

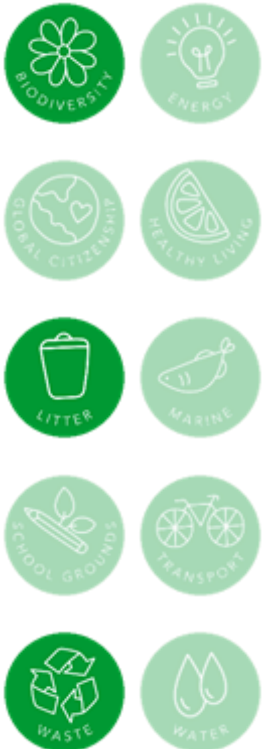


Green Flag 2026

Ellington Primary School

Award Level:
Distinction

Focus Topics:



Your Greatest Overall Success:

We were delighted to see that you can be proud of two huge achievements this year. You won a Love Northumberland Award for the success of your Walking Bus active travel promotion, a really wonderful result in itself. But surely, equally impressive to us, was your amazing project to transform an overgrown garden area into a fabulous new Forest Schools facility, installing new fencing bug hotels, bird boxes and feeders and a great new pond, with cameras to monitor wildlife. The one achievement shows your commitment to the climate, but the latter has surely created not only a fantastic new outdoor learning area, but a lovely facility to enhance your school grounds for years to come – really superb efforts here.

We Also Loved:

- We loved reading about your very comprehensive anti-littering initiative, with both school and community litter-picks with litter surveys, awards, poster campaigns, waste-free challenges and better placement of bins. Really outstanding efforts and we are certain that your grounds have been transformed with results your pupils can be proud of. They will have benefited from healthy exercise and development of teamworking and responsibility.
- Also wonderful was reading about your lovely biodiversity project with pupils researching endangered animals and building small habitats, planting trees, shrubs and wildflowers and studying how deforestation breaks up ecosystems. A terrific initiative that will have taught them about the fine balance of nature, ecosystems and how living things are interconnected, and given them a greater sense of their personal environmental responsibility.
- We were impressed as well by your excellent waste reducing, reusing and recycling initiative with a waste audit, promoting refillables, creating classroom recycling stations and a 'Reuse Hub' and composting food waste. This is a superb project that reinforces their learning about recycling and how 'waste' items can be repurposed to have a 'second life', how their actions can create positive change, and reduced the environmental impact of your school!
- Equally impressive were the terrific links you forged between these vital topics and your curriculum, with lessons on how litter pollution harms wildlife, promoting reuseable lunch containers and how deforestation can be linked to habitat destruction, climate change and endangered creatures. This superbly links their learning to their litter and waste reducing projects and shown them how their own actions and choices have direct effects on nature.
- It was also terrific to read about the great efforts you made to keep families and the wider community informed and involved about your projects, by using a dedicated Eco-board, assemblies, newsletters posters and surveys to engage staff and families in your litter-picking and waste reducing and recycling projects. This is a fantastic way of increasing their involvement and extends the effects of your good work far beyond the boundaries of your school.

Next Year, Why Not Try...

A clear success this year has been the increased participation for the wider community and parents. That, and your superb projects, give you much to build on. Perhaps expanding your recycling with toy/ book/clothes swap shops, a marine mural of plastic waste or more community work – litter-picks, charity work or maybe a community garden?