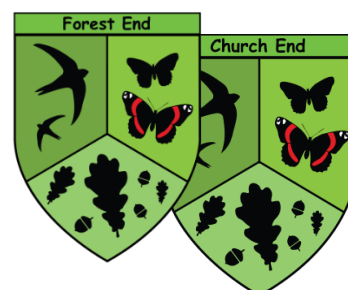
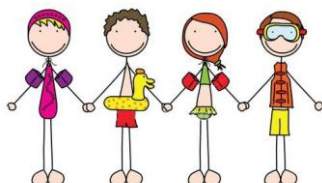


Swimming



We are very lucky to have a heated swimming pool! Every child is expected to swim, as part of their PE lessons during the summer term. Please ensure your child has an appropriate swimming costume & towel in school **every day**.

KS2 pupils will also swim during September, weather permitting.



Therapy Pets

Over the past few years, for a variety of beneficial reasons, the school has allowed children to experience the joy and pleasure of spending time in the company of a dog! In all cases both the owner and dog are assessed as having suitable qualities and temperament for working with children. Children have been encouraged to observe, play with and develop a more responsible attitude to having a pet and general animal welfare. Staff noticed that the thought of spending time with animals was highly motivating both in terms of academic performance and also in helping children to conform to school rules and socialise in ways which were more acceptable; being with dogs and the thought of being with dogs had a calming and motivational influence!

At our Forest End site, we also have a chicken run and 4 chickens! Pupils are encouraged to collect eggs and in various aspects of animal husbandry.

Throughout the year, we are visited by other animal organisations such as Herrings Green and The Birds of Prey centre, Safari Stu and his reptiles and Animal Edge, a mobile farm with rabbits, goats, pigs and many more!

