

Now is the time to book

Living Willow

To be installed from
January to early April.

Projects

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**Willow that grows
with your pupils**

Living willow can be
used

to make:

- Hedges or fences
- Mazes
- Domes
- Tunnels
- seating

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In the Spring Term, before the sap rises and willow trees come into leaf, freshly cut branches of willow can be planted in the ground and will begin to grow leaves and form roots as the growing season gets under way.

Willow planted in this way can be sculptured and structured to made dens and arches as well as hedges and mazes.

As well as being things of beauty in their own right, which create shade in the summer and are a habitat for wildlife, these also provide a great resource for the school.

Each winter the last years growth can be harvested for willow-making projects within the school. (please see the "Teaching Teachers" section of the Website - waysidewillow.co.uk -) Furthermore each year children can explore how weaving the new branches different ways effects the overall shape and structure of the sculpture.

(NB Living willow needs to be in open ground and in full sunshine)

Living willow areas create:

- Resources for learning opportunities
- Reflective spaces
- Shade
- Wildlife habitat
- Enhances the beauty of the school environment

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These pictures of a tunnel show typical growth in the first season.



Living Willow arbour



Wild Willow Can be

...

shaped...



And tamed!

Chaz Friend is Wayside Willow:-

He is an ex primary teacher of 24 years teaching experience, who has been working with willow for some 8 years.

In 2013 he left the Primary classroom to pursue his love of working with willow full time.



Example Pricing: Willow dome

(c. 2.5 m diameter base, 1.6—1.8m high)

(This is of course just one example of a living willow option. Projects can vary from a single day to much larger scale)

Installed in a single day **£350** -

This includes a day on site and all material costs.

Groups of children can be involved and be taken through aspects of the process, taking turns to participate.