



St Michael with St Thomas CE Primary School
Guardians of the Grounds Action Plan 2024-2025

Project Overview: To develop the outdoor spaces of our school for the benefit of children, adults and wildlife.

Aims	Actions	Cost	Review/ Monitoring
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To maintain the outdoor areas so they have a well-cared for appearance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Litter picking around school to keep the areas tidy and well looked after.Posters to encourage use of bins and discourage littering.Award house points for children who are keeping school tidy.Plant raised beds and borders with an assortment of perennials, shrubs and annuals to provide colour and texture to our outdoor area.Collect in the fallen apples in The Spinney and use them for cooking in school.	£0	School is well presented Borders have been weeded and planted with bulbs and plants. The Quiet Area has been regenerated and contains sensory plants.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To develop the school environment to encourage wildlife.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plant a wildflower bed near to the bike shed area to encourage insects.Hang bird feeders and bird boxes to encourage bird life.Place hedgehog homes in The Spinney to encourage small mammals.	£10	A wildflower bed has been planted and is attracting insects. Bird boxes are in place in the Spiritual Garden and hedgehog homes have been suitably placed. Bird feeders were made and placed in the Spinney.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">To develop relationships with local experts to ensure that we are encouraging wildlife in the correct way.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ask local wildlife groups to come into school and offer advice on developing spaces for wildlife safely.Continue to develop relationships with local companies for advice and donations for the development of our outdoor spaces.	£0	Letters have been posted but we are still awaiting replies (23/6)



<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To establish links with local businesses to develop outdoor areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Write letters to local garden centres and businesses to ask for donations of plants, shrubs and equipment to support our outdoor development.▪ Write to families asking for donations of shrubs and plants to help develop our outdoor areas.	£0	Letters have been written and posted but we are yet to receive replies. Posts went onto newsletters and a few donations of bulbs were received and planted.
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