



We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at St. Botolphs C of E Primary School have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

- Your Eco-Committee members were selected through an application process, which is a fair and mature approach – well done to those selected! It's brilliant that these young people took ownership over their work by sharing responsibility for meeting minutes.
- We enjoyed reading the quote provided by Evie of your Eco-Committee. She is obviously a clear-headed, passionate yet determined young lady. She is proud to be part of the Eco-committee driving change. It's very impressive that you have formed a large Eco-Committee. It shows that young people in your school are aware of environmental issues and committed to being active and creating positive change. This knowledge and attitude has provided your school with excellent foundations for the many successes that you've achieved this year this year.
- Thank you for uploading the picture of the Eco-committee – it makes us feel like we are part of a large family. It's brilliant to read that the Environmental Review highlighted to your students what had already been put in place, much to their amazement. It fostered excitement and they became inspired with new ideas. We would love to know more about your 'Big Switch Off' energy-free day.
- Your Eco-Committee didn't let any tricky questions on the Environmental Review defeat them, instead, they reached out to other experts in their school to help answer questions and find solutions which demonstrates their resilience and team ethos.
- The Action Plan you submitted showed your commitment and tenacity. This shows you have an ambitious and assured Eco-Committee, which has no doubt inspired others with their work. Your Action Plan shows that your Eco-Committee have carefully considered how they can involve their entire school in their planned Eco-Schools' activities to achieve maximum impact and raise awareness amongst their school community. Your Action Plan is really strong and substantial, containing impactful activities for your chosen topics. Your final Action Plan is a really considered piece of work with a lot of SMART thinking.
- The three curriculum examples provided are great examples of environmental education. They are practical and fun examples of eco-education with a real-life context that will engage young people. Teaching children about endangered animals and what are the threats to their existence will ensure they can make good choices and protect these animals either directly or indirectly. This is a strong message.
- Your Eco-Committee have made considerable efforts to keep their schoolmates and community up-to-date on their progress, using a variety of methods including emails, newsletter, and letters. Is there any other media you could use to keep your

community informed about your projects and actions? This comprehensive approach will help to engage others and expand the reach of your Eco-Schools work.

- You have also forged many relationships with organisations and charities, including our very one 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign, and these are great examples of collaboration. We'll need this approach to fight the impacts of climate change in the future! It is heartening to read that your hard work is obviously paying off because more people are taking an interest and want to be involved in your Eco-Schools work. We wait with bated breath for news of your Bio-dome with its own hydroponic system – we are so excited and impressed!
- You should be very proud of how you enhanced your feeling of community, pulling together towards your common goal. You are really getting the important messages out there. We encourage you to keep working on these effective schemes in future academic years to allow them to become an embedded part of school life and in the wider community.
- Your Eco-code is a simple, memorable acrostic poem. It is clear what you are trying to achieve. We love your collaborative approach to creating an Eco-Code, by using the Eco-schools website to create your school's vision while incorporating your faith. This approach has allowed young people to take ownership and create a final code that will be treasured by everyone at your school. We were delighted to learn that you have an Eco-board displaying this code.

Thank you so much for submitting such a terrific application. We have loved reading about your journey and are incredibly impressed by all you have achieved. We wish you every success with your Eden Project. We have no hesitation in awarding you an Eco-Schools Green Flag, congratulations!