all designed to increase nature awareness for all ages. Cotswold Forest School - Where learning is an adventure!

COTSWOLD FOREST SCHOOL IS AN INSPIRATIONAL process that offers children, young people and adults, the opportunity to achieve, and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in our local woodland environment. This can be a part of delivering the core curriculum, at an after school or holiday club, as an "alternative" curriculum, for family learning or adult training and development.

A taster of the activities that we can offer:

- Shelter / Den Building
- Tracking Skills, Woodland Survival Skills & Fire Lighting
- Low ropes and Team Building Challenge course
- Woodland instruments
- Cunning Camouflage Skills
- Fresh Art - Inspiration from the woods
- Woodland furniture
- Tree Planting - Trees For All
- Mask Making
- Team Building
- Sensory Challenges
- Mini Beast Hunts
- Willow Sculpture - Bio-domes, Dream Catchers
- Woodland Tools & Hand Tool Safety
- Tipi building
- National Play Days
- The Great Egg Launch!
- Bow and Arrow - coppiced from local Hazel
- Charcoal Making
- Nature Treasure Hunt
- Forest School Development and School Visits - Planning & Grants
- Team Building Facilitation

In principle

A number of core principles are consistently emphasised by the Cotswold Forest School:

Children, Youngsters and Adults of all ages learn better through activities they regard as play. Using only woodland materials to build a shelter, make tools, or start a campfire - what's not to like about each of these to kids of all ages! Activities can easily be related to a range of learning and training requirements, without ever appearing an academic exercise to participants.

They quickly learn to lead their own learning, so the CFS Team Leader becomes more of a facilitator. Often undertaking activities completely new to them, the hands-on style encourages participants to explore their own abilities. They also have to work together to accomplish tasks and challenges set.

Controlled risk builds self-esteem. Allowing them to try new skills that in any other environment would be discouraged, whilst setting clearly defined boundaries for doing so, develops individual self confidence in tandem with respect for 'team' rules.

Every child matters. Differing learning styles and needs seem to be more easily accommodated, with the evidence suggesting that those who struggle in a traditional 'class-room', cope better within our woodland environment.

