

Dear Parent/Carer,



I am writing to you to share some exciting news - this year, our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. You can find out more about the Eco-Schools programme by scanning the QR below.

With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change - from different species of plant and animals becoming extinct, to micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to take action.

The Eco-Schools programme empowers young people to create positive change by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community.

Within Eco-Schools' simple framework, young people have the freedom to decide on the environmental issues they would like to tackle, the actions they would like to take, and how they are going to involve their school and community. The seven-step process takes around one academic year to complete and culminates in an Eco-Schools' assessor reviewing our application and recognising our achievements.

The Eco-Schools programme began in 1994 and is delivered in more than 100 countries around the world. The programme not only positively impacts our planet (for example, schools participating in the programme planted almost 50,000 trees during the last academic year), it also benefits young people, building teamwork and leadership skills, whilst increasing confidence and reducing eco-anxiety.

As a key part of the Eco-Schools process is involving our entire school and wider community, we wanted to get in touch to let you know about our involvement. We also wanted to let you know what to expect over the coming months: regular updates in our school newsletter and other channels; invitations to participate in environmental events and projects; and increasingly conscientious young people.

Attached with this letter is an application form for joining our Eco Committee. We are asking children if they would like to be part of the committee to help design and run the projects associated with the award. Each class will have 2 representatives on the committee and all children in school will be involved with the projects we choose. If your child would like to join the committee, they can fill out the application and there will be a vote in the first week back. Please ensure applications are in school by **Tuesday 4th November 2025**.

If you would like to support our work or know more about the Eco-Schools programme, please contact **Mrs Wilson**.

Sincerely,

Mrs Wilson, Eco-Coordinator

