



Green Flag 2026

St Laurence Church Infant School

Award Level: Merit

Focus Topics:



Your Greatest Overall Success:

It is wonderful to learn that you have increased the number of Eco-Projects you have completed this year, from litter-picking to planting in the outdoor space. As you undertake more environmentally friendly projects, sustainability is clearly becoming an instinctive consideration in all activities and trips. This reflects how your whole-school culture has developed into that of a true Eco-School, one built on compassion and enthusiasm for helping our planet, which also links with your vision of 'Do all things with love'.

We Also Loved:

- Your emphasis on transport and road safety this year is particularly encouraging to see, and we were thrilled to read about the application to make a nearby road a school street! Thanks to your dedication over several months, the congestion and pollution surrounding the school will dramatically decrease and the area will be safer for pupils arriving and leaving school. The 'Walk to School' week saw pupils learning the multiple benefits of walking to school, engaging in road-safety activities and receiving certificates for their efforts. These are fantastic examples of motivating pupils to walk, cycle or scooter more often, as well as building a sense of pride and responsibility.
- The way your whole school engaged with the Eco-Champions' 'No Technology Day' is particularly impressive! It is only when we have no technology that we recognise how often we rely on it, and engaging the whole school in this activity is a fantastic way of having fun while learning and reducing carbon emissions. This energy-saving mindset expands beyond this one day, with posters reminding staff and pupils to use the 'Kill Switch' at the end of the day. Installing these switches will significantly reduce your energy emissions from appliances that would otherwise have been left running unnecessarily.
- We were also thrilled to read about the introduction of a weekly meat-free day! Reducing animal-based products in our diets reduces the demand for livestock farming which is a leading cause of deforestation and greenhouse gas emissions. Implementing vegetarian and vegan options also introduces children to new fruits and vegetables and encourages making healthier choices.
- Staff across your school have impressively integrated a variety of environmental issues into lessons, with Year 1's RE topic of food waste leading to discussions surrounding what can be done to reduce this. Introducing global issues to younger pupils is a great way of developing their reflective thinking which will continue to grow through the years.
- You have made consistent efforts to inform and involve the entire school community in your Eco-Projects and plans this year. Through newsletters, social media, meetings with the Diocese and inspectors and local residents, you are committed to sharing the many successes you have seen through your Eco-School work this year.

Next Year, Why Not Try...

To build on the great work you have done this year, we encourage you to broaden your focus to look at how the outdoor space can be developed further. This could include introducing more pollinator-friendly plants to increase biodiversity or beginning to grow fruits and vegetables to further pupils' understanding of healthy lifestyles and where food comes from.