

WILD ABOUT...

EASTER NEWSLETTER

LATEST NEWS

Thank you to every school that has painted a lovely egg for the Easter trail at Wirral Country park, Thurstaston. You will be able to hunt for the eggs all over the Easter holidays.

I love this one by Woodlands Primary that highlights our Marine topic and visit to the Blue Planet.



ECO NEWS



Eco Green Flags:

Remember to start filling in your application form as you go. We have our Wirral Fox programme, Marine topic and Waste competition for inspiration.

Please get in touch if you need any help!
You have until 31st July to complete.

COUNT THE EGGS IN THE NEWSLETTER!



SPOTLIGHT ON...

MERSEY PARK PRIMARY FUNDRAISER FOR WIRRAL FOX RESCUE



A huge
thank
you to
everyone
today! 🥰



Well done to Mersey Park Primary for their fantastic fundraising idea. The eco team painted out a fox outline and then everybody filled it with copper coins to donate. They have kindly offered the tarp with head painted on to other schools who want to do the same.

EASTER

SPOTLIGHT ON...

PRENTON PRIMARY FOX PROJECT

Prenton Primary have been busy working through the different fox units. You can see the children telling the whole school about it in an assembly, finding information and facts out about foxes and creating some fantastic log designs.

Well done! If you would like to have a go at school, contact Lynn Struve to find out more.



GILBROOK COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

A very big thank you to Gilbrook School for helping to clean up their local community in Woodchurch. The local Councillors were very impressed by the students hard work and staggering amount of rubbish they managed to collect from the field by Carr Bridge.



Latest news from Wirral Fox Rescue



We are busier than ever helping our local fox community. Our time is split between rescuing sick and injured foxes, often bringing them to our Centre for some extra-special TLC, and treating foxes where they live. For this, we need a trusty and reliable vehicle to act as our Fox Ambulance. You may have seen our previous ambulance zipping around the streets of Wirral, on the way to the next fox emergency. Sadly after some years of dedicated service, this ambulance has finally given up the ghost - its rescuing day are over.

So, here we are raising money for a new Fox Ambulance, and we are hoping to cover the first two years' running costs too. We would also like to fully equip the van with the equipment we need to safely rescue the foxes. Some rescues can be quite challenging. In the last few months alone, having ladders, buoyancy aids and harnesses would have made our rescues easier and safer for us and the foxes.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/ray-bucknell-4?
utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/ray-bucknell-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

SPOTLIGHT ON...

THE BLUE PLANET TRIP WITH CRIST THE KING AND CATHCART STREET



CHRIST THE KING PRIMARY

CATHCART STREET PRIMARY

Feeding Time



The seabass were very hungry and splashed around a lot.



SPOTLIGHT ON... CLAY PIT WORK WITH SCHOOLS

MOUNT PRIMARY ECO TEAM

have been working with Mike and his volunteers from the Clay Pit to help create a dead hedge to protect their new orchard they have planted with the lovely children from Ellera Park School. It is great to see skills learnt at eco activity days are being put in place in school grounds.



COOP ACADEMY BEBINGTON

What a beautiful sunny day for our Year 7 students at Prenton Dell Claypits!

As part of the #Time for Change project, the students got hands-on with nature and showed incredible teamwork.

Pond Dipping: Discovering local wildlife and even finding some Newts!

Tree Replanting: Digging up and replanting oak trees. It was physically demanding work, but the students showed amazing determination, problem-solving, and communication skills.

Safety First: Completing a full induction on health, safety, and proper tool use.



SPOTLIGHT ON... WIRRAL LIBRARIES SCHOOL SESSIONS ABOUT



CLASS VISITS (WIRRAL LIBRARIES)

Wirral Libraries offer all, or some, of the following:

Introduction to the library - suitable for all KS1/KS2 – ideal if the class has never visited the library before with a short instruction to how the library works

Library Storytime - suitable for EYFS and KS1 - activities include listening to stories, singing and a short craft activity

Books about books - an extension of the introduction to the library where the class visit session explores how to choose a book and explore the bookshelves with a short activity

Themed class visit - this can include the above but has a themed topic that matches the curriculum utilising fiction and non-fiction books

Book exchange – after an introductory session led by the library team, classes can revisit on a regular interval to choose books without library support using a class ticket (class tickets held in library).

WILD ABOUT CLASS VISIT:

A themed class visit about nature/eco-awareness topic

Introduction to the library

Fiction and non-fiction books and how they can support the topic

Age-appropriate story/poem or a group discussion

Den-making, where possible, and knots depending on age group

Simple craft/activity depending on age group

Quiz (KS1/KS2)

Mini-beast hunt or similar (KS1)

Pocket park explore (Birkenhead Central Library only)

For further information or to book a session email libraries@wirral.gov.uk

GET INVOLVED



Bumblebee survey

Here at the Trust, one of the most important parts of our work is to encourage people to count the different bumblebees



Name:	Location:
Date:	Weather:

Species	Number seen	Colour of flowers / plant seen on
 Buff-tailed bumblebee		
 White-tailed bumblebee		
 Garden bumblebee		
 Red-tailed bumblebee		
 Early bumblebee		
 Common carder bee		
 Tree bumblebee		
 Unknown bumblebee		





COMPETITION

Best Spring Wildlife Photo:

When you are out and about enjoying Spring, why not take some photos and enter our latest competition.

Please send in your entries for the Best Spring Wildlife Photo by

Friday 1st May

email to lynnstruve@wirral.gov.uk

BOOK OF THE MONTH



If your KS2 children haven't discovered Hannah Golding then they are missing out! Hannah's debut novel, *The Last Bear* won the Blue Peter Book Awards and Waterstones Children's Book Prize in 2022.

Hannah is passionate about writing stories which share her love of the planet and is ambassador for the Whale and Dolphin conservation charity.

If you're looking for a heartfelt, nature-inspired read to share with children, books by Hannah Gold are a wonderful choice for both classroom and home reading. Best known for titles like *The Last Bear* and *The Lost Whale*, Gold's stories combine adventure with powerful themes of friendship, empathy and environmental awareness.

With accessible language and strong emotional depth her books encourage discussion and teachers will find great opportunities to explore topics such as climate change, wildlife conservation and relationship resilience, whilst parents will appreciate the positive messages and compelling storytelling that will inspire reading.

Hannah's books are also ideal for shared reading and guided reading sessions.

FIND OUT MORE

To find out more visit the Wild About... section on the Birkenhead Park website.

www.Birkenhead-Park.org.uk

CONTACT US

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FREE

Junior Rangers: Wild Play Days

Join our Rangers for a day full of outdoor play and nature-based activities here in the park this Easter holiday!

Tuesday 31st March - 10am - 2pm

and

Tuesday 7th April - 10am - 2pm

Spaces are limited, **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** via:
birkenheadpark@wirral.gov.uk
or call 0151 652 5197

LUNCH
PROVIDED



Junior Rangers Nature Prints and Plant Science

Join our Rangers for a morning of exploring nature and creating eco prints using an ancient Japanese art form.

Friday 3rd April
11am - 12.30pm

Activities suitable for ages 3+

This activity will be mostly outdoors.

£3 per child to be paid on the day. Cash only.

Booking essential:
birkenheadpark@wirral.gov.uk
or call 0151 652 5197

Easter Egg Hunt!

Come along and see how many eggs you can find to win some chocolate!

Sunday 5th April

10am - 11am

@ the Visitor Centre

£3 per child

BOOKING ESSENTIAL via:
birkenheadpark@wirral.gov.uk
or call 0151 652 5197




WIRRAL COUNTRY PARK *Easter Event*

EASTER TRAIL
28TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL
10:30AM - 3:30PM

Collect your map from The Whistle Stop Café & explore the park to find the eggs designed by Wirral Eco Schools with letters on them. Work out the Easter related word. Return to the café to claim your prize.

£1.00 per child. Cash Only.
Car parking charges apply.

 wcp@wirral.gov.uk

 www.wirral.gov.uk/leisure-parks-and-events

 Visitor Centre, Station Road, Thurston, CH61 0HN



SPRING CRAFTS
SUITABLE FOR AGES 5+

Wallasey Central Library - Tuesday 31st March 11am
 Birkenhead Central Library - Wednesday 1st April 2:30pm
 West Kirby Central Library - Thursday 2nd April 11am
 Bebington Central Library - Friday 10th April 11am

Tickets £1.50 and must be booked in advance
 Kindly sponsored by the Friends of the Library groups

Please book via
wirralibraries.eventbrite.co.uk






SPRING CRAFTS
SUITABLE FOR AGES 5+

Greasby Library - Tuesday 31st March 11am
 Eastham Library - Wednesday 8th April 2:30pm
 Upton Library - Wednesday 8th April 2:30pm
 Moreton Library - Thursday 9th April 11am
 Heswall Library - Thursday 9th April 2:30pm
 Rock Ferry Library - Holiday Club Tuesdays 2.30pm, please contact the library directly for details

Tickets £1.50 and must be booked in advance
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Please book via
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What to put in your grey recycling bin

Tins, cans, foils & aerosols



Drink cans
 Food tins
 Pet food tins
 Aerosol sprays
 Foil
 Biscuit tins
 Food trays

Plastic bottles, pots & trays



Milk bottles
 Shampoo bottles
 Drinks bottles
 Cleaning bottles
 Plastic food pots
 Plastic food trays



Plastic bags
 Crisp packets

Paper



Newspapers
 Magazines
 Junk mail
 Paper bags
 Envelopes



Shredded paper
 Books

Cardboard



Toilet rolls
 Kitchen rolls
 Food boxes
 Packaging
 Greeting cards
 Waxed cartons
 Tetra-Paks
 UHT cartons

Mixed glass (bottles & jars)



Bottles of all colours
 Jars of all colours



Pyrex glass
 Drinking glasses

WIRRAL LIBRARIES AND OUR
POET IN RESIDENCE, ALISON SCHULTZ, PRESENTS

GCSE POETRY REVISION

THE POWER & CONFLICT CLUSTER



Immerse yourself in GCSE Poetry in a new way

Saturday March 28th West Kirby Library

10am to 12pm

LIVE SESSION WITH

PERFORMANCE & MUSIC

Register by March 25 at wirrallibraries.eventbrite.co.uk



GO
ALL
IN.

Wirral Outdoor Learning Training 2026

Accredited Level 1 Forest School

(11 Week funded course)

11 mornings at Birkenhead Park 9:30-12:30 pm

Tuesday 21st April Enrolment workshop

Tuesday 28th April Course start

Fully funded if earning under £35,860.

Call 0151 652 5197 to reserve a place



Accredited Level 2 Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning

(6 mnth blended course)

Saturday 16th May 2026 (blended course)

£500 +VAT per person



Camp Fire Competency Day

Sunday 17th May 26 (face to face day course)

£100 +VAT per person

Are you a Wirral green flag school? we may be able to offer you a discount. We also do INSET days and all courses come with **FREE** trees for your School!! For more information and to book your course email: hannahshakeshaft@wirral.gov.uk



Wirral Lifelong Learning Service



Dads & Lads: Outdoor Nature Mini-series:

**Workshop 1 - Sunday 19th April 2026:
10.00 - 12.00**

**Workshop 2 - Sunday 3rd May 2026:
09.30-12.30**

**Workshop 3 - Sunday 17th May 2026: 09.30-
12.30**

Telephone: 0151 666 3330

Email: lifelonglearning@wirral.gov.uk

Scan QR code to view and book online



Wirral Lifelong Learning Service

GET INTO FOREST SCHOOL LEADING: ESSENTIAL INFO:

Discover Forest School: Intro Workshop
Tuesday 21st April 2026
9.30am - 11.30am

Followed by:

**10-Wk Qualification: Ascentis Level 1 Award in
Introduction to Forest School Principles**
28th April - 7th June (excluding half term)
9.30am-12pm

BOOK NOW!



Contact Us
0151 666 3330
lifelonglearning@wirral.gov.uk



Visit Our Course Website <https://courses.wirralglobal.net/AvailableCoursesList.asp>

Spring into nature with our adult outdoor learning courses and family workshops.

Our second edition of family workshops are for Dads & Lads to get outside and spend some quality time together, in nature, learning and sharing new skills.

Do you know any parents who may enjoy this? refer them to us.

Birkenheadpark@wirral.gov.uk
0151 652 5197

or go to the council website and lookup Wirral lifelong learning courses.

All fully funded if earning under £35,860