

Green Flag 2026

Himbleton C of E First School

Award Level:

Merit

Focus Topics:



Your Greatest Overall Success:

Your greatest success is the way you are developing pupils' understanding of the impact they can have through small, everyday actions. Linking learning to the knowledge pupils have gained helps them build the skills and confidence needed to become genuine environmental ambassadors. This approach makes sustainability feel achievable and relevant, showing pupils that environmental action does not always have to involve large projects. Empowering children to recognise the value of their everyday choices is helping create confident, informed and responsible environmental citizens.

We Also Loved:

- We loved celebrating Earth Day, World Bee Day and International Day for Biodiversity, giving pupils opportunities to explore different aspects of environmental protection. These events provide engaging starting points for learning about habitats, wildlife and our wider planet. They also help bring environmental themes into the whole-school calendar.
- Your focus on reducing waste is fantastic, with activities including a preloved clothes swap, litter picks, reducing laminating and a book swap event. These projects provide practical ways for pupils to understand reuse and waste reduction. They also demonstrate that sustainable choices can be incorporated into everyday school life.
- Your Eco-Code poster is beautiful, with a strong message about connecting with nature and cleaning up the local environment for everyone. The visual nature of the poster makes the message accessible and memorable for pupils. It also reinforces the importance of looking after shared spaces and supporting the wider community.
- We loved the many ways you communicate your environmental work, including the Eco-Board, newsletter, school website, ClassDojo, letters to your local MP and whole-school assemblies. This demonstrates a strong commitment to keeping environmental issues visible and involving different parts of the school community. Giving pupils opportunities to write to their local MP also provides a valuable introduction to civic engagement.
- Your work with local organisations, including the Heart of England Forestry Commission, Envirosort, Severn Trent and Little Litter Warriors, provides excellent opportunities to connect pupils with environmental expertise within their community. These partnerships can bring real-world experiences into school and help children see how different organisations contribute to environmental protection. This wider network strengthens the impact of your learning beyond the school gates.
- Your Action Plan is fantastic, with creative ideas for engaging the whole school, including the 'What's Under Your Feet?' campaign. These activities provide exciting opportunities for pupils to investigate their environment and become active participants in their learning.

Next Year, Why Not Try...

Why not aim for some additional staff training to build confidence in delivering eco-learning opportunities? Strengthening staff knowledge could help even more teachers feel equipped to embed environmental learning across their subjects and everyday practice.