



# Eco – Committee News!



**March 2025**

Welcome to our Spring newsletter. We have been busy holding regular meetings to work on our three topics: Biodiversity, Transport and Energy. We went to Tinkley Gate and planted pear trees and we have started monitoring the wildlife on our school field with a wildlife camera. We are topping up our bird feeders, built a bird bath and have contributed to the RSPB's citizen science event 'The Big School's Birdwatch'. Read on to find out about our planned whole-school events for you to get involved with.

## Great British Spring Clean - Loan a Litter Picker

**March 21<sup>st</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup>**

It's that time of year again to get out and about and do some litter picking!

If you and your family would like to take part at home over the next fortnight, visit the Keep Britain Tidy website to pledge a bag or more of litter and you can **loan a litter picker from us**.

We have a limited number but come to the office and Miss Gardiner will have a signing out sheet for you and a litter picker to borrow.

Please take photos of you taking part and send them to [admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk). We will display them on our school eco noticeboard.

**Litter pickers available from the school office!**



**Join in at home this fortnight!**

### Earth Hour

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>  
March 8.30pm**

Spend an hour of your time doing something good for the planet.

Let us know what you did!



**Your Eco Reps hard at work!**

*Litter picking at lunch times*

*Doing the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch*



*Tree planting at Tinkley Gate for our biodiversity topic*





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## UPCOMING EVENTS



### [\(RE\)Love our Stuff!](#)

#### [Toy and Clothes Pre-Loved Pop-Up Shop](#)

The fashion industry has a massive carbon footprint; using up non-renewable resources, releasing greenhouse gases and draining vast amounts of water and energy.

**“According to the UN Environment Programme, the industry is the second-biggest consumer of water and is responsible for about 10% of global carbon emissions – more than all international flights and maritime shipping combined.”** earth.org

For our **energy** topic we want to save energy by reducing the demand for new clothes and toys.

We will be organising a pop-shop up offering an opportunity for you to have a clear out at home and donate pre-loved toys and clothes. You can them come along and, for a small donation, buy yourself something new to love without having a negative impact on our planet.

**Date and time yet to be confirmed but please keep an eye out for more information coming your way soon.**

### [Walk to School Week](#)

[May 19<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>](#)

For our **transport** topic we would love for us all to take part in the national Walk to School Week However, not many of you can actually walk to school as you most of you live outside of the village and driving is the only option.

### **We're not going to let this put us off!**

During the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May we will be promoting a range of activities to encourage you to make any journey you can **without using a vehicle**. And not just you. Your whole family! This could be your trip to the shops, your friend's house, the park – we want you to get active and reduce your carbon footprint and decrease pollution at the same time.

**More information to follow...watch this space!**

