

Sustainability Newsletter - Spring 2026





Inspiring Learning Through Nature

School has taken up a number of initiatives which have enriched and strengthened our curriculum over the last term by placing nature at the heart of everyday learning. Children have experienced firsthand how their actions can make a positive difference to the world around them. By taking part in projects that support wildlife, monitor habitats, and explore environmental challenges, pupils develop a strong sense of empowerment — seeing that their voices and choices matter.

Through this work, children build confidence, curiosity, and resilience, understanding that small actions, taken together, can create real change for the future.

What This Means for Our School

By taking part

- Children will have richer, more hands-on learning experiences
- Staff will access high-quality training and resources
- Our outdoor spaces will become more vibrant, diverse, and environmentally friendly
- The whole school community will work together toward sustainability goals

These partnerships and projects support our commitment to embedding environmental responsibility into daily school life



School Habitat Mapping - carried out by our student Eco-committee in application for funding of a new Nature Park biodiversity application.

Our agreed Eco Code statements are:

- **Respect our environment** – taking care of the world around us and making thoughtful choices.
- **Be kind to our school garden** – protecting plants, wildlife, and the special spaces we enjoy.
- **Be responsible for recycling** – making sure we sort our waste properly and reduce rubbish wherever we can.
- **Be resilient to Eco challenges** – working together to overcome problems and keep improving our school.

Eco Committee this term have visited each class to find a person who is super Eco-friendly pupil:

- Tidies Up
- Doesn't wastepaper
- Doesn't waste water
- Shuts doors – to help keep heat in when it is cold and rainy
- Turns off lights when they are the last to leave a room
- Pick up litter

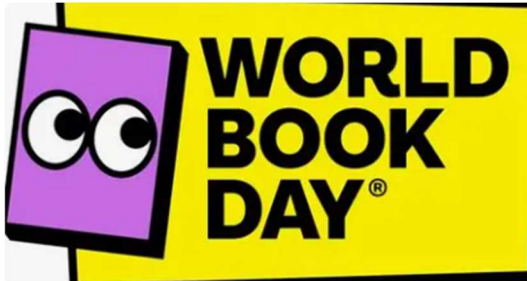
The committee walked around school to look for ways to reduce energy usage:

- Turn off more lights when a room is empty
- Keeping doors closed when it is cold
- Switch off computers when they are not being used
- Keeping windows closed when it is cold

And created actions points

- Wearing our jumpers instead of turning up the heating
- Share our idea for saving energy in Assembly
- Point out friends who show good ecofriendly behaviour
- Also to remind staff about what they can do to help!

Reuse – Recycle Initiative – Dress Up Box & World Book Day



Elmsleigh will be taking part in World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. As part of our continuing commitment to sustainability, we kindly ask if anyone has out-grown or no longer needs any dressing up clothes, please consider donating them to the school to give other children the chance to give them a new life.

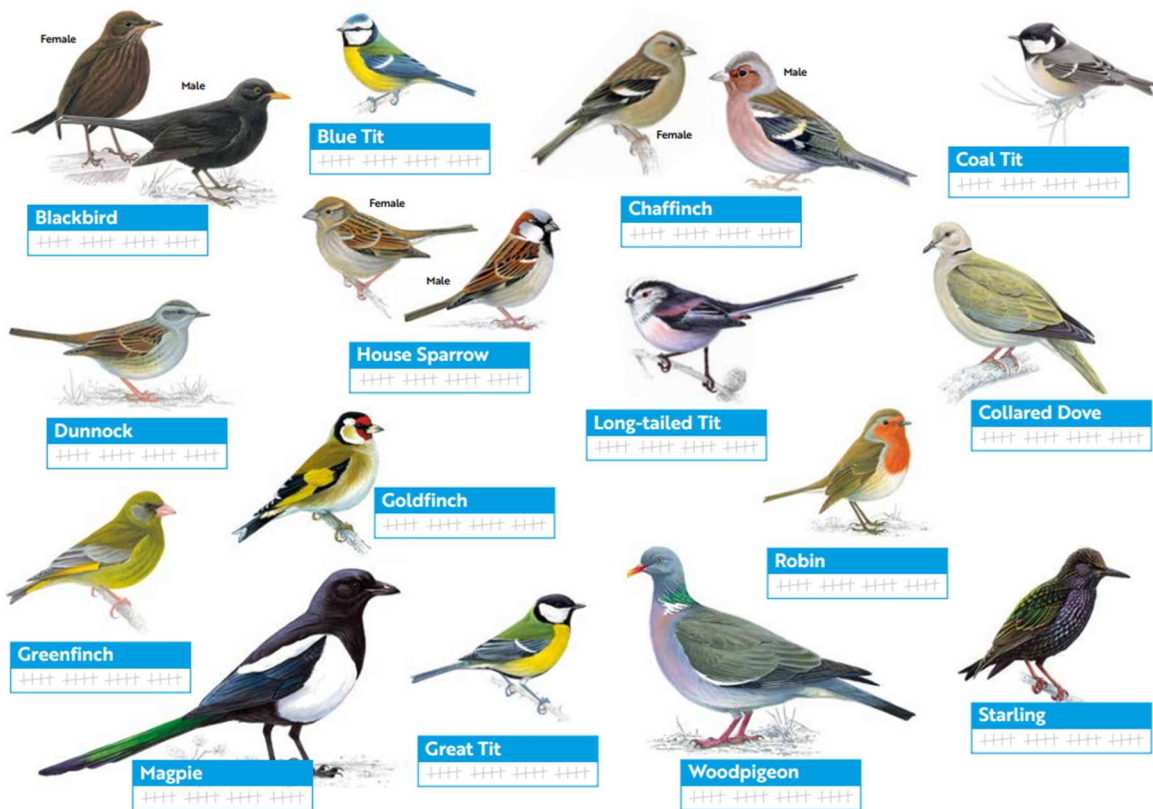
Thank you for your continued support! ♥



The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch (23rd–25th January 2026)

Eco Committee explained how the Birdwatch helps people all over the UK keep track of garden birds. By counting the birds we see, we can learn which species are doing well and which ones might need extra help.

We also talked about how creating safe places with food and shelter can support small birds in our school grounds and at home.



World Wetlands Day – February 2nd 2026 - #WeNeedWetlands



World Wetlands Day is celebrated each year on 2 February to raise awareness about wetlands. Wetlands are at the heart of human and planetary well-being – deeply interconnected with solutions for biodiversity loss, climate action, and water resilience – sustaining the delicate balance between people, nature, and our shared future.



Each class had a colouring and discussion activity to highlight how important Wetlands are and they can be big or small - it all helps!

Green Flag Eco School Status



As a school community we will be taking on projects to enhance our space, and ensure we tidy up after ourselves and take away any items harmful to the environment



The Great Big School Clean 2026!

The Great Big School Clean is back! Join the nation's biggest, mass-action campaign, which takes place from 13-29 March 2026!

We believe that every child has the right to live, play, and learn in a clean and safe neighbourhood. That's why, for more than a decade, we have run the Great Big School Clean. Last year, more than 265,000 pupils took part through their schools, and many other young people took part through events in their local communities. This year, we're aiming to have our biggest year yet!

Click the link below to pledge to take part as a school.

[Pledge to Pick for The Great Big School Clean 2026!](#)

Let's Go Zero



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