

# **HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**



## **Forest School Questionnaire & Feedback (Y5): July 2025**

**Thank you to Y5 who took the time to complete the questionnaire. They took part in Forest School during the assessment period of Mr Atkinson and Mr Hassall to become qualified Forest School Leaders.**

**When you read the wonderful comments, it is quite obvious what a positive impact Forest School has had on the children. It has done what it said on the tin: helped to develop positivity, teamwork, resilience, perseverance and provided challenge.**

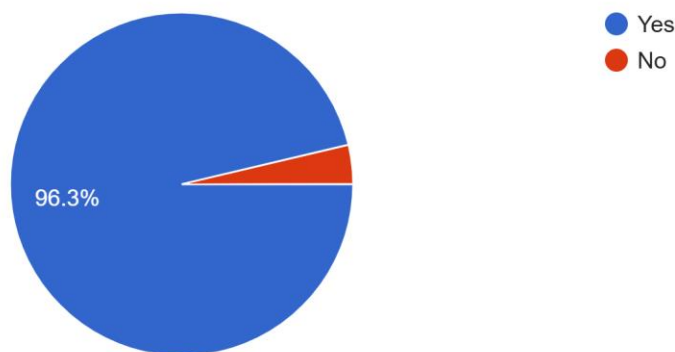


## Children's Views on Forest School at Holy Family – July 2025

27 responses

### 1a. Did you enjoy Forest School

27 responses



### 1b. Please tell me why you think this. 27 responses

- It was fun because we built dens, used knives to make tent pegs and made my own swing and being more independent building.
- it's fun and you can engage with nature, build dens, tire swings and rope swings!
- because it is more fun to learn outside then inside
- because you get to know more of you friends
- because it's fun playing with friends, building dens, using tools and getting out of your seat during the day
- I liked spending time with my friends and playing games
- because it was really fun learning about nature and exploring and making fires
- because it was fun and I got to learn more
- because you get to spend time learning about different things. using tools and equipment. climb trees.
- because it was like so fun is was like I can be creative explore and it let me be my self
- because it is fun make dens and roasting marshmallows
- because we got to make dens and food
- I liked spending time with my friends
- I liked it because I made dens with my mates and I used the different tools and carved out wood, I also enjoyed the roasted marshmallows and the pizza pockets
- because it helped me make new friends
- because there is snacks and stories and even a tire swing
- we get to build, eat and play with water guns which is fun
- I enjoyed the games
- because we get to build dens, play games ,go on a rope swing and make things on the camp fire

- because it was a really good rest from school and a really good experience for us to play and become more independent
- we did fun activities
- because it gives me time to be one with nature.
- we get to build dens and roast marshmallow's
- Because there is essentially no rules it is where I can do what I think I can do and it is what is making me feel calm about something I would normally go crazy at. I think it is really good to go there to learn how to do things for yourself.
- because we have the freedom
- pizza pockets tire swing water fighting games
- I liked it because it had fun activities and I enjoyed working with friends, making dens; exploring nature

## 2. What did you like doing at Forest School? 27 responses

- Building dens, going on the tire swing and just having fun.
- everything
- building dens with my friends and interacting with others
- building den with my friends
- spending time with friends and exploring
- tier swing and roasting marshmallows
- making dens and playing with my friends
- I liked at the end of sessions we talked about what we enjoyed. I loved making fires and cooking.
- because I get to spend time with my friends and i like to make dens and I like roasting marshmallows
- being with my best friend
- making dens, food and swings
- I liked the tire swing, roasting marshmallows, making dens, playing games and just spending my time outside in nature.
- I liked exploring over the woods
- making things and keeping them
- playing around with my friends
- eating and playing\making different types of swings
- roasting marshmallows although they were a bit hot
- the tyre swing
- to play games and make dens and play football with my mates and also to have snacks
- making food
- making lots of food and dens.
- cook pizza pocket
- I liked using tools and making things myself. I am also really happy everyone can do what they think is good, eg. build bases.
- spending time outside in nature
- swing
- making dens, working with friends and exploring

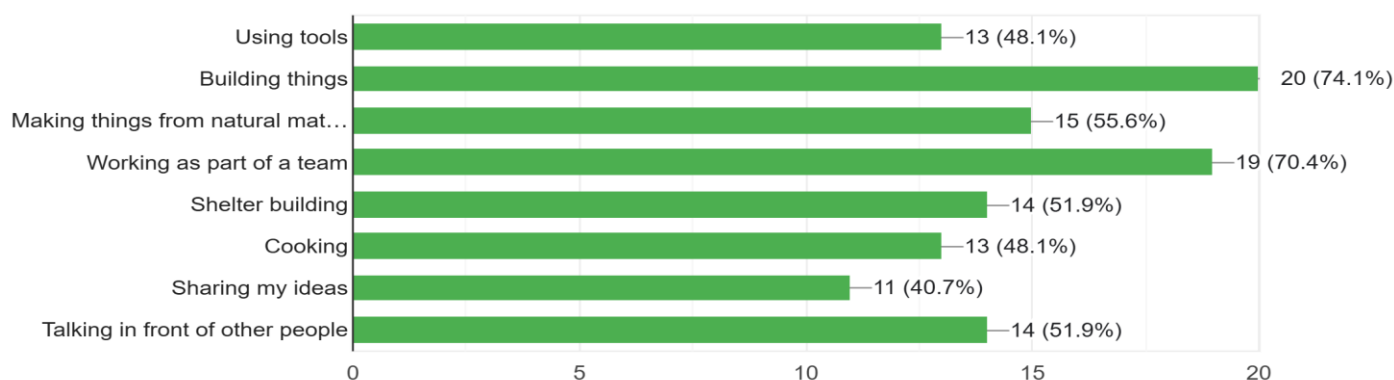
## 3. What did you not enjoy so much? 27 responses

- nothing
- branches falling on me when i tried to make my den.
- falling over and getting hurt

- getting stung
- the food and spending time with friends
- making pizza because it was burnt
- getting stung by nettles
- no
- falling out of the tree
- I like everything
- leaving
- food
- I did not really enjoy the pizza because it was a bit burnt. but I mostly enjoyed everything.
- nothing
- mostly the bugs crawling on me
- getting stung by nettles
- the burnt food but it still was good though
- stories
- I like everything about forest school.
- I just like it
- sitting
- nothing

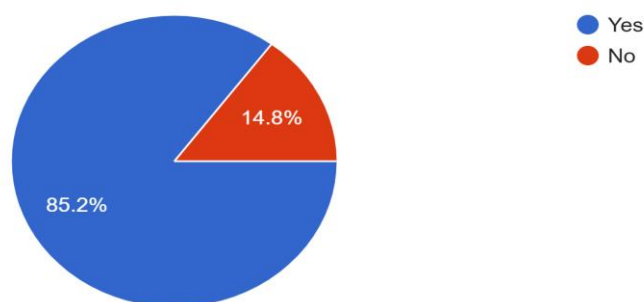
#### 4. What skills do you think you got better at?

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#### 5a. Do you think you got better at working with other people?

27 responses

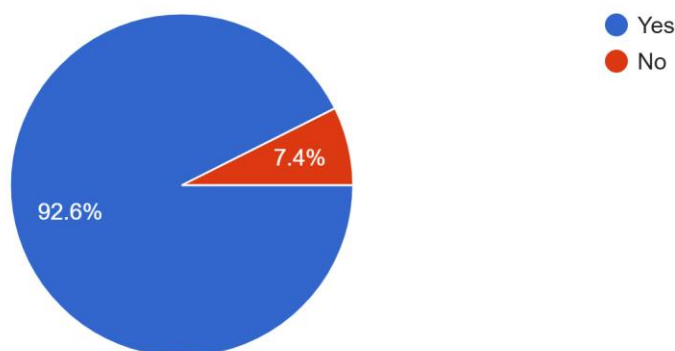


#### 5b. Why? 27 responses

- Because I had a big group to help me and my friends build a den.
- I was able to build dens with other people
- I interact more and ask more questions
- yes, because I was communicating different with my friends and working together
- because I talked with other people and talking with people i don't normally talk to
- it gave me the confidence to offer my ideas
- because we built a den and others things together and if I was alone I don't think I would be able to build any of it
- because it easier
- because I felt less anxious when I was outside in the woods. Sometimes when I feel anxious I don't want to speak to anyone.
- because I would just play with my friends but I played with other people as well
- because I used to get stressed working with some people but now I don't mind who I am working with
- because I got to know other people
- because in forest school you have to work in a team and make sure you take other people's ideas in to consideration.
- because we used our ideas together and when we built dens we built it fast and it looked nice
- because I treat forest school like I treat school
- because now i feel better about talking with different people
- yes, because we made dens in forest school, so it made working with other people fun
- at first I didn't know what to do
- because I can interact with people better
- because I learnt to interact more
- because we worked as a team
- because I can deal with things better like if something goes wrong in school.
- Because I always work with people
- Since I am more of the person to work by myself, there is only a rare chance to make me work well with others. I did work well with Alex C with making security for our base.
- I was mostly with my friends
- I helped chopping and cooking pizza pockets
- because I was sharing ideas and working as a team to make shelter

6a. Do you think you have become more confident to tackle new challenges?

27 responses

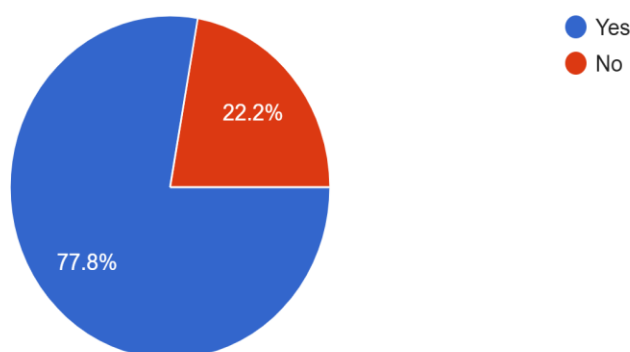


## 6b. Why? 27 responses

- Because I was nervous actually starting at Forest School but when I got out there I felt free like I could do what I really wish.
- I decided to explore places where holly leaves were and other dangerous or painful plants.
- because I have been doing more stuff I was scared to do
- by getting stung got to carry on let people their ideas
- because I know people will be supporting me
- it made me persevere
- there was a lot of different challenges like making dens because you needed to pick up and find logs
- because I use to not go in football matches against older people now I do
- because it made me more confident to explore and do things on my own. I was able to step out of my comfort zone.
- yes, because I built dens I cooked and explored
- because I do more stuff that is hard
- because I know how to handle challenges that I have already.
- because when I was in forest school i had to get through thorns which would hurt but over time they have started to not hurt as much.
- Since I could tackle these challenges at forest school I can tackle more challenges now
- it gave me the new challenges
- because I can now feel like I can do it
- kind of because it depends what it is like cooking I can but some other stuff I can't do
- each time at forest school I tried new things
- in forest school you have to do more dangerous stuff than usual school
- that i had my friends around me
- though the other friends in forest school cooked I didn't so I feel unconfident about that
- because before forest school I was not really confident in tackling new things.
- idk
- Since it helps me to do things myself and know that it makes me feel a bit prouder with things I do.
- sometimes the outside can be dangerous if you're not careful
- crafting listening
- as I found it easy to do it in Forest School which gave me confidence to do more

## 7a. Do you think you are more confident in the classroom because you have been to Forest School?

27 responses



## 7b. Why? 27 responses

- Because in class I felt less confident but now I feel as confident as ever.
- I engaged with others so I'm more confident
- because I get more energetic
- talking with you friends
- I was already pretty confident in class
- it gave me the confidence to offer suggestions
- because I made some new friends
- because I can answer quicker
- Because I've developed friendships at forest school. I have had less arguments on the playground and in class.
- because I have been in a smaller group and it built up my confidence
- because I was always felt fine to speak up in class so it just is the same when we talk in forest school
- I just feel the same
- because in forest school I have been talking in front of people which has given me more confidence to share answers or ideas in class.
- Not really because I didn't get more confident in class I just got more confident in forest school
- because I behave the same
- because I feel like I have developed a sense of friendship with my friends
- yes, because you have fun then you learn so u get more stuff going through your mind and you can concentrate because u had fun before
- I know the differences between forest school and the classroom
- because I always wake up without a positive attitude so I come to school really tired and stuff but when I go to school on a forest school day I'm more positive
- well ye in the middle
- because we worked as a team outside I can be more confident about teamwork in the classroom
- because it has made us more friendly in school and helped with a lot.
- to tackle more challenges
- Since Forest School makes me feel more independent and makes me know that I can do what I set my mind to.
- because after forest school I can't concentrate sometimes
- because it's fun
- because I am more confident

#### 8. What would you like to see more of at Forest School? 27 responses

- More birds and hear more interesting sounds.
- maybe to try and find secret areas with other people
- more things to do and enjoy
- den tasks
- more activities
- I would like more group activities
- I would like to see more happiness and joy in people because it's nice seeing everyone happy
- tool work and building
- I would like to do more cooking on the fire.
- I would like to see big jenga and more cooking and just like everything it really liked everything
- more marshmallows to roast
- people getting along
- I do not know.
- Yes, because I enjoy forest school and if I saw more I would be overjoyed and happy

- team work
- water fights and fires
- I love it and I don't know
- tire swings
- den space
- nothing it's all amazing
- games / cooking food
- I would like to see more people coming and gathering together.
- making food
- I want to see more things to build shelters that are simple for me to use and an area for people who need to calm down whenever they are feeling a bit angrier etc.
- longer time at forest school
- water fighting food and marshmallows
- maybe more water fights on hot days

#### 9. Anything else you want to tell me? 27 responses

- no
- It was the best time of my life and I think everyone else will enjoy too.
- maybe you could let parents come every once a week so you can show them what you do during forest school?
- I love it I would love to do it more
- I really liked forest school and loved playing with my friends
- it gave me a little bit of confidence to stand up for myself
- I really liked forest school it has made me more connected to nature
- No
- I hope we do forest school next year
- nope
- I have really enjoyed forest school and I think it has benefited the whole class to learn new skills.
- bringing people together more
- I mean I love forest school it helps me because I have a backyard that's messy I can clean it up and I do it when I'm allowed
- not really
- nope forest school it's so amazing we get to play, eat and spend time with my friends and younger children
- that I really like den building and want to start building fires and more bigger dens when we make them.
- I think Forest School is really good to try and do things that are newer to some people. It helps me get away from Technology from class. I think it is really good overall though.
- I don't think so
- maybe 2 big boxes of water, water fighting and 1 box of water for the fire to be out
- no