

A group of flamingos standing in shallow water at sunset. The birds are white with pink feathers on their wings and legs. The background is a warm, orange glow from the setting sun. The text is overlaid on a white circular shape on the left side of the image.

***Welcome to our Martin
Mere adventure! Join us
as Year 4 explore
nature, meet flamingos,
and become Guardians
of the Wild."***

Year 4's Wild Adventure at Martin Mere

Our Year 4 pupils recently embarked on an unforgettable nature experience at Martin Mere. From helping Ava find her way home to proudly completing their *Guardian of the Wild* tasks, the children embraced every moment—learning, exploring, and connecting with the natural world in meaningful ways.

One of the highlights of their visit was encountering the vibrant flamingos, especially the fluffy chicks nestled among the flock. The children were absolutely captivated, asking thoughtful questions and showing genuine curiosity, about the wildlife and habitats they saw.

Inspired by their adventure, they brought their enthusiasm back to school. At forest school, the children eagerly constructed their own bug hotel using natural materials they had gathered themselves. They compared it to the impressive bug hotel at Martin Mere, sparking ideas for imaginative enhancements and creative improvements.

Later, their excitement spilled into playful exploration. With flapping wings, echoing bird calls, and boundless energy, they transformed the forest school area into a lively woodland scene. This imaginative role-play was a joyful blend of creativity and learning, deepening their understanding of wildlife behaviours and natural sounds.

It was a day—and a follow-up—filled with wonder, curiosity, and a true celebration of the wild. We're so proud of our young guardians and thrilled to continue nurturing their love for nature.

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**Flamingo Encounter:
"The flamingos were
amazing! We loved
seeing the fluffy
chicks and learning
about their habitats."**



Arrival & Exploration:
"We started our day by helping Ava find her way home and completing fun tasks to earn our Guardian of the Wild badges."





Bug Hotel Inspiration:

"Back at school, we built our own bug hotel, using ideas from the amazing one we saw at Martin Mere."



**Bug hunt:
We used real
equipment to explore
which made the
experience feel like a
genuine scientific
expedition.**

**Oscar said “I feel like mini
entomologists”**







Role-Play in Forest School:

"Then we flew around like birds, made animal calls, and played in our woodland world—it was wild and wonderful!"



Cloud spotting:

“ We can't believe that even on a cloudy day we can see the clouds moving. The sun was just coming out”



Hugging a tree and den making.
“This makes me feel so relaxed”. Isobelle.
“We have thought about our den having a strong structure.” Lacey

"We're proud to be young Guardians of nature, and we can't wait for our next adventure".

