



Ashlands
Church of England
Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Resources wanted for Early Years

We are always looking for exciting and creative ways to enhance learning in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). One area we are currently developing is our provision for loose parts play. This type of play is fantastic for nurturing imagination, problem-solving, and collaboration, as children explore and create with open-ended materials.

To help us enrich this valuable area of learning, we are reaching out to ask for donations of any loose parts or materials you might be able to provide. These items do not need to be new—many everyday objects or unused items from home can be repurposed to great effect.

Items that would be particularly useful include:

- Natural materials: pinecones, shells, sticks, large pebbles, corks
- Recycled items: bottle caps, buttons, fabric scraps, cardboard tubes
- Household items: wooden spoons, curtain rings, small baskets, pots, pans, kettle, toaster
- Building items: offcuts of wood (sanded and safe for play), nuts, bolts, and washers (large and safe for handling)
- Unusual items: old keys, ribbons, beads, or anything that sparks curiosity!

We kindly request that all items are clean and safe for young children to use. If you're unsure whether something would be suitable, feel free to get in touch, and we'd be happy to advise.

Donations can be dropped off at the Butterflies classroom or at the school office. Your contributions will help us create a vibrant, imaginative play environment that will inspire our youngest learners.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Together, we can continue to foster creativity, exploration, and joy in our children's early learning experiences.

Warm regards,

Ms Jones, Mrs Collicutt and Mrs Chick

The Butterfly Team.

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