



Green Flag 2026

Harvills Hawthorn Primary School

Award Level:
Distinction

Focus Topics:



Your Greatest Overall Success:

We are delighted to hear that you have been able to embed eco schools topics across your entire school community. The more we can inform and involve all our students and visitors about how they can do their part to protect the environment the easier will be to reverse climate change and protect our planet for years to come. We are delighted to hear that your children are so passionate about protecting our environment that they were able to share their knowledge with visitors and demonstrate how deeply they understand sustainability and how proud they are to lead change. We are so proud of all of your students over at Harvills Hawthorn Primary School.

We Also Loved:

- We are so happy to hear that you've made such strong progress in promoting active travel this year. By encouraging students to walk cycle and scooter to school you ensure that they are building up their heart health as well as reducing carbon emissions into the atmosphere due to the use of motorised vehicles. It's wonderful to hear that a road safety officer from Sandwell also visited your baby group to support families with correctly fitting car seats.
- We are so proud of your school for reducing your energy consumption as well as the commitment and perseverance shown by your students in leading by example. The more we can reduce our energy consumption during times where lights and smart boards are not needed the better it is for our planet as less fossil fuels are needing to be burnt to create the energy to power the school.
- We are so delighted to hear that you have been able to prioritise healthy living this year within your school and encourage students to talk about their mental health and well-being along with developing their physical health through your active travel mentioned previously. The healthier we are the healthier our planet becomes as we produce less strain on the environment through needing to travel via motorised vehicles as well as eating a more plant-based diet which helps to reduce carbon emissions and reduces water usage as a result of aggressive farming.
- It's wonderful to hear that reception were able to explore biodiversity through their topic understanding the world. From looking into different types of mini beasts in their habitats to taking part in a mini beast hunt during forest school you are helping to develop your young people's knowledge of the world around them and the reasons why we should protect it at all costs. Keep up the amazing work!
- It's wonderful to hear that you have taken advantage of the term lean newsletters emailed to parents in order to share the wonderful work you are doing as part of eco schools. The more we can involve our wider community about eco initiatives that we're getting involved in the more likely we are to encourage them to get involved themselves. We cannot wait to see what your students do next year to encourage their grownups to do their bit and protect the planet.

Next Year, Why Not Try...

You should be so proud of all you've achieved this year especially despite the setbacks you have faced. Encouraging people to park and stride can be incredibly difficult as you have found out if there is limited parking within walking distance of your school. Maybe next year you could encourage parent volunteers to set up walking buses so that students can be dropped off at a location within walking distance and then walk to school with their friends under adult supervision.