

Welcome to our **October Sustainable Schools Leicester eBulletin**.

We have lots of exciting events and training planned for the next month ahead so read on to find out more!

We are also pleased to welcome our new Education Officer, Vicky Brown, who is covering Laura whilst she is on maternity leave. Many of you will have worked with Vicky through her previous role with Leicester City Football Club's Community Team, where she taught their Forest School programme across Leicestershire. With a wide background in Environmental Education and Outdoor Learning, Vicky is looking forward to working with you all and is happy to provide support and advice where needed. Do get in touch if you have any questions!



Upcoming events and competitions:

Eco Schools Training – **Wednesday 8th October**

Eco-Schools Roadshow – **November**

Do take care and, as always, if you need any help or support email or contact us.

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Follow us on Social Media

The Sustainable Schools Team have their own social media channels where you can keep up to date with all things related to sustainability in schools.



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Eco Schools Training Session 1 – Wednesday 8 October

- Are you wanting to find out about Eco-Schools and how your school can gain their Green Flag Award?
- Do you want to find out about national and local environmental events and projects to help you achieve the award?
- Are you wanting to connect with other school staff in Leicester schools and support each other to gain your Eco-Schools Green Flag Award?



If the answer to any of these questions is “Yes”, then come along to our online training session to find out more!

We are running a free online Eco Schools Training Session to find out about Eco-Schools and how your school can gain or renew your Green Flag Award. This training, delivered by the Sustainable Schools team at Leicester City Council, will explain the Green Flag Award process including the 7 steps, provide top tips for working on Eco-Schools, and ideas for new projects.



The session is on Wednesday 8 October, from 4-5:15pm via Teams. Sign up using the [eform](#).

Don't forget that we can also come in to your school and meet your Eco-Team, help with the environmental review or run another session for your students. Get in touch and let us know how we can help!

Eco-Schools Roadshow – Book now!

We are excited to announce that our annual Eco-Schools Roadshow is back for another year, with some very exciting workshops taking place – [book now](#) to avoid disappointment!

Wednesday 5 November 2025	Sir Jonathan North
Thursday 6 November 2025	Millgate School
Wednesday 12 November 2025	Castle Mead Academy
Tuesday 18 November 2025	Rushey Mead Academy



Workshops include **Twycross Zoo: Consider conservation**; **Sustrans and Living Streets: Let's get travelling actively**; **Plastic Clever Schools: How to become Plastic Clever**; and **Leicester Libraries: The wild eco book quiz**.

Borrow Litter Picking Equipment

Thanks to Community Ward funding for our Less Litter for Leicester project, we have adult and children's litter picking kits available for schools to borrow. We have 4 adult sets, and 3 children's sets.

The kits include:

- 15 pickers
- 15 gloves
- 8 hoops

These are available to borrow for on a half termly basis.

If you would like a loan of litter picking equipment, please fill out this [eForm](#) with the size of litter pickers you would like. Please note this is subject to availability.



Carbon Literacy Project

We have been using the Carbon Literacy Project for the last 5 years to raise awareness of the climate emergency, as a way of accrediting school staff to become Carbon Literate. By 2025, the DfE have said that each school will have a sustainability lead who will have taken part in Carbon Literacy Training. By joining us, you will help put your school ahead of the rest! Our next sessions are Friday 30 January 2026 (in person at City Hall, Charles Street, Leicester), and Tuesdays 14, 21, 28 April 2026 (Virtual). Complete the [eForm](#) to book your space or for more information, contact victoria.brown@leicester.gov.uk.

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National Education Nature Park Webinar

We'd like to invite you to our **webinar: "Getting Started with the Nature Park" on Tuesday 7th October @ 4.00 – 4.45PM** hosted by the East Midlands team.



What is it about?

- Refresher on the Nature Park programme
- How the programme aligns with the curriculum and DfE's Climate Action Plans
- Suggestions of how to get started
- Success stories from other East Midlands schools
- Opportunity for Q&A with East Midlands team



Register your interest [here](#).

We recommend registering, even if you cannot attend on the day, as this will give you access to the recording.

To find out more contact: eastmidlandsnaturepark@ltl.org.uk

Plastic Clever Schools – International Day of Action

On 7 November 2025, join schools around the world for the Plastic Clever Schools International Day of Action to tackle plastic pollution. Your students will take part in assemblies, expert talks and hands-on activities to reduce single-use plastics at your school. Celebrate youth action with us and help create cleaner, healthier futures. Register [here](#).



Good Life Schools – sign up now

Good Life Schools is a student-led programme for **secondary schools**, working with young people to reimagine ways of living and learning that are good for us, and good for the planet. The programme empowers young people to lead projects on issues they care about, building leadership, teamwork and communication skills. Schools will receive a pack of resources to guide a group of students through a changemaking journey over 10x 40-minute meetings.

**Good Life
Schools**

Prioritising wellbeing. Connecting communities. Creating change.

Schools joining the programme in the 2025/2026 academic year (to start in January 2026) will also receive:

- **£2000 of funding** for Good Life School projects and to cover staff time
- Free teacher training session for your school staff (1-2 hours)
- Free green skills workshops from local community organisations on request
- Invitation to the online Good Life Schools National Summit in the spring term (20 mins)
- Invitation to an in-person Celebration Event with other schools in the summer term (half day)
- Ongoing support from a local Community Engagement Lead

For more information and to sign up, email laura.brown@globalactionplan.org.uk.

WWF Happy By Nature

Bringing a daily dose of nature into the school day and beyond. Happy By Nature is WWF's brand-new schools programme, created especially for primary-aged children. Our ambition is to reach 1 million children across the UK by 2028, helping schools embed nature into everyday learning and play. Join them on a joyful journey around the world from the depths of the rainforest to the icy poles, across our oceans and through the wild spaces of the UK.



**Happy
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For more information and to get your pack go to: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/get-involved/schools/happy-by-nature>

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