

# WILD ABOUT... NEWSLETTER

## LATEST NEWS ❄️

### Competition Winner!

Well Done to Alfie in year 2 at Somerville Primary for his fantastic winning poster design to stop plastic pollution in our oceans. The poster was chosen by The Blue Planet and Alfie wins family tickets to go there!



## ECO NEWS ❄️

Our new Fox Project with Wirral Fox Rescue was launched at the Wild About Autumn Day at Birkenhead Park, we can see the special visitor with Cathcart Street Primary School. This project is open to all schools and has special units for primary and secondary. If you would like to find out more, please get in touch with Lynn Struve.



## WILD ABOUT... DAYS

We have had two brilliant Wildabout days, one at Birkenhead Park for Autumn and another at The Claypit for Winter. Don't forget to check out what is coming up in 2026

# SPOTLIGHT ON...



## Eastway Primary Eco Team

Year 5 pupils at Eastway Primary School are taking real life action against plastic pollution by launching their very own eco refill shop, a student-run business offering environmentally friendly household products such as handwash and laundry liquid. The children were very excited to serve the Mayor as their first customer.

Every time someone refills instead of buying a new bottle, that's one less plastic container going into the bin – and one more step towards a cleaner, greener world! Eastway ECO Refill is the first school in the Wirral to open a refill shop. This inspiring project was made possible by Pupils Profit, with support from Ecosurety and Sea-Changers Marine Conservation Charity. Together, they've helped make refilling easy, affordable, and fun for everyone.

Running the shop doesn't just help the planet – it's also teaching the children valuable life skills like teamwork, responsibility, and confidence. They're proving that small changes can make a big difference for our world!



# GET INVOLVED



## Have an eco-Christmas

Save any Christmas cards and cut them up to use as tags for next year.



Help save the planet this festive season!

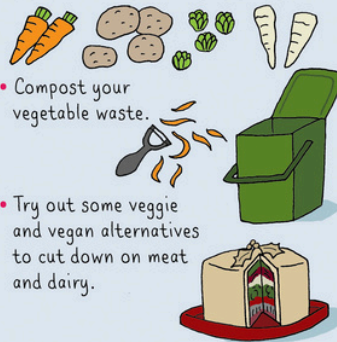
### PRESENTS

- Try making gifts yourself! From knitting a scarf to baking a batch of cookies, there are lots of fantastic presents you can DIY.
- Buy presents from shops that make their products in an ethical and sustainable way... just like The Wildlife Trusts' store.
- Think quality not quantity; having a family Secret Santa means you don't have to buy for everyone and helps to create less waste.
- Avoid non-recyclable wrapping paper by using brown paper and brown paper tape. Better yet, go for a reusable option like a bag or a box.



### FOOD

- Plan your meals so food doesn't go to waste. Leftovers can make some of the tastiest meals!
- Shop local. Are there ingredients for your Christmas dinner that you can source from local farms or shops?
- Compost your vegetable waste.
- Try out some veggie and vegan alternatives to cut down on meat and dairy.



### DECORATIONS

- If you already have a cupboard full of sparkly Christmas decorations, make sure to reuse them.
- Instead of plastic tinsel, try using bunting, pinecones, or popcorn tinsel instead.
- Avoid buying Christmas crackers that contain plastic toys. You might want to try making your own using toilet roll tubes instead. Writing your own jokes is the best bit!



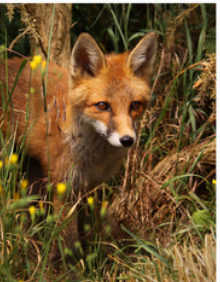



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[www.wildlifewatch.org.uk](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk)

## Woodland wildlife in winter



				
Brambling	Robin	Coal tit	Holly	Wren
				
Woodcock	Jelly ear fungi	Siskin	Fox	Goldcrest

[www.wildlifewatch.org.uk](http://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk) Credits: Brambling and Siskin (c) Harry Hogg / Robin (c) Amy Lewis / Coal tit (c) Scott Petrek / Holly (c) Philip Precey / Wren and Woodcock (c) Margaret Holland / Jelly ear fungi (c) Les Binns / Fox (c) Jon Hawkins / Goldcrest (c) David Longshaw





# COMPETITIONS

Design a nature inspired Christmas card. Please submit your school entries to Lynn Struve by 15<sup>th</sup> December.



# BOOKS OF THE MONTH

To celebrate National Tree Week 2025 Wirral Libraries have chosen a selection of National Trust "Out and About" Explorer guides- one of which is all about trees!

These books are ideal for any budding explorers- pocket sized and full of useful tips to help children (and teachers) spot and identify different plants or animal species.

The guides will encourage your pupils to explore and venture outside to ignite the spirit of adventure and discovery. They are also a great starting point for KS2 pupils but can work with KS1 due to their clear illustrations and text.

# FIND OUT MORE

To find out more visit the Wild About... section on the Birkenhead Park website.  
[www.Birkenhead-Park.org.uk](http://www.Birkenhead-Park.org.uk)

## CONTACT US

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MORE...

**Prenton Dell**



Prenton Dell Claypit is a nature project running on the site of an old brickworks next to Prenton Rugby Club. The former industrial site has naturally rewilded and due to the barren nature of clay, a very special habitat developed. There are numerous orchids and the Birds' Foot Trefoil is an attraction to many butterflies including the Small Heath and the rare Dingy Skipper. The ponds are home to a wide range of wildlife including the Great-Crested Newt.

**What we can offer schools and youth groups**

- KS1 and KS2 Ages**
- Cover areas of the National Curriculum such as Life cycles and Habitat
  - Nature walks
  - Well-being walks
  - Butterfly spotting
  - Pond dipping
  - Bug hunts
  - Dead hedging
  - Forest skills
  - Craft activities
  - Fun activities and treasure hunts
  - Gardening Activities
  - Use of indoor/sheltered space



- KS3 ages**
- As above in greater depth
  - Habitat restoration with use of hand tools
  - John Muir Awards\*



- KS4 ages**
- As above
  - Duke of Edinburgh Awards – volunteering/Eco work
  - More hands-on habitat restoration
  - Becoming a guide/ranger for the Claypit
  - A-Level Geography Projects

**Contact**

If you are interested in using our facilities and/or resources then contact us through either Facebook or by email.

If you would like to set up a group to take part in The John Muir Awards, contact us to arrange a planning meeting.

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**Christmas Trail  
Wirral Country Park**  
 Open daily 20<sup>th</sup> Dec - 4<sup>th</sup> Jan except 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> Dec and 1<sup>st</sup> Jan  
 10 - 3

Collect a map from The Whistle Stop Cafe and find the Christmas shapes hidden around the park decorated by Wirral Eco Schools. Once you have found all the letters and worked out the Christmas themed word, return to the cafe for a small prize.

£1.00 per child. Please note cash only.

Car parking charges apply.



**Wirral Outdoor Learning Training 2026**

**Accredited Level 3 Forest School**  
(9mth course)

8 face to face days at Birkenhead Park  
 Monday 23rd March - Thursday 26th March  
 Monday 20th April - Wednesday 23rd April 2026  
 £1000 + VAT

**Accredited Level 2 Curriculum Based Outdoor Learning**  
(6 mth 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

