

# **Eco-Schools Environmental Review Primary 2024-2025**

Welcome to this year's Eco-Schools Environmental Review, before beginning here is a little bit of guidance:

- To signal your answer, simply place the letter x (or any other letter or symbol) in the relevant yes or no column.
- To calculate your score for each topic, simply count the number of yes answers you have for the topic.
- If you do not know the answer to a question, or are unable to find an answer, simply leave the question blank. This will not affect your Eco-Schools Green Flag application.
- This year we have included space for an 'Optional additional question' in each topic. You do not have to add your own question, but you can if your Eco-Committee want to investigate a question they have that isn't currently on the Environmental Review.
- Finally, if you score a low score on any of the topics, or overall, please do not worry. This is why you are working on the Eco-Schools programme, to improve your school's environmental performance!

**Good Luck!**

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<b>Biodiversity</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does your school have a bug hotel, log pile, rock pile or leaf piles to encourage insect life?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have bird houses, bat boxes or hedgehog homes?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have bird (or other) animal feeders and are they checked regularly to make sure there is always food for birds (or other animals) to eat?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have any meadow, wildflower or rewilding areas to increase biodiversity in school?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have a pond or mini-pond(s)?		<b>x</b>
Do pupils in your school ever observe and record nature inside or outside your School Grounds (this might be as part of a charity scheme such as RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch)?		<b>x</b>
Does your school ever fundraise for endangered animals or conservation projects?		<b>x</b>
Approach 5 schoolmates or members of staff, can all five name an animal that is endangered, vulnerable or threatened?	<b>x</b>	
Find a teacher in your school (not the Eco-Coordinator), have they taught a lesson about deforestation, land-use, endangered animals or any other threat to biodiversity in the last twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
Survey a class in your school, have more than half of the selected class planted a seed and helped it grow in their lifetimes?	<b>x</b>	
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		
<p>Pond is not an option</p> <p>Fundraising?</p> <p>Take part in Big Garden Birdwatch this year</p>		

Energy		
Question	Yes	No
Does your school have energy monitors, who check lights and other electronic devices are switched off when not in use?	<b>x</b>	
Have pupils in your school ever taken responsibility for identifying the light switch, or electronic device, which is most commonly left on when not in use?		<b>x</b>
Does your school have any renewable sources (solar panels, wind turbine, heat pump, biomass heating) or if not does your school purchase energy from a renewable energy supplier?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have either motion-sensor lights (that switch off when not in use), or draught strips on windows and doors?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school ever include energy-saving tips in its e-newsletters so parents and pupils can save energy at home?		<b>x</b>
In the last twelve months, has your school planned an energy-free day, energy-saving week or something similar?	<b>x</b>	
Approach 5 schoolmates or members of staff, can all five tell you a way they try to save energy at home?		<b>x</b>
Find a teacher in your school (not the Eco-Coordinator), have they taught any lessons about energy in the last twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
Find your school's site manager, does your school have a smart meter and are you allowed to look at it?		<b>x</b>
Visit three empty classrooms during break, lunch or assembly time (when they are empty) are the lights and interactive board switched off in every classroom?		<b>x</b>
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		
<p>Energy saving tips in school and at home</p> <p>Recently installed motion sensor lights in corridors</p> <p>Option of smart meter?</p>		

Global Citizenship		
Question	Yes	No
Has your school raised money for a charity or cause in the last twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
Was any of this money raised for environmental, wildlife or animal welfare charities?		<b>x</b>
Has your school collected for a local foodbank, or supported a local charity or organisation in any other way in the last twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
Have pupils in your school taken responsibility for planning and organising a charity fundraising event, or chosen which charity (or charities) your school will support in the last twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school celebrate different cultures and religions (e.g. do you try different food types, celebrate different religious/cultural holidays or participate in events like Black History Month)?	<b>x</b>	
Has your school hosted a Fair Trade Bake Sale (or a similar event) in the last twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
Approach three different members of teaching staff (not the Eco-Coordinator) can any of them name one of the Sustainable development goals?		<b>x</b>
Speak to staff members in the school canteen, do they use any Fair Trade food items or local, seasonal produce?		<b>x</b>
With permission and Eco-Coordinator supervision (ask the Eco-Coordinator to do this on your behalf if you're not allowed), check the tea and coffee in the staff room, are either of them Fair Trade?		<b>x</b>
Survey a class in your school, can any of the pupils tell you about an environmental story they have read or seen in the news in the last week?		<b>x</b>
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		
<p>Fair Trade options?</p>		

Healthy Living		
Question	Yes	No
Does your school grow its own fruit, vegetables and herbs?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school menu have plant-based options every day and are these options as appealing as meat-based options?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school regularly have meat-free days, or does it have termly meat-free weeks?		<b>x</b>
Do pupils in your school work with your school's canteen staff to help plan healthy, new menu items?		<b>x</b>
Does your school include tasty and healthy recipe ideas (including plant-based recipes) in your e-newsletter for pupils and their families to cook at home?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have a sensory garden, or other natural area, that helps pupils to feel calm and relaxed?		<b>x</b>
Does your Eco-Committee have a suggestion box, so they can address environmental concerns and combat eco-anxiety?		<b>x</b>
Does your school discuss mental health issues and provide strategies and exercises to cope with them?		<b>x</b>
Do pupils in your school have the opportunity to participate in daily exercises (outside PE lessons)?	<b>x</b>	
Choose a class to survey, do more than half of the class have a reusable water bottle in school with them at the time of survey?	<b>x</b>	
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		
<p>Discuss with Tracey about meat-free day in canteen</p>		

<b>Litter</b>		
<b>Question</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does your school have access to litter-picking equipment?	<b>x</b>	
Have pupils from your school litter-picked in your school grounds in the last twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
Have pupils from your school litter-picked in your local community in the last twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
Have members of your school community (e.g. families, businesses, nearby schools, council members etc.) been invited to participate in a litter-pick organised by your school in the last twelve months?		<b>x</b>
Did your school participate on Keep Britain Tidy's Great Big School Clean during the last academic year?		<b>x</b>
Look at your school grounds for a few minutes, are they entirely free of litter (make sure to also look at the school perimeters)?		<b>x</b>
Does your school have enough bins inside and outside the school building and are they emptied regularly (they don't overflow)?	<b>x</b>	
In the last twelve months, have pupils in your school written to your head teacher, local council, MP, pupil's families or nearby businesses about litter-related issues?		<b>x</b>
Have pupils in your school created anti-litter posters and signs or delivered an anti-litter assembly in the past twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
Approach three schoolmates or members of staff and ask them, "Why is litter bad?" Did any of them mention one (or more) of the following reasons: it harms wildlife, costs a lot of money to clean up or it can pose a threat to humans?	<b>x</b>	
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		
<p>Community litter pick</p> <p>Take part in Big School Clean</p>		

Marine		
Question	Yes	No
Has your school placed a ban on balloon releases and glitter?		<b>x</b>
Has your school placed a ban on any other types of single-use plastics?	<b>x</b>	
Over the past twelve months, has your school made an effort to reduce its use of any other type of single-use plastic it is unable to ban entirely?		<b>x</b>
Has your school organised and completed a beach river or canal clean in the last twelve months?		<b>x</b>
In the past twelve months, has your school planned any events to raise funds for, or awareness of, marine life conservation?	<b>x</b>	
Has your school created mural or sculptural artworks, to highlight how single-use plastics can harm marine life?	<b>x</b>	
Speak to staff members from your school canteen, does your school have a policy on only using sustainable fish?	<b>x</b>	
Speak to your school's Art Subject Leader, have they stopped the purchase of single-use plastics to be used in art lessons?		<b>x</b>
Speak to a member of your school's site team, do they only use environmentally-friendly cleaning products in your school?	<b>x</b>	
Find a teacher in your school (not the Eco-Coordinator), have they taught any lessons about marine environments or marine life in the past twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		
<p>Organise a river clean for Sherbourne?</p>		

School Grounds		
Question	Yes	No
Does each classroom in your school have an indoor plant that pupils take responsibility for looking after?		<b>x</b>
In the last twelve months, have pupils been responsible for introducing or looking after outdoor plants in your school grounds?	<b>x</b>	
Are any of these plants (inside or outside) planted in recycled containers?		<b>x</b>
Has your school planted any trees in the last twelve months (this might in your school grounds, in your local community, or even by donating to a charity who plants trees nationally or globally)?		<b>x</b>
Does your school have an outdoor learning area?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have a green roof?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have a gardening club, or does it offer gardening lessons?		<b>x</b>
Are pupils allowed to play outside everyday (even when it is cold or slightly raining)?	<b>x</b>	
Approach three teachers (not including the Eco-Coordinator), have all three taught a lesson outside in the past twelve months (apart from PE lessons)?	<b>x</b>	
Do pupils have an opportunity to suggest improvements to their school grounds?	<b>x</b>	
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>6</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		
<p>Every class to have an indoor plant</p>		



Transport		
Question	Yes	No
Does your school have a safe, dry space to store bicycles and scooters?	<b>x</b>	
In the past twelve months, has your school participated in a walk to school week or any other similar campaign?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have a park 'n' stride scheme for pupils who live far away?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have a walking bus scheme?		<b>x</b>
Does your school have a car-sharing scheme for staff?		<b>x</b>
Does your school have a hedge, trees or other vegetation around its boundary to prevent air pollution in your school grounds?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school provide safety training for cycling and walking to school?	<b>x</b>	
Is the area around your school safe when you arrive and leave school, for example do you have a pedestrian crossing, lollipopper, slower speed limit, yellow zig-zags etc.?	<b>x</b>	
Choose a class to survey, do more than half of the class walk, cycle or scoot to school?	<b>x</b>	
Survey the staffroom, do more than half of staff members walk, cycle, use public transport or car share to travel to school (you might need your Eco-Coordinators help with this question)?	<b>x</b>	
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>8</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		
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Waste		
Question	Yes	No
Are pupils actively involved in recycling your school's waste, for example they might help the site manager empty the school's recycling bins or create signs signalling how to recycle correctly?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school recycle any difficult-to-recycle items like batteries or crisp packets?	<b>x</b>	
Is your school's food waste composted and when possible is this compost used in the school grounds?		<b>x</b>
Are recycling tips ever shared in school assemblies or in school newsletters to help pupils and their families recycle at home?	<b>x</b>	
In the past twelve months, has your school organised a second-hand clothes sale (this might include a school uniform swap)?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have any permanent swap shops, or have you had a swap shop event in the last twelve months (this might include books, toys or stationary)?		<b>x</b>
Do you know who is responsible for collecting your school's food waste?	<b>x</b>	
In the past twelve months, have pupils worked with the school canteen to identify ways to reduce food waste in your school?		<b>x</b>
Approach 3 schoolmates or members of staff, can any of them name the 5r's (refuse, reduce, reuse, repair, recycle)?	<b>x</b>	
Speak to your school's site or office manager, does your school recycle old, or broken electronic waste?	<b>x</b>	
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		
<p>Food waste to be recycled from the canteen</p> <p>Book Swap Shop set up</p> <p>Need more regular school uniform swap set up</p>		

Water		
Question	Yes	No
Does your school have a water-butt?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school have any of the following water-saving devices: reduced flush toilets, water hippos, tap inserts, flush controls, self-closing taps?	<b>x</b>	
In the past has your school been in touch with your water supplier to visit their sites, or invite them to deliver an assembly or online session in your school?	<b>x</b>	
Does your school include water-saving tips in e-newsletters or other communications so pupils and families can save water at home?		<b>x</b>
In the past 12 months, has your school ever fundraised for water-based charities like Water Aid?		<b>x</b>
Have pupils (or your school's site manager) checked your school site for water leaks in the last twelve months and have any identified leaks been fixed?	<b>x</b>	
Approach three schoolmates or members of staff, can all of them name the 3 p's (pee, poo & toilet paper) that are the only items that should ever be flushed down a toilet?	<b>x</b>	
Speak to a member of your school's canteen staff, do they dispose of cooking fats responsibly?	<b>x</b>	
Find your school's site manager, will they agree to show you your school's water meter?		<b>x</b>
Find a teacher (not the Eco-Coordinator) have they taught any lessons about the Water Cycle, water use or volume and capacity (relating to water) in the last twelve months?	<b>x</b>	
<b>Total Score:</b>	<b>7</b>	
<b>Comments</b>		
<p>Water saving tips in newsletter</p> <p>Fund raising?</p> <p>Water meter?</p>		

<b>Total Score (all topics):</b>	<b>58</b>
<b>Things we are doing well:</b>	
<p>Recycling: Paper, Plastic, Card</p> <p>Litter Picking on site</p> <p>Developed wildflower garden each year</p> <p>Compost on-site for snack waste</p> <p>Replaced all lights with lower energy lighting</p>	
<b>Things we could improve:</b>	
<p>Community Links (e.g. community litter pick)</p> <p>Continue to develop wildflower area and regular feeding of birds</p> <p>Food waste in the canteen</p> <p>Annual fundraising for an eco-related topic</p> <p>Links and tips in Friday Focus</p>	