



Green Flag 2026

School Name

St Michaels C of E Aided
Primary School

Award Level:

Distinction

Focus Topics:



Your Greatest Overall Success:

It was inspiring to read how you are embedding sustainability into everyday school life and engaging the whole school community in environmental action. Achieving approval of your Mode Shift STARS Travel Plan and completing the RHS Campaign for School Gardening Awards to Level 2 are significant milestones. Most importantly, sustainability is now part of your school culture, with pupils, staff and families working together to make a positive difference for the environment.

We Also Loved:

- It was wonderful to see your school take initiative by securing a School Street, which has reduced peak-time traffic and created a safer environment for pupils. This has encouraged more walking, cycling and scooting. You also monitored air quality and engine idling, and shared information with families through newsletters to highlight the environmental and health impacts. This reflects a clear, whole-school commitment to improving active travel and the local environment.
- Learning about important issues such as climate change and its importance during science lessons has helped pupils understand real world impacts, including the melting of the ice caps. This learning culminated in pupils making a climate pledge to help protect the Earth, showing a growing sense of responsibility and a commitment to environmental action.
- Sustainability is clearly at the heart of your curriculum, with children learning about cooking and nutrition. They learnt about seasonal foods and their benefits, as well as where food comes from and how it travels to us. This helps pupils make informed, environmentally aware choices and understand how everyday decisions about food link to wider sustainability.
- In geography, pupils learnt about water distribution and how access to clean water is often unequal, which is a fantastic example of meaningful environmental education. They also explore water pollution and the importance of keeping our rivers clean. This helps pupils understand both the global and local challenges surrounding water and encourages them to think about the actions they can take to protect this vital resource.
- Your Eco-Warriors' dedication is clear in the regular energy monitoring they carried out to identify where lights and electrical equipment had been left on unnecessarily. After a launch assembly, they organised a whole-school poster competition and displayed the winning designs to reinforce key messages. This instilled a strong sense of responsibility among pupils, helping them develop sustainable habits they can carry with them into the future.
- Everyone in your school community is kept up to date with your progress through a range of communication channels. Social media is used to share photos, updates and achievements from Eco-Committee activities, helping to raise awareness among families and the wider community. This consistent communication strengthens engagement and ensures that environmental initiatives remain visible, understood and supported across the whole school community.

Next Year, Why Not Try...

Next year, consider building on the momentum you've already created through your successful transport initiatives and No-Energy Days by taking part in the Cut Your Carbon campaign. This would help strengthen the impact of your work both at school and at home, encouraging families to adopt simple carbon-cutting actions that reinforce the sustainable habits pupils are developing.