



Priory School awarded £10,000 for woodland project!

We are delighted to inform you that we have been awarded a £10,000 grant from The St James's Place Foundation. This great news has meant that upgrading works could begin in our woodland area.

The woodland area is positioned to the rear of school and has been looked after and nurtured for many years by staff and pupils. This injection of funding has allowed for the following improvements to be made:

Natural Science Area

- 8 wooden noticeboards for navigating around the woodland.
- Reptiles and Amphibians nature area
- Bush craft area with stacked log fire pit and shelter building area.
- Bird hide and feeding area
- Mini Beast Hunt area (Bug hotels and dead hedges)



Pond Dipping Area

- The thinning back of pond vegetation to encourage biodiversity for pond dipping.
- A non slip platform for the children to pond dip from.



Disabled Pathway

- The laying of 100 metres of rubber matting to extend the disabled pathway around the site.

Amphitheatre Space

- 6 wooden benches embedded into the sloped amphitheatre banking.
- A performance/stage decking space with disabled access ramps and roped balustrade.

Barrie Taylor, Head of School:

“At the Priory School we value the benefit we can get from practical and interactive activities both in and around school. We are very lucky to have a nature area on the school grounds that we can utilise to enhance the education of our pupils. The recent work that has been completed to maximise the benefits from this area has been fantastic.

The seating and stage area that has been installed will inspire pupils to show their abilities to others in areas such as Drama and English lessons. The new platform on the pond will guarantee that our Science and Environmental lessons can now have a whole new practical focus which we feel will grasp pupil’s attention and enthusiasm for the natural world. The different habitat areas are so exciting and our pupils can’t wait to get involved with the work that will ensure they become inhabited.

The pupils at The Priory School are so lucky to have this new and exciting facility and there is an excited buzz around the school amongst pupils and staff about the possibilities now open to us.”

