If you go down to the woods today ...

Would you like to leave the classroom now and again and head off into the forest for some fun lessons?

Well you can if your school becomes part of the Northern Ireland Forest School Awards scheme.

The Forest School Awards, alongside your local council, encourage and inspire local schools to become accredited Forest School users.
Waringstown Primary have done their training and are now an official Forest School. Two teachers, one school volunteer and three parents all achieved their OCN Level 3 in Forest School Leadership.

The P4 classes have thoroughly enjoyed getting outside each week to work on lots of different fun forest activities.
The Forest School involves many different activities over the course of a number of weeks .... such as exploring, animal shelters and camouflage, whittling sticks and creating bug hotels, making dens, nature art, iPad photography and tree maths.
"I like Forest School because it is fun ... because I like working in groups ... because we do different things ... because it is interesting and you see bugs ... and because I like to play in mud!"

The youngest member of the class sums it up perfectly - if a little grammatically incorrectly: "I like Forest School because it is the funnest outside thing ever!"
Reece
St Patrick's Primary School
May
Is there such thing as forest school?

Thomas
Holy Child Primary School
Belfast
I think it would be cool and fun to do tree maths!

Alana
Christ the King Primary School
Ballynahinch
That would be an amazing school... but I would be cold without a fire

Ashton
Largymore Primary School
That is a good idea for a day out 😊

Alicia
Kesh Primary School
My sister Chloe wouldn't like to do it because she doesn't like getting her hands dirty but I would love to do it and get out of school work

Brannon
St Patrick's Primary School
Newry
I camp in the forest with my dad

Aoife
St Mary's Primary School
Mullymesker
I would really like to go to that forest because I would get to have a break from school work

Katie
Waringstown Primary School
At Forest School I enjoyed toasting marshmallows and
I love going outside so I think Forest Schools are fun 😊

Natalie  Waringstown Primary School
Forest schools is great fun. I wish every school could do it!
Being outside is great fun! I enjoy making dens.

Jayme  Waringstown Primary School
I really enjoy forest school because I like nature

Will  Waringstown Primary School
Forest schools is really adventurous and fun! I love it!

Aaron  Cumran Primary School
I wish my school would do that

Matthew  Waringstown Primary School
Forest school is really fun!

Ella  Waringstown Primary School
I really like forest school! I love being outside.

Patrick  Carrick Primary School Warrenpoint
I would love to go there
Nicole  Waringstown Primary School
I loved this report and the photos! Forest schools is so much fun! I love all the activities we get to do.

Jack  Waringstown Primary School
I think forest schools is a really great thing for boys and girls to experience nature.

Lucas  Waringstown Primary School
I really like forest schools and learning about nature.

Matthew  Waringstown Primary School
Forest school is really fun because you get to explore nature!

Aaron  Waringstown Primary School
I loved forest in P4 because you get to know your friends better. And don’t have to do work for an hour. You get to explore the school grounds!😊😊

Ben  Waringstown Primary School
In primary 4 I have enjoyed forest school because it is fun and enjoy playing with friends and mud!

Evie  Waringstown Primary School
When I was in P4 I loved forest schools and I wish I could do it again😊😊

Grace  Waringstown Primary School
I loved forest schools when I was in P.4. and I loved working
Rose
Moyallon Primary School
We would love to do that

Nathaniel
Waringstown Primary School
Forest school is really fun!

Rhys
Leavers Holding area
I really enjoy forest school. I loved making the den.

Ross
Waringstown Primary School
I like making dens at forest schools. I like being outside.

Charlie
Waringstown Primary School
I like forest schools because I like team work and we get to work in groups together.

Sophie
Moyallon Primary School
I really liked the video. I love to explore the woods and nature.

Benjamin
Waringstown Primary School
I think forest schools are really good because I love being outside and I love to explore woods

Charlotte
Waringstown Primary School
I love forest schools