



Green Flag 2026

Birdham C of E Primary School

Award Level:
Distinction

Focus Topics:



Your Greatest Overall Success:

Congratulations on the incredible success of your Deep Sea Week. Your innovative approach created a truly memorable learning experience that inspired pupils to develop new skills, deepen their appreciation of the marine environment and engage enthusiastically with sustainability, while the fantastic family involvement reflects the lasting impact of your work.

We Also Loved:

- Your creative, immersive approach to sustainability is truly inspiring. Experiences such as Deep Sea Week transformed environmental education into memorable, hands-on learning, sparking curiosity, creativity and even inspiring pupils to explore future careers connected to protecting our oceans.
- Sustainability is meaningfully embedded across your curriculum. Through English, DT and Art, pupils developed research, communication, critical thinking and creative skills while exploring biodiversity, marine conservation and sustainable living, helping them understand how their actions can positively impact the environment.
- Your projects empower pupils to become active changemakers. Writing persuasive letters to MPs, creating wildlife habitats and leading energy-saving initiatives have given children genuine opportunities to develop leadership, teamwork, problem-solving and decision-making skills while recognising they can influence positive environmental change.
- Your biodiversity work has created lasting benefits for both wildlife and pupils. By installing 20 habitats, 18 wildlife-supporting facilities and maintaining 39m² of natural habitat, pupils gained practical conservation skills and a deeper appreciation of how they can protect and enhance local ecosystems.
- Your Healthy Living initiatives have strengthened pupils' understanding of sustainable food systems. Growing, harvesting and sharing vegetables from the school polytunnel helped pupils develop practical gardening skills, healthy lifestyle habits and an appreciation of where food comes from while reinforcing the importance of sustainable food production.
- Your Energy topic has encouraged lasting behavioural change. The Rubbish Runway project and pupil-led energy monitoring have helped children understand the links between reducing waste, recycling and conserving energy, contributing to a 500 kWh reduction in electricity use while developing responsibility and environmental stewardship.
- Community engagement is a real strength of your Eco-Schools journey. By involving families, governors and local organisations in exhibitions, fundraising events, wildlife projects and themed weeks, pupils have developed confidence, communication skills and a shared sense of responsibility for creating a more sustainable future.
- Despite limited funding, your determination and creativity have ensured every pupil has benefitted from high-quality environmental learning. Your ability to transform donated and recycled materials into exciting learning experiences demonstrates resilience, resourcefulness and models the importance of reusing resources—an invaluable sustainability lesson in itself.

Next Year, Why Not Try...

Why not expand your pupil leadership by giving the Eco-Committee responsibility for leading more whole-school environmental campaigns and evaluating their impact? This would further develop leadership, communication and problem-solving skills while embedding sustainability across the school.