



Eco School

We are working together to become an Eco School and achieve the Green Flag Award here at Shenley Fields..

Eco Schools have been going for 31 years so far and it is the nation's largest environmental school programme. Last year, 2300 eco schools were awarded green flags and 600 of these were nursery settings. Eco Schools is a global programme with around 100 countries around the world taking part. In September 2024, Eco Schools Early Years was launched which is a more bespoke programme for early years settings and youngest learners.

Eco Schools: Early Years is a seven-step programme delivered over the course of an academic year that supports us to deliver eco-friendly activities with the children and make Shenley Fields more eco-friendly.

Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC)



What is LOtC?

Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) is the use of places other than the classroom for teaching and learning. It is about getting children and young people out and about, providing them with challenging, exciting and different experiences to help them learn.

The places where learning happens can have a significant effect on how a young person engages with a subject or an idea. Learning outside the classroom can happen at almost any time and almost anywhere – outdoors or indoors: in the school grounds, the local shops, the park, the library, the farm, the zoo and with visitors to the nursery. At Shenley Fields we are developing the LOtC curriculum to ensure the impact of these learning experiences is optimised.

Aims:

- To introduce pupils to a range of new experiences
- To develop the curriculum through using the local environment and community
- To offer pupils exciting and stimulating experiences that enthuse them in their learning
- To develop self-esteem through providing a range of opportunities for pupils to excel
- For pupils to develop their social skills, independence and resilience through the experiences we offer.