

We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded the Eco School: Early Years Green Flag. This follows assessment of the extensive evidence we submitted which detailed the wonderful things in our curriculum that teach children about environmental issues and changes we can all make which have a positive impact. Below is our feedback.



Green Flag 2026

**Shenley Fields
Daycare and Nursery
School**

Award Level:
Green Flag

Focus Topics:



EARLY YEARS

Your Greatest Overall Success:

It is wonderful to learn that your Eco-Schools: Early Years work has led to a whole-nursery ethos of supporting environmental education. We love how imaginative your staff have been in organising such brilliant learning opportunities for the children. Your nursery community has embraced and engaged with your journey this year. It is great to read how stuck in your staff have been, inspiring each other and the children, as well as providing opportunities for families to get stuck in too!

We Also Loved:

- The use of floor books is fantastic, thank you for providing inspiring quotes from your children. We particularly enjoyed the quote 'The earth will be sick if we drop rubbish. Our earth will get destroyed.' This is a wonderful display of a child understanding a very tricky concept. This is a great example of an easy, simple action that makes a lot of difference to not only the nursery but the environment too.
- You have included a variety of sustainable changes. Great to see your new bike racks celebrated - this is a wonderful way to bolster your efforts to improve sustainable travel across your setting. By doing this, you are demonstrating positive behaviours, encouraging children to think about other areas of life where they can embrace the environment around them, and ultimately encouraging them to think differently and create a positive change in their day-to-day lives.
- Your amazing Shenley Sweepers! What a great example of an Eco-Learning activity. It is wonderful to read that your Shenley Sweepers have their own hi-vis jackets to litter-pick, and take great pride in the work they have been doing within the school and wider community. It is fantastic that you have also taken this as an opportunity to connect with a local primary school too. These practical activities are sure to help shift mindsets and can lead to bigger, long-term changes for all involved.
- Adding to the previous point, your Eco-Learning activities are full of hands-on experiences that your staff have worked hard to include throughout your Eco-Schools: Early Years journey. Mini-beast hunts, making wormeries and exploring your own wildlife camera footage are all great ways to get stuck in to embracing and exploring the local environment and showing children what exciting things we can do outside!
- Throughout your journey, your team has made a consistent effort to keep the nursery community informed and engaged with your Eco-School activities. Informing through social media, newsletters and corridor displays is a real strength of your application. Well done for also including Makaton in this too!

Next year, why not try...

Keeping going! Your application clearly reflects the challenges of sustaining momentum, maintaining behaviour change, and linking local action to global issues. These are difficulties shared by all settings. That said, the level of engagement and impact you've achieved, is something any Eco-Schools would be massively proud of. We would also recommend considering applying for a Merit or Distinction next year, so your award truly reflects your hard work.