



**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 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To maintain the outdoor areas so they have a well-cared for appearance.</li></ul>                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Litter picking around school to keep the areas tidy and well looked after.</li><li>Posters to encourage use of bins and discourage littering.</li><li>Award house points for children who are keeping school tidy.</li><li>Plant raised beds and borders with an assortment of perennials, shrubs and annuals to provide colour and texture to our outdoor area.</li><li>Collect in the fallen apples in The Spinney and use them for cooking in school.</li></ul> | £0   |                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To develop the school environment to encourage wildlife.</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Plant a wildflower bed near to the bike shed area to encourage insects.</li><li>Hang bird feeders and bird boxes to encourage bird life.</li><li>Place hedgehog homes in The Spinney to encourage small mammals.</li></ul>   | £10  |                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To develop relationships with local experts to ensure that we are encouraging wildlife in the correct way.</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ask local wildlife groups to come into school and offer advice on developing spaces for wildlife safely.</li><li>Continue to develop relationships with local companies for advice and donations for the development of our outdoor spaces.</li></ul>  | £0   |                    |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>To establish links with local businesses to develop outdoor areas.</li></ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Write letters to local garden centres and businesses to ask for donations of plants, shrubs and equipment to support our outdoor development.</li><li>Write to families asking for donations of shrubs and plants to help develop our outdoor areas.</li></ul>   | £0   |                    |



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