



What
have we
achieved
this year?

WITH ECO AT SCHOOL

The Eco Ministry has organised lots of whole school eco challenges this year to help our community:

- Cut your carbon month
- Water saving week



We started off the year with the brilliant cut your carbon challenge!



5. Have you lowered your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month?

[More details](#)

● Yes 41
● No 0



7. Have you dropped your heating by 1°C for a week?

● Yes 38
● No 3



3. Have you made 3 journeys active across the month?

● Yes 38
● No 3



Everyone also put in a brilliant effort with our water saving week challenges!

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We also took parts in lots of challenges to monitor and support the biodiversity of our school as well as developing our Global Citizenship by supporting our local community. Some highlights include.

- The Big School's Birdwatch.
- The Great Big School clean up.
- Litter pickers for Little Pickers Scheme.
- No electricity day.



**Together,
we made it count**

This is to certify that

Bussage C of E Primary School

took part in
Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026

Thank you very much!



Suzanne Welch
Education Partnerships Manager



Big Schools' Birdwatch

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654 371-4035-25-26

What did you see?

Note down the highest number of each species that you see together at the same time. Work out a simple way to record how many you count. Why wouldn't you use a tally chart?

Name: _____

 Woodpigeon 	 Carrion Crow 
 Magpie 	 Blue Tit 
 Robin 	 Feral Pigeon 
 Great Tit 	 Chaffinch 

Did you notice anything in particular about the birds you saw? Differences in how they moved or what they were doing? Or perhaps you managed to see and identify a bird not shown here? If so, note down things like the species or ID number on a separate sheet. For more information on the Cuckoo visit: ukbirdwatching.co.uk/birdwatching

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... some of us were so inspired by the birdwatch that we even made bird collage art!



We have done so much litter picking this year. The Eco Ministry have transformed our litter picking area, creating a timetable and guide!



Litter Picking Rota

	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
<u>Break</u>	Eco	Eco	Eco	Eco	Eco
<u>Lunch</u>	Year 6 and Rainbows	Year 5 and Year 1	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2

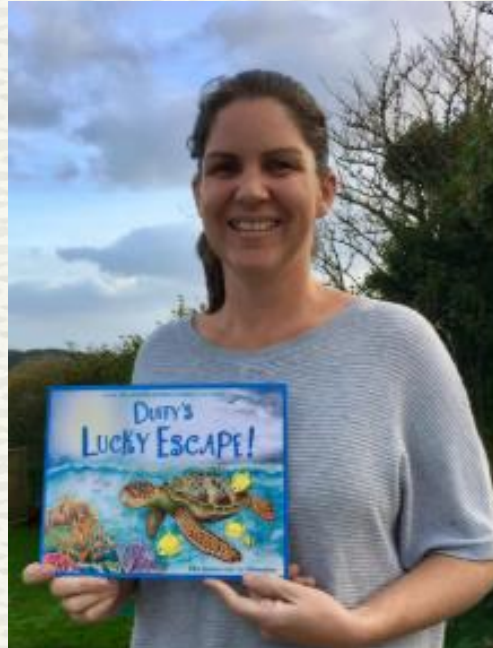
We also went on an amazing litter picking trip around the local community!



We have had two fabulous meetings and a visit for Councillor Gill, where we explained how we are helping our environment by litter picking! She was really impressed with our initiative to rent out our old litter pickers!



We also received lots of lovely books about litter picking and helping our environment. Class Two joined on a teams call to hear from one of the authors!



We also have had loads of swap days to help us reuse and recycle. Some have included uniform, Christmas jumpers, books and nativity costumes!

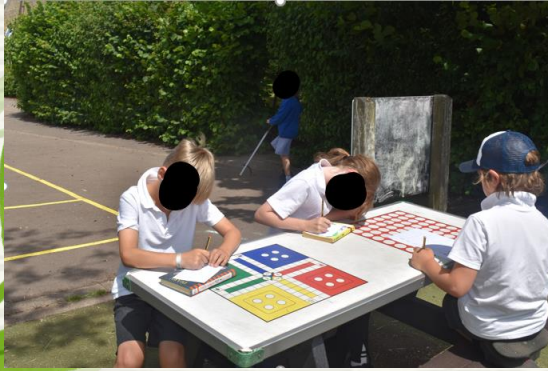


The great big book give away.

World Bee Day!



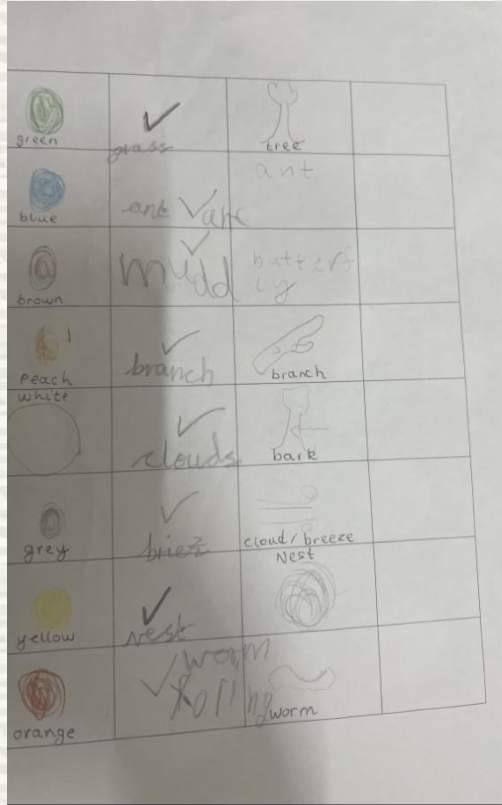
No electricity ♥ afternoon



Our no electricity
afternoon was a
huge success!



Everyone completed so many lessons outside and challenges that the Eco Ministry set!





We have all worked so hard this year and we will keep our fingers crossed that our green flag award gets renewed!