



Spring Term

We have had another super week despite not being altogether. Children are working so hard at their homes as well as those that are havign to access their learning in school over the week. We really appreciate how you are all managing to keep your children at home during this time. Our numbers accessing the CW places has reduced this week. The teachers and team in school will refine our provision of remote learning over time so please let us know what works well and how you would like it to continue. The feedback I have received has been positive.

I have spend this week looking at how our children are progressing across the whole of school. It is looking really positive despite such a disrupted year. If your child has been targetted for a little extra work from the teachers please do not be alarmed – we simply want everyone to achieve the best they can.

Mrs Deaville has now finished for her maternity leave. We wish her and her lovely family all the very best. We will wait patiently to when we can meet the newest member.

We would like everyone at Carleton Green to take part in the Big Garden Birdwatch as we always do. This year it is planned to take place between 29th and 31st January. Simply google and sign up to join in!

1. Pick a time

You can choose any hour between 29 and 31 January. So whether you're an early bird or a night owl, you can still take part.

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2. Tell us what you see

Count the birds you see in your garden or from your balcony*. Ignore any birds that are still in flight. To avoid double-counting, just record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time – not a running total.

*This year our advice is to take part in the safety of your own home. This could include a birdwatch from your window if you overlook a green space or courtyard.

3. Submit your results

Online: You can submit your results online at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch from 29 January until 19 February.

By post: If you'd rather send your results by post, you can download a submission form below. Please post your results to us before 15 February.

Every count is important so, if you don't see anything, please still submit your result. Finding out which birds don't visit your area is as important as understanding those which do!

If you would like to entice more birds into your garden have a think about feeding them.

What do birds eat?

There are lots of different bird foods available, including mixes for bird feeders and bird tables, as well as for ground feeding:

Blackbirds mostly feed on the ground and will eat anything – from fatty nibbles to mealworms

Blue tits and great tits use a feeder, eating seeds as well as suet and peanuts

Finches, including chaffinches and greenfinches, use both a feeder and a bird table, and they love sunflower hearts

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Look for good quality bird food – those that don't include 'fillers' such as dried peas and beans that birds rarely eat. You'll find some great mixes in our shop

You can put out leftovers such as some bread, fruit cake, dried fruit, unsalted nuts, or fruit such as apples and pears. Don't use anything mouldy or salty though, and if you have a dog don't put out dried fruit – vine fruits such as raisins can be toxic to them.

Where to put bird feeders and tables

You can put your bird feeder in all sorts of places, but aim for somewhere:

Quiet – where birds won't be disturbed

Safe – not too close to bushes where cats could hide in wait, but close enough to cover that birds can easily dart to and from

Sheltered from harsh winds.

Wherever you place your feeder, make sure you can see it when you're indoors so you can get the most pleasure from it!

Bear in mind, it can take a little bit of time for the birds to get used to a new feeder, so don't be disappointed if not many birds visit at first.