



## *...news from the garden...*

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### *Happy New Year!*

...to all the school community! We are looking forward to a plentiful gardening year and can't wait to get stuck in! And while January is the month to dream, plan and be patient, we have some great news to share:

### *We will be planting trees...*

On the 19th of January we start our garden season with a bang! The **Cheshire Wildlife Trust** will help our year 6 children plant fruit trees at the back of the school field - the start of our very own orchard! Tree saplings, manpower and time are kindly funded by the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, who actively support schools and community groups to bring nature back into our neighbourhoods! They will also provide some free training so we can look after our trees and make the most of them as a learning resource for the children!



**Cheshire**  
Wildlife Trust

### *..are expecting a visitor...*

Later this spring, on the 22nd of March, we are expecting a visit from **Esther McVey**, Minister of State and local MP for Tatton, who is looking forward to seeing our school garden and will spend some time with the children, talking about her work and answering questions.

*and ....*





*..have some funding updates!*

You might remember that at the end of last year we applied for funding to build a living willow structure in the school grounds. Unfortunately we were not successful, meaning we might have to wait a little longer for this project to happen. But the children were so excited about the idea, so we are not giving up!

In the meantime however, FoCS managed to secure some very welcome funding through the **Warburtons Community Grant** scheme, giving us **£400** to spend on improving our gardening equipment and to further progress our plans for rainwater collection and composting.



*A big thank you* to FoCS, who do a brilliant job fundraising for the school!



*And don't forget....*

The **Co-op local causes** initiative is still ongoing until October 2024!



If you shop at the Co-op and / or would like to help us raise money for our sensory garden project, you can follow this link to learn more about our cause and how to join in:

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/83060>

*Thank you so much!*

