



Green Flag 2026

Canon Burrows CofE Primary School

Award Level: Distinction

Focus Topics:



Your Greatest Overall Success:

We are delighted to read that your Eco-Schools work has led to a real difference in the children's awareness of litter and the impact we have as humans on the environment. The pupils' initiative to write to the Green Party MP for support in tackling the issue of litter is inspiring, and their enthusiasm to take ownership of keeping the outdoor spaces green is a manifestation of your school Christian Value of responsibility.

We Also Loved:

- The way your whole school engaged with energy-saving efforts this year is particularly encouraging to see. The Eco-Committee's dedication to encouraging others to switch off lights and appliances whenever possible has had a significant impact on reducing your carbon footprint. Celebrating the most energy-efficient class each week is a brilliant way of motivating students to be aware of energy consumption and the ways we can minimise harm to the environment.
- We are inspired by your resilience in the face of challenges related to your transport focus this year. Despite not being able to implement a school street, you shifted your attention to promoting active travel and engaging with the Park and Stride initiative. Encouraging pupils and families to opt for active travel is a small but effective way of reducing pollution in the surrounding area, and awarding classes for their efforts further promotes choosing walking, cycling and scootering as a means of transport.
- You have made great steps towards developing your school grounds this year, with your gardening club working hard to create a serene and eco-friendly space for pupils, staff and local wildlife to enjoy. By planting raspberry bushes and wildflowers, you are providing nurturing homes for countless pollinators and supporting existing ecosystems. Gardening projects are a fantastic way of helping pupils develop a deeper appreciation for our natural world.
- Staff in your school have impressively integrated several environmental issues into the curriculum this year. We particularly appreciate year 2's DT projects of creating new items using recyclable materials sourced from home. This is a brilliant example of embedding sustainability into the curriculum, leading to discussions about the benefits of reusing materials that would otherwise end up in landfill.
- Everyone in your school community is kept up to date with your progress through ECO meetings held in class, a dedicated 'ECO' section in your Friday newsletters and via social media. It is also fantastic to read that your local newspaper has celebrated your litter picking successes this year! These are all reflections of your commitment to collaborating with the school community and beyond to help make the world a greener place.

Next Year, Why Not Try...

With funding now secured, next year is a great opportunity to involve pupils directly in shaping your new outdoor space, ensuring it builds on the biodiversity and learning work already underway through gardening club and Earth Day activities. On transport, you could continue building on the success of your Park and Stride scheme, perhaps introducing termly participation targets, while keeping the door open to revisit the School Street option with Tameside Highways in future.