



St Wilfrid's Catholic Primary School Climate Action Plan

December 2025

Vision and Mission

Inspired by Laudato Si' and Catholic Social Teaching, we commit to Care for Our Common Home by fostering ecological conversion, promoting justice for the poor, and protecting creation for future generations.

Pope Francis reminded us:

"Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue" (LS 217). [vatican.va], [laudatosia...atform.org]

Our plan integrates faith, learning, and action to respond to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor, ensuring sustainability is embedded in our curriculum, operations, and community life.

DfE Compliance Checklist

- Appoint a Sustainability Lead
- Publish a Climate Action Plan
- Include Decarbonisation actions
- Include Adaptation and Resilience measures
- Include Biodiversity and Environment initiatives
- Embed Climate Education and Green Careers

Implementation Roadmap

Phase	Timeline	Key Actions
Phase 1	Jan - Apr 2026	Appoint Sustainability Lead, Conduct Energy Audit
Phase 2	May - Jul 2026	Launch Eco-Week,
Phase 3	Sep 2026 – July 2027	Implement biodiversity projects, Curriculum integration

Local Context

Cheshire West and Chester aims for **net zero by 2045** and encourages schools to reduce emissions by **75% by 2037**. Schools are key partners in this strategy, promoting energy efficiency, resilience, and biodiversity.

Our Climate Action Framework

1. Governance and Leadership

- **Sustainability Lead:** Justine McEniff, Headteacher
 - **Working Group:** Governors, staff, pupils
 - **Monitoring:** Annual review and report to governors and community
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2. Key Action Areas

A. Decarbonisation

- Conduct an **energy audit** (lighting, heating, insulation)
- Switch to **LED lighting** and improve insulation
- Explore **renewable energy options** (solar PV feasibility)
- Reduce energy use by **5% annually** through behaviour change

B. Adaptation and Resilience

- Explore **shading and ventilation** to prevent overheating
- Develop a **flood resilience plan**
- Ensure classrooms maintain safe temperatures during heatwaves

C. Biodiversity and Environment

- Create a **wildlife-friendly area**
- Join the **National Education Nature Park** initiative
- Plant **native trees and pollinator-friendly plants**
- Reduce single-use plastics and improve recycling

D. Climate Education and Green Careers

- Embed **Laudato Si' themes** into RE and Science curriculum
 - Use **Caritas CST resources** for Care for Creation [[caritas.org.au](https://www.caritas.org.au)]
 - Organise **Eco-Week** and pupil-led sustainability projects
 - Link learning to **green careers** and local environmental initiatives
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3. Catholic Ethos Integration

- Begin each term with a **Catholic Social Teaching Celebration of the Word**
 - Use **Laudato Si' Action Platform** for reflection and action [[laudatosia...atform.org](https://www.laudatosia...atform.org)]
 - Promote **solidarity with the poor** by linking climate justice to global Catholic charities
 - Encourage **ecological spirituality** through prayer and outdoor worship spaces
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4. Targets and Monitoring

- **Carbon baseline:** Establish by July 2025
 - **Energy reduction:** 5% per year
 - **Biodiversity:** increase wildlife friendly space by 2027
 - **Curriculum:** 100% classes include sustainability themes by 2027
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5. Community Engagement

- Share plan on school website
 - Ensure **parents** as sustainability stakeholders are kept informed
 - Collaborate with **parish and local council** on climate initiatives
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Resources and Support

- DfE Sustainability Support for Education
 - Climate Ambassadors Programme
 - Let's Go Zero Campaign
 - Caritas CST Toolkit
 - Laudato Si' Action Platform
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Next Steps

- Approve plan at Governors' meeting
- Publish on school website
- Begin implementation January 2026