

Sweet Chestnut Tree Blog

The sweet chestnut tree is native to southern Europe and Asia Minor. The chestnut is edible and can be boiled, roasted and baked. They can grow up to 35m and can live up to 700 years. It is known as Castanea. The name Castanea is probably derived from the old name of the sweet chestnut even in Greek and Latin. The Romans were thought to have introduced the sweet chestnut tree into Northern Europe. Sweet chestnuts are mainly found in America. They belong to the family Fagaceae. American Chestnuts typically begin producing nuts in their fourth season. In Japan the Chestnut symbolises both difficulties and overcoming them. They are eaten on New Year's Eve.

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Here are some pictures of our year 6 tree which is the Sweet Chestnut.

