

Wildroots Learning Community,  
Pentiddy Woods, Pensilva



A unique and alternative learning community  
rooted in helping our children to create the  
more beautiful world our hearts know is  
possible

# Wildroots Learning Community (run by The Wildling Tribe)

## Welcome to Wildroots!

At Wildroots, we believe in nurturing curiosity, independence, and connection. Our Tribe Elders and Guides are here to explore and create with your child—not to instruct—allowing them to find excitement and become passionate about seeking Wildling Wisdom, and grow in the way that feels right for them. We hope to support them to imagine a more beautiful world for themselves, helping them discover their own talents and interests whilst honouring ancestral and traditional ways of living. We are not risk averse, understanding that facing challenges is key to a child's development, and will support your child to find confidence and their own special rhythm, so that they can stand in the power and authenticity with a whole Tribe behind them

Autonomy is central to our approach. Each day begins with a Seekers' Circle, a calm and grounding space to connect, share ideas, and set intentions for the day. Children use Vision Boards to choose the workshops and activities they want to pursue, fostering decision-making skills, goal-setting, and time management.

Every child has their own Box of Bits, a personal kit containing all the materials they need for the day's learning, tools, equipment and a place to store any amazing finds! This encourages responsibility and independence.

The day is designed in small, engaging chunks, with breaks and free time built in to keep energy high and curiosity flowing. Children can explore personal projects, enjoy free play, and participate in both indoor and woodland-based workshops. Specialist sessions at Tregovenek may also be offered, providing unique opportunities to deepen skills and experiences.

Lunch is a shared, hands-on experience: children help prepare, cook, and enjoy their meal together, learning teamwork, connection & gratitude, mindfulness, and respect for their environment. Each day concludes with a Reflection Circle, a gentle way to close the day, celebrate achievements, and transition home.

For families who wish to continue learning at home, extended learning and activity packs are freely available through the Wildroots Portal on The Wildling Tribe website.

# Wildroots General Information

Wildroots is designed to be attended weekly as the provision is ongoing and progressive. There is an option to pay monthly which would secure your child's space as a founding member of Wildroots, and give you priority booking each month. Monthly booking would also entitle your family to:

- Take part in our Energy Exchange Project (exchanging your time and energy to help Tregovenek in return for reduced cost sessions)
- Full access to the Wildroots Portal on the website with a huge variety of resources, videos and more to help your child seek Wildling Wisdom at home and beyond
- Priority booking for events, celebrations, gatherings and family workshops
- Invitations to private Wildroots and Wildling Tribe events at discounted prices
- Access to our Custodians' Collective parent support circle
- A monthly Wildroots newsletter
- The option to buy exclusive Wildroots products

## UPON INITIAL REGISTRATION YOU WILL RECEIVE:

- A registration pack containing important forms, policies and procedures, emergency contacts and our Wildling Profile optional form
- A password for the Wildroots Portal on our website
- A welcome letter detailing the provision and what to expect
- The option to order a Wildroots hoodie, T-shirt or jumper for your child (entirely optional!)

## YOUR CHILD WILL RECEIVE

- A welcome pack
- A Wildling Wisdom Journal to keep any activity pages in.
- A Wildroots sticker passport to collect stickers for Quests and awards.
- Their own Box of Bits - this will be your child's personal box of items they will need such as their own plate, cup, bowl and cutlery, a craft kit, their own tool kit, and cookery items, and a variety of things including bug pots, magnifying glasses, a clipboard, and empty boxes for storing treasures and interesting finds. Your child will be responsible for their own Box of Bits which will be safely stored onsite at the end of the day
- A Wildroots Lanyard or wristband (TBC)

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## Learning Structure

Wildroots is built upon the Wildling Wisdom Award Program, developed over the past few years by The Wildling Tribe Founders. Holistic and progressive, it is designed for children aged 5 to 16, offering a complete framework that grows alongside each child. The program equips children with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to contribute to a more beautiful, connected, and sustainable world.

At its heart, Wildroots focuses on:

- Land-based learning – connection to nature, ecological stewardship, and practical skills
- Self-awareness – emotional literacy, mindfulness, and personal growth
- Community building – cooperation, leadership, and collaboration
- Ancestral knowledge – the preservation and practice of ancient wisdom, crafts, and storytelling

We place special emphasis on the art of storytelling, not from books, but the ancient oral tradition of sharing human history and Wildling Wisdom passed down for thousands of years. These stories cultivate imagination, cultural understanding, and connection to the wider world.

The program is flexible and progressive, allowing children to explore a wide range of areas of learning according to their individual interests and developmental stage.

## Areas of Learning

For all ages (5–16):

- Earth Keeper – permaculture, food security, environmental stewardship, and community building
- Traditional Ways – herbalism, foraging, and hedgerow crafts
- Story Tellers – drama, music, literacy, and oral storytelling
- Survival Specialist – bushcraft and survival skills
- Tribe Chef – cookery, nutrition, food hygiene, and the field-to-plate concept
- Tribe Artisans – natural crafts, making, and creativity
- Woodland Guardians – woodland management, ecology, and conservation
- Incredible Investigators – science, engineering, and problem-solving
- Wellbeing Warrior – mental health, emotional literacy, self-awareness, and social connection

Additional areas for children aged 10 and above (currently run as Tribe Teenz)

- Wayshower – building community, leadership, and organisational skills
- Tribe Trader – entrepreneurship, alternative trade and barter, accounting, and marketing
- Green Woodworking & Natural Building – hands-on building and woodworking skills
- Tribe Guide Training – mentorship, leadership, event planning, and facilitation
- Tribe Teenz Committee – a young-person-led committee integral to the Wildling Tribe structure, engaging in debate, fundraising, awareness campaigns, magazine production, and content creation

# Sample Daily Timetable

**10:00 – 10:30**

## **Seekers' Circle & Wildling Wellbeing**

Grounding, sharing, setting intentions, mindfulness

Democratic input and day planning

**10:30 – 11:15**

## **Workshop Choice 1**

Children select from two simultaneous workshops

**11:15 – 12:00**

## **Workshop Choice 2**

Continued skill-building and exploration

**12:00 – 1:00**

## **Tribe Chefs & Lunch**

Prepare, cook, and eat together; focus on teamwork and tidying

**1:00 – 1:30**

## **Free Play & Exploration**

Woodland, games, or creative self-directed play

**1:30 – 2:00**

## **Personal Projects**

Time for individual goals and creative projects

**2:00 – 3:15**

## **Afternoon Whole Tribe Workshop**

Group learning, collaborative challenges, or specialist sessions at Tregovenek

**3:15 – 3:30**

## **Reflection Circle & Close**

Gentle transition, reflection, celebration, and grounding

## What Wildlings Will Need

At Wildroots, we provide most of the equipment and resources your Wildling will need for their day. However, there are a few essential items we ask them to bring. Children can choose to leave these at Wildroots or take them home each week.

Please provide:

- A complete spare set of clothing, including underwear, socks, and footwear
- A warm jumper, old coat, or blanket
- Two jars and an empty container
- A small toy, teddy, or comfort item
- A pair of gardening gloves
- A water bottle (filled or empty)
- Any medications or toileting supplies in a clearly named bag (please complete a medication consent form or update the Wildling Profile for additional support needs)
- A metal, enamel, or plastic cup
- A metal, enamel, or plastic plate & bowl
- Any safe foods for children with limited diets or specific preferences (we cater for vegan, dairy-free, soy-free, and gluten-free diets)
- Their wonder, enthusiasm, and energy!

All other learning resources and equipment will be provided. Each child will receive a personal set of tools, crafting supplies, and an exploration kit in their Box of Bits.

## Clothing Guidelines

We don't have strict clothing requirements, as we know every child is unique. However, to ensure comfort and safety in outdoor learning, we recommend dressing appropriately for the weather and environment:

Autumn & Winter:

- Suitable, sturdy, waterproof footwear
- Waterproof coat and trousers (bringing them in case of wet weather is fine)
- Long trousers
- Hat, gloves, and scarf in cold conditions
- Layered clothing for adjusting warmth

Spring & Summer:

- Light, breathable clothing
- Sun hat and optional cover-up for sun protection
- Layers in case of cooler weather or shade

## Registration, Bookings & Payments

When you register your child, your family will become founding members of the Wildroots Learning Community, with the option to join The Custodians' Collective – our parent-led committee that helps guide and support the Wildroots vision. You will also be invited to join our Energy Exchange Program – which is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family – please see our Energy Exchange heading for more information.

Bookings are made monthly in advance on our website. Families also have the option to book a full ten-week seasonal block at a discounted rate.

We ask for a minimum commitment of one month, but would prefer families to book on for a ten block season as this will help them to build bonds and connections.

*A small number of concessionary spaces will be available for families experiencing financial hardship, to ensure that no Wildling misses out due to circumstance. These will be allocated on a case-by-case basis and can be requested confidentially by contacting the Wildling Tribe directly.*

## Attendance & Expectations

Wildroots sessions run every week, in all weathers. With our mix of indoor and covered spaces, children are safe and comfortable whatever the season.

We encourage families to attend as consistently as possible. This ensures children can build friendships, grow within the community, and take part in larger, long-term projects. Wildroots is designed as a progressive, ongoing learning journey rather than a one-off drop-off club.

It's important to note:

- Wildroots is not a Forest School. While our approach embraces choice and autonomy, there is necessary structure and children will be invited to engage with their chosen workshops
- Our learning is experiential. Much of what children learn happens in the moment, through hands-on discovery, creativity, and exploration. We are not a sit-down, workbook-driven setting.
- Our activities and transitions of workshops will largely depend on the children's wants and needs, it is not set in stone. If children are focused on an activity, and would like to continue instead of changing activity, then that is what we will do!
- Our resources are unique. All materials, including Wildling Quest packs, are created specifically for the Wildling Wisdom Award Program to provide a flexible framework for holistic exploration and extension of learning.

## The Wildroots Pledge

Together, the children will co-create a Wildroots Pledge – a set of shared guidelines shaped by the needs of our community, the landowners, and the space at Tregovenek.

The pledge will focus on respect for self, respect for others, and respect for the Earth. By involving children in this process, they gain ownership, pride, and responsibility for their learning community, making Wildroots a place they truly belong.