

SUMMER 1 2023 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Summer 1 edition of our outdoor learning newsletter.

After a sunny Easter, the signs of spring are all around us. As you head outside with your children to explore the sights, sounds and smells of spring, why not use the Tree ID sheets from the Woodland Trust to identify budding trees, blossoms and their tree leaves.

Their Tree Tools for Schools website also has a number of signs of spring activity sheets including Spring Spotter Sheet and Sounds of Spring.



The theme for our newsletter this half term is **Fieldwork**.

The Geographical Association is promoting **National Fieldwork Fortnight** from **26 June to 7 July 2023**, to encourage teachers and schools to return to organising fieldwork visits again after the challenges of recent years, which severely reduced activities both in and out of school. This year's theme is 'Environment'. You can be flexible as to when you celebrate fieldwork fortnight. The important thing is to go out and do some fieldwork! There are lots of fieldwork ideas for all ages on their website.

Read on to find an article by Kate Broadribb, Geography Advisor & Secondary Phase Inspector for HIAS. She considers the place of fieldwork in the National Curriculum, and with some brilliant examples and both Minstead and Stubbington Study Centres also share some fieldwork ideas.



Trailblazer Fieldwork Resources

We have a number of free **Trailblazer** activity sheets to help you safely deliver fieldwork this summer:



- **River Studies Fieldwork** - Advice and techniques for planning and conducting river fieldwork with follow up activities.
- **Beach Studies Fieldwork and Follow Up Activities** - Advice and techniques for planning and conducting coastal fieldwork with follow up activities.
- **Mud and Soil Activities** - Ideas to make playing in the mud fun and a variety of activities and investigations to understand soil and its importance.



Putting the 'Geography' into Fieldwork

It has been described that geography without fieldwork is like science without experiments! In my twenty years teaching the subject, I certainly couldn't imagine going a term without fieldwork and was fortunate to be able to plan a wide range of visits and investigations from exploring the occurrence of weathering around the school site to annual GCSE visits to investigate coastal processes at Hengistbury Head and then amazing residential visits such as staying at the Eden Project.



<- Year 9 students exploring the tropical biome at the Eden Project, Cornwall



Year 10 students recording data from groyne drop measurements on Solent Beach ->

The place of fieldwork in geography is entrenched in the National Curriculum and its purpose and significance are crucial in supporting:

- experiential, memorable and real-life geography
- enabling children to experience geographical concepts in a local context
- generating and sustaining a fascination with the outside world
- developing observational skills
- supporting deeper understanding of geographical process, links and change over time

The past few years have vastly restricted fieldwork opportunities; therefore, it was brilliant that the Geographical Association (GA) helped direct the spotlight back onto fieldwork with their National Fieldwork Week in 2022. The even better news is that **National Fieldwork Week** is back this year and over an extended two-week period from **26th June – 7th July 2023**. The GA has provided lots of ideas for school and local ground enquiries and resources can be found on their website here.

In my work as geography advisor, I have had the privilege of working with schools to develop fieldwork investigations especially in the school grounds and local area. Find on the **Open access Geography Moodle** a whole range of ideas for developing fieldwork in your school.

Recently schools across the county have been accessing the geography planning for KS1 based around the book **'Hike' by Pete Oswald**.



One of the crucial lessons within the planning is to take your class out on a local hike, one where children get to plan and even risk assess. Stoke Park Infants in Bishopstoke is one school who did just this during the spring term. Year 2 pupils conducted a local woodland hike putting their geography knowledge of features and places to the test, as they explored the beautiful deciduous forest close to school.



Planning a woodland hike in Year 2

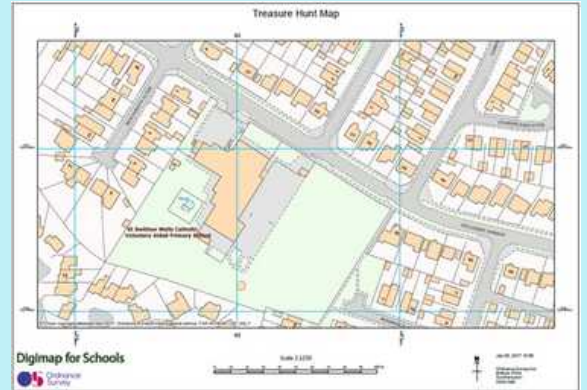
Access the six lesson plans and further support materials for free here.

Digimaps for Schools is an award-winning online mapping service providing access to modern day as well as historic maps. Darren Bailey at the Ordnance Survey helps to facilitate free webinars for teachers showcasing how to use the service. Find out when the next one is happening here.

Putting the 'Geography' into Fieldwork (continued)

One idea Darren has shared during these webinars to support fieldwork in primary geography, is a school ground's treasure hunt. Using your school grounds is brilliant – it's free, often quick to do and you can find a wealth of geographical features around your school. In this case a wide range of human and physical features to build your treasure hunt on. In terms of OS mapping, the majority of schools cover at least one grid square especially when the field and car park are taken into account.

The example here shows the type of base map you can provide pupils with for the treasure hunt. Of course, you can always ask your children to devise the treasure hunt! Divide the class into groups and allow them to create their own treasure hunt for the rest of the class to solve. This is an effective way to get your pupils thinking spatially and about the geography features of the school.



A popular external fieldwork provider is **Gilbert White Field Studies Centre** in Selbourne. Fiona Oakley, Learning Programmes Manager, invited me for a tour there during spring to see first hand the wide range of activities on offer. Based around three themes, you choose up to 4 activities to take part in during the day to meet your curriculum focus:

- Natural Explorers (Gilbert White)
- World Explorers (Frank Oates)
- Antarctic Explorers (Lawrence Oates)

One of the standout activities during my time there was the use of the 26 boxes dotted around the grounds. Inside these alphabet boxes children find information about different animal and plant species but for geography they provide a wonderful opportunity to also develop map skills and take part in compass work and orienteering. See this [world explorers activity list](#) especially tasks 5 and 6 involving map making and compass directions as an example.

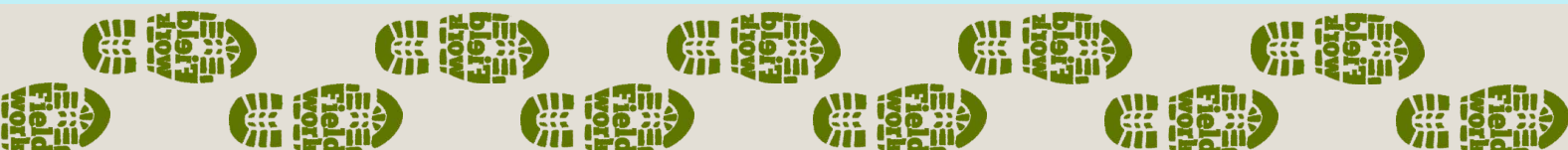


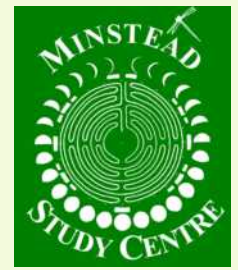
Other passionate local providers to support fieldwork include the **Wessex Rivers Trust**. They offer subsidised activities to actively engage pupils in fieldwork. Check out their brilliant [guide to the River Meon](#) and find out more about their river education programme [here](#).



Finally, one of the main agenda items at the **June Primary Geography Leaders' Network** is fieldwork. Sign up via the learning zone and find more information on the [Geography Moodle](#) if you wish to attend.

For further information and Geography support please contact me: kate.broadribb@hants.gov.uk
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Fieldwork Opportunities at Minstead Study Centre

We have a very successful fieldwork session here at Minstead Study Centre involving groups of children working together to investigate the impact of people walking on some of the paths here in the New Forest. Using a variety of fieldwork techniques, working as teams (problem solving, discussing, reasoning and debating), undertaking different forms of measuring on different scales, practicing close observational skills and ensuring fair testing, children can measure the impacts that people can have on a precious environment and begin to think about ways we can help the planet by reducing these impacts. We use some specialised equipment for this, but it's certainly not necessary to do so, and some household items will easily do the trick if you want to carry these studies out in your own local area



Lay a tape measure over the path to be measured. Make sure that the tape goes off the side of the path at both sides.

Choose the interval across the path which you are going to take measurements. What the intervals are depends on the overall width – doing the tests too fewer times can lead to bad data, whereas too many times gets tedious for all involved!



At each point, do a number of tests within a defined area (a quadrat):

- **Percentage groundcover** - How much of the ground is covered by plants? This can be done mathematically using a 100 square quadrat (pictured) or could be done by making an estimate within a small square made of sticks /rulers etc.
- **Number of species** - You don't need to know what they are, but how many different plants live within each quadrat? Does the diversity change across the path?
- **Compaction 1.** - How far does a knitting needle / tent peg stick into the ground if it's dropped from a standard height (1 metre)?
- **Compaction 2.** Pour a little water on the ground at each point. Does it drain away? How quickly?
- **Erosion** - Holding the tape measure taut across the path, measure how far down the path has eroded. How much material has been worn away?
- **Plant height** - How tall is the tallest plant within the quadrat?

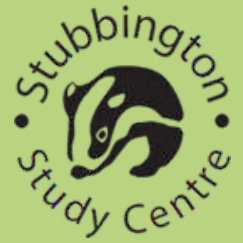


The results lend themselves really well to spreadsheets and creating different types of chart, and will give the children greater understanding of their impacts on the environment, which we hope they'll take forward in their life after their visit.

Minstead Study Centre is a fantastic location for residential and day visits for primary schools, situated in the heart of the New Forest. The Centre has a superb 7 acre site with meadows, ponds, woodlands, vegetable garden, Iron Age roundhouse and 3 very friendly sheep!

For residential groups, the Centre sleeps up to 36 children and 6 adults at one time, giving all groups that reassurance that comes from being the only school staying here. Activities are wide ranging – and include lots of opportunities for fieldwork. We cover lots of geography, ancient history and environmental science topics, and have a range of bushcraft, mapwork and orienteering and nature connection activities available too. For more information about all we can offer your school please get in touch. James Dawkins, Head of Centre 02380 813437 minstead.sc@hants.gov.uk

Fieldwork Opportunities at Stubbington Study Centre



At Stubbington Study Centre, we are lucky enough to have a large site for mapping and wayfinding fieldwork activities, as well as local areas for us to visit.



Schools looking to do a locality study comparison to their local area, can choose to head down to Lee-On-the-Solent to take a look around. Whilst there, we have a whole menu of activities that schools can complete. We can carry out land use surveys, traffic surveys, create maps of the local area, sketch the area, and even interview some of the local residents.

This work can be preceded or followed up with similar activities in their own local area to allow comparisons to be made.

On site, we have a range of mapping and wayfinding activities. These include picture trails, mapping and orienteering with compasses. We now have a gnome-caching activity which involves children hiding their own "gnome-cache" and creating a map to help others find their way to it. The varying levels of these navigational activities allows us to cater for a broad range of ages and abilities.

If you are interested in a residential visit to Stubbington, we have a few available slots for 2023-24. Please contact the centre for more information.

Alternatively, contact us to find out more about booking a day visit on a Thursday or Friday during 2023-24. Email stubbington.sc@hants.gov.uk Phone 01329 662244



Hampshire Festival of Primary Ed. - Thursday 18 May 2023, Winchester

Talks and workshops for primary teachers, both experienced and new, primary science leaders and/or outdoor learning leaders science teachers on key topics:

- Retrieval practice
- An evidence-informed effective teaching and learning strategy
- Taking the science curriculum outdoors, empowering change and reconnecting with nature
- The importance and wildlife of our chalk streams and rivers – and more!

We will be welcoming the following guest speakers to share their expertise with you:

- Kate Jones – Teacher, Leader, Author, Blogger, Keynote speaker, Podcaster and Explorer
- Mary Jackson – Head of Education and Communities at Learning Through Landscapes
- Amy Ellis – Senior Education and Engagement Officer, and Ross Irving – River Educator at Wessex Rivers Trust.

Hampshire Festival of Secondary Science Ed. Monday 26 June 2023, Winchester

For booking information for these festivals go to: tinyurl.com/LearningZoneGuidance to search for this learning item in our catalogue Cost: Sub £150 / SLA £40 / Full £180.



Free Resources ...

A Free Guide to Outdoor Learning

This [free guide](#) from the publisher Routledge, provides early years practitioners, primary teachers and anyone with an interest in outdoor learning with guidance on how the outdoors can be used to teach. Bringing together five chapters from the latest and bestselling books on outdoor learning, it is full of activities, resources and full-colour photos to illustrate practice.



Plant Your Pants!

Between March and June 2023, **Plant Your Pants** aims for 10,500 children to get their hands in the soil by burying a pair of pants or preloved cotton for eight weeks. Upon dig up, the more holes in the pants, the healthier the soil – but what does healthy soil mean?

By signing up you will receive free access to the Plant Your Pants Digital Pack with activities that support learning to understand what soil is, why it's important and what you can do to protect it.



PECT Nature's School - In Summer	
1. Collect flowers, leaves and grasses. Press them overnight and use them to create a card or a bookend for someone else.	2. Book given or created by you and your making. Record it, keep your own copy in the back of your notebook and share it with someone else.
3. There's a whole world outside the walls of a school or home. Discover the things that are growing in your garden.	4. Before you go, make a list of things you see and hear. Write them down in your notebook.
5. Create your very own 'plant' by using a piece of paper and a pencil to draw a plant. Write its name in your notebook.	6. Plant something in a pot. Use a piece of paper to make a pot for your plant. Write its name in your notebook.
7. This book is a great place to start. Use it to find out more about the world around you.	8. Use the power of the sun to make your own solar oven. Write its name in your notebook.
9. Summer Explorer Challenge - Do an experiment and discover something new. It could be a weather, beach, park, countryside or nature.	10. Find out about the things that are growing in your garden. Write their names in your notebook.
11. Do there something you could do to help nature? Maybe, you could take part in a tree-planting or water-saving project.	12. Tell other people about what you have been doing, and share your experiences. They could write a blog or article for your school or local newspaper.
13. We're all responsible for the world we live in. Think about how you can make a difference. Write your ideas in your notebook.	14. Build a den and sleep in it. The den should be made of natural materials and you should use your imagination to make it as comfortable as possible.
15. Take some cuttings from different plants. Grow them in pots and see what happens. Write their names in your notebook.	16. Find out about the things that are growing in your garden. Write their names in your notebook.
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19. Take some cuttings from different plants. Grow them in pots and see what happens. Write their names in your notebook.	20. Find out about the things that are growing in your garden. Write their names in your notebook.

Nature School

PECT has created Nature's School. With over 150 different ideas, crafts and activities to get involved with across all 4 seasons, there is something for all ages, to enhance children's understanding of the world around them and to enable them to discover more about the environment. The summer one is available on their [website](#).



Everyone's Adventure's Teachers Toolbox

Free sign up to receive [Everyone's Adventure's Teachers Toolbox](#). By becoming a member you will have access to free outdoor activity resources, including: free outdoor activity lesson plans; free review and reflection models; free mindful moment videos; free outdoor education podcasts and soooooo much more!!

Free Resources to Use on Farm Visits

Thinking of organising a farm visit? Countryside Classroom have a [guide](#) on arranging farm visits: what you need to think about; how to make the most of the visit both in the classroom and the field, to help make your farm visit an enriching experience for your children.

[Countryside Classroom](#) also offer free activities, [resources](#), and competitions all about food, farming and the environment, as well as ideas for amazing places to visit.



Connecting schools with food, farming and the natural environment



Grants and Funding ...

We are often asked for sources of funding to support schools with outdoor learning. There is unprecedented demand on grant giving bodies, that some have already closed for 2023!

Below are some that we have found that are still accepting applications.

Do share your outdoor learning projects if you are successful!



The Alpkit Foundation makes small awards to people, groups and schools that work to remove the barriers in getting outdoors and experience wild places.

The **B & Q Foundation** provides grants up to £5k for a wide range of charities who are looking for funding to improve or develop spaces, both indoor and outdoor, that benefit their local communities.



The **Barker Mills Foundation** supports schools and charities primarily in South West Hampshire and gives priority to those in the more deprived local areas specifically Nursling, Rownhams, Redbridge, Millbrook and Totton.

The **BlueSpark Foundation** is a registered charity which supports the education and development of children and young people by providing grants for educational, cultural, sporting and other projects.



Ford Britain Trust

Working with our local communities to sow the seeds of change

The **Ford Britain Trust** supports projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to their UK locations.

Learning through Landscapes Local School Nature Grants Programme

The Local School Nature Grants programme, supported by The People's Lottery is back for 2023! With a Local School Nature Grant, you could get your hands on £500 worth of outdoor equipment chosen from a catalogue of over 100 items.

Discover [here](#) top tips on how to write a winning grant application.

The first round is open until 28th April.

The schedule for the other rounds this year is:

2nd round: 9th June 2023 with results by 23rd June 2023;

3rd round: 8th September 2023 with results by 22nd September 2023;

4th round: 10th November 2023 with results by 24th November 2023.



Magic Little Grants 2023 is now open for applications until 31 October 2023!

Schools are eligible to apply for grants of £500 if they are a registered charity.

The National Lottery Community Fund

Schools can apply for funding between £300 and £10,000 as long as the project benefits and involves the communities around the school.



Grants and Funding ...

New Forest National Park Travel Grant

The New Forest National Park Travel Grant is available to schools that are either based within the New Forest National Park or within a 20-mile journey of Lyndhurst, to help subsidise transport costs. If you are bringing your class to the New Forest or to an education provider within the New Forest, £150 is available to subsidise your transport or the actual cost of transport if less. One claim per school per year (while funds last). Contact: education@newforestnpa.gov.uk for more information.



Tesco Community Grants is open to charities and community organisations to apply for a grant of up to £1,500. Every three months, three local good causes are selected to be in the blue token customer vote in Tesco stores throughout the UK.



Hyundai has launched The Great British School Trip. Schools can apply for a bursary to attend any trip in the UK.

Wooden Spoon Grants

Wooden Spoon, the children's charity of rugby, fund around 70 projects each year that support disadvantaged and disabled children, from sensory rooms, specialist playgrounds and sports activity areas to respite, medical and community care.



Free CPD

TTS Talking Content Series

TTS are running a series of free podcasts / webinars about outdoor learning:
Primary Webinar - How can school environments enhance learning opportunities outdoors?

TTS Talking Early Years Podcast Series - learning opportunities outdoors



Teach Earth 2023



The Earthwatch Education team are back with Teach Earth teacher training weekends for 2023 at Hill End, Oxford. Fully funded including all training, resources, accommodation and food, you will need to cover your own travel expenses.

Local Nature in Curriculum Learning

Build your urban nature skills by taking part in Local Nature in Curriculum Learning Training. This course is delivered as part of the Natural History Museum Explore: Urban Nature Programme and is available to start at any time after the 10th January 2023. This course has content that can be used within science and geography lessons through primary and secondary, but will be of particular relevance to teachers of 11-14 science.



Free CPD

FREE Outdoor Learning Webinars

Although American, you might find [these free webinars](#) from the [Outdoor Learning Store](#) useful:



- April 18: [Taking a Closer Look: Investigations in Nature](#)
- April 25: [Nature Activities for Year-round Learning](#)
- May 16: [Resources for World Oceans Day](#)
- May 23: [Race and Nature for Educators](#)
- May 30: [How to Teach Nature Journaling: Curiosity, Wonder, Attention](#)
- June 6: [Walking Together: \(Re\)Connecting to Nature through Two-Eyed Seeing](#)
- June 13: [Animating Outdoor Learning using Finger Puppets](#)

Or [these recordings](#) from previous webinars.



The Muddy Puddle Teacher Podcasts

Sign up for these [free podcasts](#) and free teaching resources and CPD outdoor learning teacher training from [The Muddy Puddle Teacher](#). Listen to these podcasts to get tips on how to teach with a new positive and muddy outlook!

Getting Started with Digimap for Schools

If you have recently subscribed to [Digimap for Schools](#), this webinar is for you. It will provide an introduction to the service and show how to get the best out of your subscription. [See here](#) for the various dates available.



Wednesday Webinars

The Forest School Association (FSA) [Wednesday Webinars](#) are on the third Wednesday of each month from 8pm – 9.30pm. The FSA's [public archive](#) holds a small selection of their webinar recordings, which are free to view.



Online Teacher Training

Drawing inspiration from the South Downs, these [online teaching sessions](#) are helpful to any teacher looking for ideas and inspiration to take their teaching and learning outside the classroom. Previous sessions are also available to view online.



In the News ...

Cameron's Cottage – A Unique Outdoor Centre

Cameron's Cottage is based within RSPB Franchises Lodge nature reserve, a dramatic woodland in the New Forest National Park. It is a partnership project with the Cameron Bepolka Trust in memory of Cameron, an avid wildlife enthusiast. It is hoped that the cottage will inspire new audiences in nature, as Cameron was inspired. Teenagers and young adults can come and relax in nature, learn survival skills, try out conservation tasks and cook outdoors to create lasting memories in nature. The RSPB is working closely with organisations that work with this age group to inspire confidence and enjoyment outdoors. There are all the facilities to ensure schools, colleges, Universities, and groups can engage with the natural world in an exciting and unique way.



The cottage can host groups of up to 19 individuals for a residential stay where they will experience the fluttering of bats exiting the cottage at dusk and hear tawny owls. Visitors may enjoy the sound of birdsong as they eat their breakfast outside in the specially made sheltered dining table. Groups can also visit for the day and work with us to create bespoke programs. With just over 1000 acres to explore, the site offers huge potential from well being sessions to ecological fieldwork. Cameron's Cottage is more than an outdoor centre. There is a strong focus on supporting young people to develop skills and to access training opportunities. The team support young people to develop warden skills, access volunteer opportunities and paid internships and a pathway to continue their interests.

To find out more, please visit our [webpage](#) and contact the team Cameronscottage@rspb.org.uk.

Free Open Days at Cameron's Cottage

Are you a group leader, teacher or someone who works with teenagers and young adults? Join us for a free open day where you can experience some of the activities we have on offer.

- Fri 6 May 2022, 11 am -12:30 pm
- Thurs 16 June, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm
- Sun 3 July, 11 am -12:30 pm
- Weds 7 Sep 2022, 11:00 am-12:30 pm
- Thurs 6th Oct 2022, 5:30 pm- 6:30pm

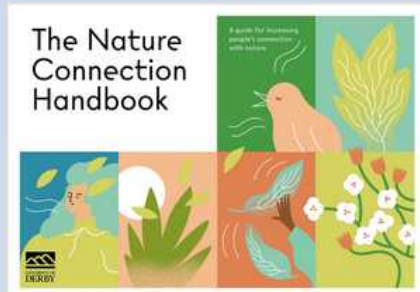
[Book your visit now.](#)



In the News ...

DfE Climate Education

Stay up to date with what the DfE are working on in regard to climate education with this [recent update](#). Topics include International Green Skills Conference, The National Education Nature Park and Climate Action, Award Scheme pilot, Food Sustainability in Schools.



The Nature Connection Handbook

This is a [guide](#) for increasing people's connection to nature. It offers an accessible summary of nature connection research and application, a framework and guidance for helping people improve their connection with nature, and examples of activities and initiatives that support and develop nature connection.

Natural England Reports

Two new (2022) [reports](#) published by Natural England confirm that high quality learning outside the classroom in natural environments can deliver a wide range of positive health and learning outcomes. This note summarises some of the key findings for educational settings, and points to support available to take teaching practice safely and effectively beyond the classroom.



Take Part in No Mow May

[Plantlife's No Mow May](#) is back, blooming better than ever! For the whole month of May, don't mow your lawn to encourage pollinators! Maybe you can set aside part of your school's grass area to not be mown.



Outdoor Classroom Day - 18 May 2023

[Outdoor Classroom Day](#) is a great day for the whole school to take their learning outdoors. See [here](#) for ideas and resources. Find lots of free outdoor learning activities on our [Trailblazer](#) website.

Lyme Disease Awareness Month May 2023 – Do you know what to look for?

Lyme disease is a bacterial infection, usually caused by the bite of an infected tick. The Wake Up to Lyme campaign aims to raise awareness of how to [prevent tick bites](#), [how to safely remove ticks](#), and the importance of early treatment for people who become unwell, following a bite.

Ticks can be found in every county across the UK and especially in the New Forest. Ticks can be as small as poppy seeds, so can easily be missed.

Lyme Disease UK has created an [awareness pack](#) specifically designed for children of various ages and a [Lyme Disease webinar](#) to raise awareness of Lyme disease and shares some helpful tips. Parents, schools and hobby/special interest / DofE groups should all find them useful.



Outdoor Learning with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust

There is a growing society-wide disconnect with nature which is a big factor in the steep declines in biodiversity we are facing. A growing body of evidence shows that contact with nature early in our lives is important to embed environmental values and behaviours in the next generation. Regular outdoor experiences are vital for good health, mental wellbeing, self-esteem, self-confidence and improving cognitive learning and performance back in the classroom.



At HIWWT, we like to think about outdoor learning as falling into three different levels which are:

1. Learning out of doors
2. Learning with the outdoors
3. Learning through outdoors

At the first level, classroom learning is transferred to the outdoors, for example, a creative writing lesson taking place under the trees in the school grounds.

At the second level, the natural environment becomes a teaching resource, for example, a pond dipping session.

At the final level, children and staff spend more time in the outdoors, exploring, observing and having first-hand encounters with wildlife. For example, holding woodlice and other minibeasts at Forest School, or understanding the seasonal changes in an eco-garden. Through these experiences children build a deeper connection with nature and begin to learn through these outdoor experiences.

At the Trust, we offer several courses which support and mentor educators to allow them to develop their own outdoor curriculum. We provide them with the practical skills, resources and ideas to plan a curriculum for their school or setting. Ensuring outdoor classrooms are safe is key to effective learning, so the Trust's courses also deliver the tools and experience to plan and manage health and safety outdoors. And what would outdoor learning be without wildlife? The final strand of the course weaves in ways to improve grounds for wildlife while increasing learning opportunities for students. If you are interested in any of our courses which are running from September, you can find more information, including booking details, on our website or you can email the Training Team on ForestSchool@hiwwt.org.uk



New Forest Welly Wander Assembly

The [Education & Youth](#) team at the New Forest National Park Authority are excited to announce the release of the New Forest Welly Wander assembly! For the past 3 years, we have been delivering virtual nature and climate assemblies and this year is all about responsible walking in the New Forest and learning about its special qualities.



Escape the classroom and join Wanda and Wise Welly on their day out and about, learning about the New Forest Code along the way. Watch your exclusive viewing [here](#). You can turn off the subtitles (1st icon in bottom right corner) if you want.



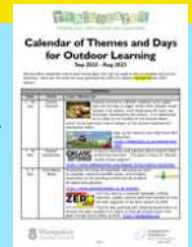
There are also a selection of activities to go alongside the film found [here](#). The New Forest Code activity is a great option to run alongside the film or discuss after ... use the New Forest Code as a bingo card – what signs are missing?

Lastly, there is a limited number of virtual Q&A sessions available. If you would like to know more or would like to book a Q&A session, please contact education@newforestnpa.gov.uk



Dates for Your Diary

Here are lots of events and activities coming up that can be used to support getting children active and learning outdoors!
See **Trailblazer Calendar of Themes and Days for Outdoor Learning** for the academic year 2022/23, so you can see what's coming up and plan accordingly!



21 Apr - John Muir Day

This offers an annual opportunity to mark John Muir's birthday, 21st April 1838. Today the John Muir Trust is a conservation charity dedicated to the experience, protection and repair of wild places. The John Muir Award is an environmental award scheme great for upper primary aged children and beyond.



10 May - World Orienteering Day

This is all about increasing the visibility, accessibility and participation of young people in orienteering. Why not create an orienteering course on your school grounds?
Trailblazer Orienteering Skills Years 1-6 and Beyond

15 - 19 May - Walk to School Week

For Hampshire schools, don't forget to register with HCC's Road Safety Team for your free resources.



17 May - National Numeracy Day

Celebrate numbers and how we use them in everyday life. Use some of the maths resources on the Trailblazer website to take your maths outdoors.



18 May - Outdoor Classroom Day

Take your learning outside the classroom and celebrate the outdoors! Find lots of free outdoor learning activities on our Trailblazer website.

20 May - World Bee Day

A day to raise awareness on the essential role bees and other pollinators play in keeping people and the planet healthy, and on the many challenges they face today. Educational activities and spotter sheets. See here about keeping bees in school.



22 May - International Day for Biological Diversity

This day seeks to raise awareness of the vital importance of preserving biodiversity. Why not carry out a biodiversity survey of your school grounds? Then look at ways to increase its biodiversity.

27 May - 4 June - National Children's Gardening Week

National Children's Gardening Week aims to encourage children to enjoy and learn about gardening.



19 - 25 Jun - National Insect Week

Insect Week encourages people of all ages to learn more about insects. Trailblazer Mini-beasts Activity Sheet

26 Jun - 7 Jul - National Fieldwork Fortnight

National Fieldwork Fortnight is designed to provide a focal point to encourage you to take your classes outside, whether in the school grounds, the local area or further afield.

