

# Schools News

September 2024



Welcome to the September 2024 Leicester Sustainable Schools newsletter.

We hope you all had a well-deserved break over the summer holidays, and we are looking forward to working with you again this year. The team has continued to work behind the scenes over the summer.

Now that schools are getting back into full swing, we are preparing for the next year of sustainable workshops, training sessions, virtual assemblies, and events!

Take a look at our updated calendar for the 2024/25 school year for an overview of whats happening.

**As always, get in touch if you need any support - Marc, Laura & Jas.**

## What is Sustainable Schools Leicester?

Leicester City Council has a dedicated Sustainable Schools team based in the Energy & Sustainability team who provide *free* support to schools to help them become more sustainable in all that they do.

As well as one-to-one support and environmentally linked projects, schools can engage through bi-annual #EcoTeachMeets, staff training, resource planning & workshops, assemblies, projects, Eco-Schools conferences & celebration events and can keep up to date through dedicated social media, monthly eBulletins and termly newsletters. The Eco-Schools programme provides exciting opportunities for students in curriculum time as well as outside the classroom. Learning outside the classroom (LOT) has been identified as 'memorable activities leading to memorable learning and positively contributing to pupil safety'. LOT provides positive benefits to all groups of young people and supports a rich, relevant, broad and balanced curriculum.



Pictures from our Eco-Schools celebration in June



## How to find out more Sustainable Schools Team

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🌐 [schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools](http://schools.leicester.gov.uk/eco-schools)

🐦 [EcoSchoolsLCC](https://twitter.com/EcoSchoolsLCC)

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# Dates for your diary – Eco events this year

We now have an annual calendar with all the date for the academic year on.

Event Details	Date	Month
Fairtrade Fortnight virtual assembly	Monday 16	September
World Cleanup Day (Litter)	Friday 20	September
World Car Free Day	Sunday 22	September
Start of Seed Gathering Season – Tree Council	Sunday 22	September
Eco-Schools Training Session 1 (4-5:30pm on Teams)	Wednesday 25	September
World Vegetarian Day	Tuesday 1	October
World Animal Day	Friday 4	October
World Teacher Day	Saturday 5	October
World Food Day	Wednesday 16	October
Eco-Schools Roadshows taking place throughout month (dates and venues TBC)	Friday 1	November
Outdoor Classroom Day	Thursday 7	November
National Tree Week starts	Saturday 23	November
National Tree Week ends	Sunday 1	December
World Soil Day	Thursday 5	December
Deadline for Newsletter submissions	Friday 27	December
Energy Saving Week Starts	Monday 20	January
Big Garden Birdwatch	Friday 24	January
Energy Saving Week Ends	Sunday 26	January
Eco-Schools training session 2	Friday 31	January
World Wetlands Day	Sunday 2	February
National Nest Box Week	Friday 14	February
World Wildlife Day	Monday 3	March

- Leicester - staff training/information
- Leicester - student activities/events
- National events

# Dates for your diary – Eco events this year continued



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International Women's Day	Saturday 8	March
Global Recycling Day	Tuesday 18	March
Earth Hour virtual assembly	Friday 21	March
World Water Day and Earth Hour 8:30-9:30pm	Saturday 22	March
Big Walk and Wheel 2025	24 March – 4 April	March/April
Deadline for Newsletter submissions	Friday 18	April
Earth Day	Monday 22	April
Eco-Schools training session 3 (1-3:30pm)	Tuesday 29	April
World Bee Day virtual assembly	Tuesday 20	May
World Environment Day	Thursday 5	June
Great Big Green Week starts	Saturday 7	June
World Oceans Day	Sunday 8	June
Great Big Green Week ends	Sunday 15	June
Eco Schools Celebration (all day)	Thursday 19	June
Deadline for Newsletter submissions	Friday 28	June
Plastic bag free day	Thursday 3	July

## Newsletter

Our newsletters are published 4 times per year. If you would like to submit an article for the next newsletter, the deadline is **Friday 3 January 2025**. We ask for around 200 words, at least 1 photo, and contact details e.g. name and email address to: [SustainableSchools@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:SustainableSchools@leicester.gov.uk)

- [Leicester - staff training/information](#)
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- [National events](#)

# Our School, Our World



Thanks to funding from Let's Go Zero, Leicester City Council will be working in partnership with Brighton and Hove City Council and 3 other Local Authorities on a transformative whole authority approach to sustainability and climate change in schools.

We are offering **20 primary, infant or junior schools** the opportunity to be involved with this pioneering work, named "Our School, Our World" for the 2024-25 academic year and **still have a few spaces remaining**.

In joining the programme, you will be **meeting DfE requirements for the end of 2025** and, most importantly, be a key school in a nationally significant piece of work with the potential to positively influence the future of thousands of young people in Leicester and help pave the way to a brighter more sustainable future.

Alongside **free bespoke training for school staff and access to resources and support**, schools will also benefit from a robust framework co-developed by schools.

Our School Our World differs from other sustainability projects as it ensures that it becomes a whole school agenda as it is initiated by the headteacher and governors alongside a senior leader programme. The aims of the project are:

- Develop an integrated environmental education curriculum gradually and systematically 'greening' the curriculum and supporting the development of green skills.
- Enable children and young people to develop a close connection with nature to support health & wellbeing and develop pro-sustainability behaviours.
- Develop school organisational systems and practices which support sustainability and local Net Zero targets.
- Empower children and their families to become changemakers both personally and collectively and develop climate leadership skills in young people.

**An information session took place at the end of last year, the recording can be accessed [here](#).**

To register interest or find out more please email [Marc.Tench@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Marc.Tench@leicester.gov.uk), who would be happy to arrange time to discuss further.



Schools working together to be zero carbon

*Supports multiple Eco-Schools topics*



# Eco-School awards and news



## Eco-School Awards

Schools can register for Eco-Schools for free at [www.eco-schools.org.uk/register](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk/register)

Green Flags are renewed on an **annual basis with an application window open from 1 May until 31 July every year.**

Applications are completely online to showcase your environmental efforts. There are more questions than previous years and an opportunity to achieve Eco-Schools Green Flag with Merit or Distinction.

The Eco-Schools application online has a **progress bar** which you can see as you complete the application over the year with the students.

The cost is £200+VAT on an annual basis. Leicester City Council has been able to subsidise Eco-Schools Green Flags for several years and plans to do the same this year (full details to be announced later in the year).

The start of the academic year is a great time to get ahead with your Green Flag work. We can come in to your school and meet your Eco-Team, help with the environmental review or run another session for your students. Get in touch and let us know how we can help!



## Need some suggestions?

If you are looking for inspiration for activities or projects to take part in during the year as part of your Eco-Schools Green Flag award, there is a booklet on the Eco-Schools portal with 50 project ideas linked with each of the 10 topics. We highly recommend checking them out!

For help with Eco-Schools, please contact [Laura.Barke@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Barke@leicester.gov.uk).



## Litter



### The Great Big School Clean

FREE | Spring | 📅

The Great Big School Clean is part of Keep Britain Tidy's Great Britain Spring Clean - our nation's biggest mass-action environmental campaign, which usually takes place in March. Last year #OtherHalfers litter-picked more than 400,000 bags of litter. Can you help get that total higher this year?

### Get Loud on Litter

FREE | Year-round | 📅

The Eco-Schools project encourages young people to understand and raise awareness about the impact of littering on their school, community, and wildlife.

From a poster campaign to an art exhibition, podcast or an awareness march, the project can be adapted by students to connect with their interests and passions. It's positive, fun, and proactive - allowing young people to understand and appreciate peaceful forms of climate action.

### Recycle difficult-to-recycle items

£ | Year-round | 📅

Reduce litter by recycling!

Terracycle specialise in recycling items that can't always be recycled through local services, such as Pringles packaging or used Margold gloves. You can apply for your school to become a local drop-off point, or use their handy tool to find drop-off points near you.



# Eco-Schools Achievements 2024



## Green Flags

- Brook Mead Academy
- Catherine Infant School
- Evington Valley Primary School
- Glebelands Primary School
- Granby Primary School
- Hope Hamilton CE Primary School
- Leicester Islamic Academy
- Mellor Community Primary School
- Millgate School
- Sandfield Close Primary School
- Sparkenhoe Community Primary School
- Spinney Hill Primary School
- Uplands Junior School

## Green Flag with Merit

- Barley Croft Primary School
- Braunstone Frith Primary School
- Charnwood Primary School
- Dovelands Primary School
- Fosse Mead Primary School
- Fullhurst Community College
- Gateway College
- Linden Primary School
- Scraftoft Valley Primary School
- Sir Jonathan North Girls' College
- Soar Valley College
- Tudor Grange Samworth Academy

## Green Flag with Distinction

- Bridge Junior School
- Buswells Lodge Primary School
- Castle Mead Academy
- Catherine Junior School
- Ellesmere College
- Hazel Community Primary School
- Highfields Primary School
- Inglehurst Junior School
- Montrose School
- Nether Hall School
- Queensmead Primary School
- St John the Baptist C of E Primary School
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School
- Stokes Wood Primary School
- Whitehall Primary School
- Hallam Fields
- Beauchamp College

Well done to all school staff and pupils who worked on the Eco-Schools programme last year! This a fantastic achievement that shows the high levels of dedication and environmental awareness of schools in Leicester!

Thank you to CPW, Pulse Consult, Pick Everade, WWF and LCC Flood Risk team for sponsoring some of the Green Flags this year.



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# Eco-Schools Training Session 1

## What is Eco-Schools and how do we gain or renew our Green Flag Award?

**FREE Online Training course:**

Wednesday 25 September 2024, 4-5.30 pm

**Sign up using the [eForm](#)**

- Are you wanting to find out about Eco-Schools and how your school can gain their Green Flag Award?
- Do you want to learn how to use the online portal for applications which was introduced last year?
- Are you wanting to connect with other school staff in Leicester schools and support each other to gain your Eco-Schools Green Flag Award?

**If the answer to any of these questions is “Yes”, then come along and find out more!**

This training, delivered by the Sustainable Schools team at Leicester City Council, will explain the Green Flag Award process including the 7 steps, provide top tips for working on Eco-Schools, ideas for new projects, and a chance to pair up with colleagues.

**Save the date! Upcoming Eco-Schools training**

Session 2 – Friday 31 January, 1:00-3:00pm – Going for Merit or Distinction

Session 3 – Tuesday 29 April, 1:00-3:30pm – Completing the application and planning for next year



**In Leicester over two thirds of schools have achieved their Green Flag in the last few years. It's a fantastic programme that helps schools to focus their environmental work – join this group of schools are start working on your award this year!**

For more information please contact:  
Laura Barke on  
[Laura.Barke@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Barke@leicester.gov.uk)



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# Virtual Assemblies

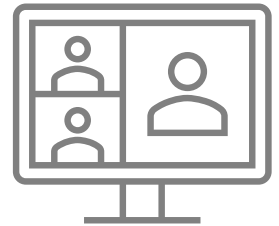
The Sustainable Schools team will be holding another series of virtual assemblies to coincide with environmental events throughout the school year!

Our virtual assemblies will all be held at **1:30pm via Microsoft Teams** on the following dates:

- [Fairtrade Fortnight – Monday 16 September](#)
- [Earth Hour – Friday 21 March](#)
- [World Bee Day – Tuesday 20 May](#)

The assemblies will last approximately 20 minutes and there will be time for questions at the end

There is no need to sign up – just use the links above to join at the time!



If you have any questions, feel free to contact us on [SustainableSchools@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:SustainableSchools@leicester.gov.uk)





# Litter Picking kits

## Available for schools to loan

Thanks to Community Ward funding for our Less Litter for Leicester project, we now have adult and children's litter picking kits available for schools to borrow. We have 4 adult sets, and 3 children's sets.

The kits include:

- 15 pickers
- 15 gloves
- 8 hoops

These are available to borrow for on a half termly basis. If you would like a loan of litter picking equipment, please fill out this [eForm](#) with the size of litter pickers you would like. Please note this is subject to availability.



# RETHINK FOOD FUTURES

**Rethink Food Futures presents the opportunity to make a difference to the health of people and the planet.**



- 🍏 Encourage children to eat more fruit and veg!
- 🍏 Teach children how to grow their own food!
- 🍏 Empower children with sustainable knowledge!

Thanks to support from Rethink Food Futures, we have been able to lower the price for this academic year

Food tower prices (include materials, set up, training, dismantling, and 1 workshop per term delivered by our Sustainable Schools team):

- £100 per term
- £300 per year (3 terms)

**Please get in touch if you are interested!**

For further information please email [jasmine.walker@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:jasmine.walker@leicester.gov.uk)

**[View the YouTube video](#) to find out more!**





# Volunteering at The City of Leicester College



We had another successful volunteering day clearing the growing area and Tiny Forest at The City of Leicester College. We were joined by volunteers from BWB Consulting, Maber and Pulse Consult. Volunteers worked on clearing the raised beds that have become unusable over the past couple of years and clearing the footpaths around the growing area. They also spent time weeding the Tiny Forest which was planted early this year, giving the trees more space to grow and ensuring the forest can thrive in the coming years. The space has now been revived and is ready for the students starting back in the Autumn term. A huge thank you to our volunteers!



Do you know of a school site that would benefit from some volunteer support in getting cleared up? Get in touch with

[Laura.Barke@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Barke@leicester.gov.uk)



# Grow Your Own Grub Competition

Our annual Grow Your Own Grub Mealbarrow competition is over for another year. Well done to the 17 schools who took part by designing a three-course menu, planting the items required for the menu in a wheelbarrow and maintaining the 'mealbarrow' and extended growing areas in school. Most of the mealbarrows were then shared on Saturday 6 July at Abbey Pumping Station, where individuals could vote for their favourite. We have had a fantastic time seeing all of the hard work that staff and children have put in over the past few months. Congratulations to all the winners! Big thank you to Oliveti for dropping off the mealbarrows!



## Growing Report Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sir Jonathan North
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Inglehurst Junior & Stokes Wood Primary Schools
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Fullhurst Community College, Inglehurst Infant School, & Spinney Hill Primary School

## Menu Design Winners

- Full Marks – Sir Jonathan North & Stokes Wood Primary School
- Runners Up – Fullhurst Community College, Hallam Fields Primary School, Highfields Primary School, Inglehurst Junior School, Millgate School, Spinney Hill Primary School

## Mealbarrow Public Vote Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Nurturing Roots Group
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Stokes Wood Primary School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Millgate School & Spinney Hill Primary School

## Overall Competition Top 3

- 1<sup>st</sup> place – Stokes Wood Primary School
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Nurturing Roots Group
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Sir Jonathan North



# CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

## Free support for climate action!

The Climate Ambassadors scheme provides education settings with access to a skilled network of hundreds of trained volunteers across England, to provide you with free, personalised support to begin or make progress on your climate action plans, no matter where you are on your sustainability journey.

### Why get involved?

The Department for Education Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy aims for all education settings to have a climate action plan in place by 2025, inspiring young people to become motivated in climate action.

### Who is the scheme for?

The scheme is available to all nurseries and early years settings, primary and secondary schools, SEND schools and colleges in England, whether you're just getting started on your climate action planning journey, or whether you have a plan in place and are looking for specific support and expertise to progress it.

### Express your interest!

Get in touch with your Regional Hub via email, [ca-eastmids@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:ca-eastmids@nottingham.ac.uk), or explore the Climate Ambassadors website to find out more.

## Next steps and supporting resources

- 1 Request a Climate Ambassador: <https://www.stem.org.uk/climate-ambassadors/teachers-and-schools>
- 2 Carry out a carbon audit on Count Your Carbon: <https://www.countyourcarbon.org/>
- 3 Assess your needs on Sustainability Support for Education: <https://www.sustainabilitysupportforeducation.org.uk/>
- 4 Sign up and explore resources on National Education Nature Park: <https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/>

Once you've completed the steps above, you'll be well on your way to developing a climate action plan!



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# National Education Nature Park



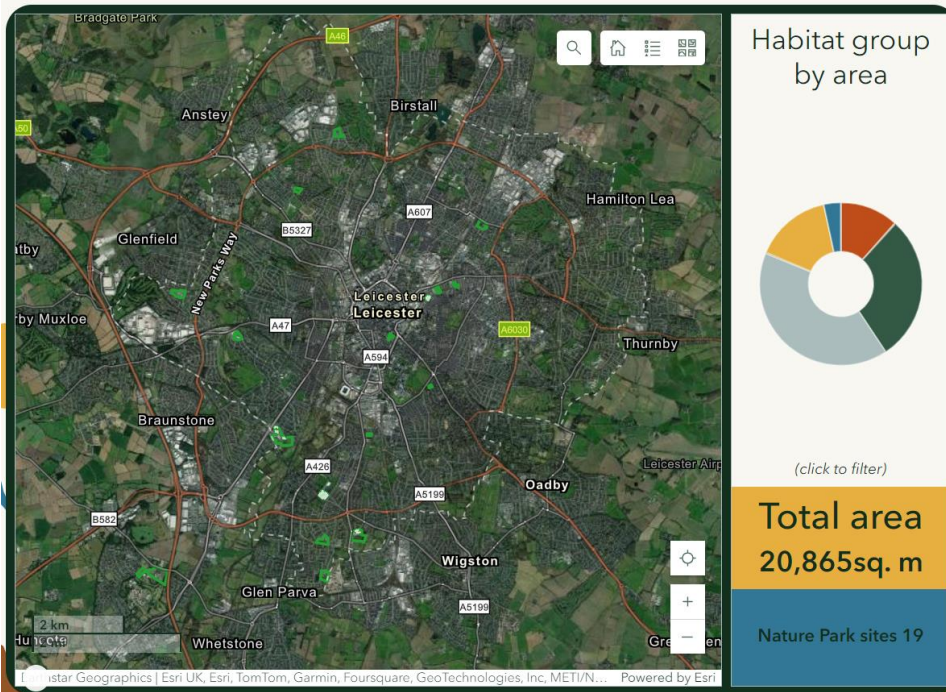
## What is the National Education Nature Park?

The [National Education Nature Park](#) and [Climate Action Awards](#) empower children and young people to make a positive difference to both their own and nature's future.

Go on a journey to get to know your outdoor space and use creative decision-making to improve your grounds for both people and nature. These free programmes provide all educators with the resources, support and guidance to embed climate and nature into learning in a way that suits your setting and learners.



Schools work through the 5 stages, starting by getting to know their school grounds before deciding on and implementing changes to make the space more beneficial to nature.



We currently have 19 schools in Leicester working on the NENP. Why not join them? It is a great opportunity to develop your school ground, and to work on the 'school grounds' and 'biodiversity' topics for the Eco-Schools Green Flag award!



National Education Nature Park and Climate Action Awards

To register with the National Education Nature Park, visit their [website](#). If you need more help, please contact us on [SustainableSchools@Leicester.gov.uk](mailto:SustainableSchools@Leicester.gov.uk).

# Plastic Clever Schools



Plastic Clever Schools is an internationally recognised award for schools to complete, looking at reducing their use of single use plastics. It is also highlighted by Eco Schools as a way of working on the 'Marine' topic for Eco-Schools, meaning you could get your school two awards for the same pieces of work!

## How can you join?

Simply sign up online through the Plastic Clever Schools [website](#). Work through the stages and start reducing your schools plastic waste now!

### Scraftoft Valley Primary School

Our Campaign was to collect and recycle crisp and chocolate packets as well as plastic writing material



Well done to Scraftoft Valley Primary School for completing their Plastic Clever Schools award last academic year! Their campaign to collect crisp and chocolate packets, as well as pens was a huge success and helped make a big difference at their school!



For more information about the award, please contact Laura on [Laura.Barke@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Laura.Barke@leicester.gov.uk).



Supports the Eco-Schools water, litter, waste and marine topics



# Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots

Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots programme is a global education programme for schools. The aim is to make positive change happen – for our communities, for animals, and for the environment. With tens of thousands of young people in over 60 countries, the Roots & Shoots network branches out across the globe, connecting youth of all ages who share a common desire to help make our world a better place.

There are no rigid requirements and no limit to your imagination with the projects! You can use **eco schools projects** for this too!

**All you need to do is sign up and provide evidence (e.g. pictures) of your school's eco projects!**

**Please see the website for more information on this [rootsnshoots.org.uk](https://rootsnshoots.org.uk)**

**There are three overall awards categories for the best school projects to commend your hard work!**

**Bronze Award:**

All schools that submit a project post will automatically be eligible for a Bronze Award certificate personalised with the details of your school.

**Silver Award:**

Projects that show special merit and initiative will be awarded a personalised Silver Award certificate. Both Bronze and Silver award winners will be considered for Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots Annual Award and you may be invited to attend the Awards Ceremony.

**Gold Award:**

Projects that incorporate work on all three aspects of Roots & Shoots (people, animals, and the environment) will be awarded a personalised Gold Award certificate. The schools who have submitted these projects will be automatically invited to the Roots & Shoots Annual Award Ceremony where students will have the opportunity to present their projects and meet Dr Jane Goodall in person.



*Photos credit: Andover Trees United (ATU). Harrow Way Community School and Portway Junior School are Roots & Shoots members through partnership with ATU.*

**To get involved please contact either Jasmina Georgovska at [jasmina@janegoodall.org.uk](mailto:jasmina@janegoodall.org.uk) or Jasmine Walker at [Jasmine.Walker@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:Jasmine.Walker@leicester.gov.uk)**



# BESS Energy Core 2024-25

## 12 Month Subscription



**Worried about increasing energy costs? Wanting to save money and improve your environmental credentials?**

**Energy makes up one of the biggest spends for schools after staffing.** Leicester City Council has worked closely to develop an offer as part of BESS schools to **develop tools and reports to empower staff and students to take control** of their energy use.

**This offer is open to all schools in Leicester City at cost price as part of our Climate Emergency Declaration commitment**

### What is included in the service:

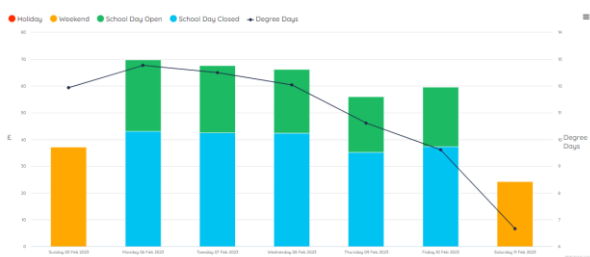
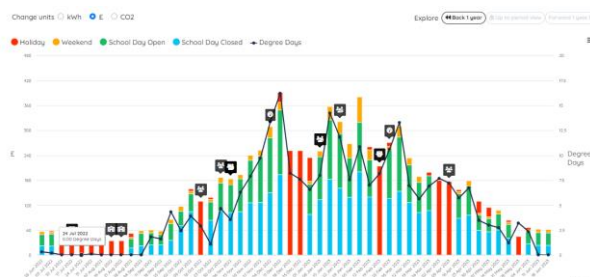
- **Online monitoring of gas and electricity via Energy Sparks.**
- **Wrap around support** by the Sustainable Schools' team for onboarding, general advice, educational and energy specific support
- **Regular updates** via email
- **Provision of data** for school's preferred DEC provider

### About Energy Sparks

- An online energy analysis tool and energy education programme specifically designed to help schools **reduce their electricity and gas usage through the analysis of smart meter data.**
- Using a school's electricity, gas and solar data, shows staff (and pupils) how much energy the school is using. The online tool presents bespoke analysis of the energy data **with suggestions of actions the school could take to save energy and reduce carbon emissions.**
- **Provides adult and pupil dashboards** tailored to meet the specific needs of the students and staff at a school.
- **Automated alerts** to let schools know when energy use changes

**This service will start in September 2024**  
**Priced at £795**

Sign up to BESS Energy by completing our [online form](#)



Adult Dashboard

Summary of recent energy usage

		Use (kWh)	CO2 (kg)	Cost (£)	Potential savings	% Change
Electricity	Last week	1,450	154	£218	n/a	+58%
	Last year	64,900	7,850	£9,750	£4,270	-43%
Gas	Last week	3,100	655	£95.60	n/a	-25%
	Last year	270,000	56,800	£8,970	£2,770	-44%

Electricity data: 19 Mar 2020 - 1 May 2022. Gas data: 23 Jan 2019 - 10 Apr 2022. More information

Act on your energy usage

Well done, you are making progress towards achieving your target to reduce your electricity and gas usage! [Review progress](#)

Oh No! Your school's weekly electricity use in the Easter holidays increased by 79% compared to the Spring half term holidays. This has cost an extra £30 which can be saved by switching off to save energy in the next holiday! [Find out more](#)

**For more information please contact:**  
**The BESS Energy team**

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# BESS Energy Enhanced 2024-2025

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*All the benefits of BESS Energy Core:*

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### Plus BESS Energy Enhanced:

- **Identification and reporting** of excessive use/wastage (including visits)
- **Provision of your annual DEC certificate** (or subsidised 7 year DEC certificate)
- Online or face to face training **termly**
- **10 hours of bespoke support** per school (including technical, analysis and education support for staff and pupils) – **see our separate flyer on next page**

*“Through monitoring our electricity we discovered our thermal heater timers had a fault, meaning that they were being left on at the weekend - once resolved, this saved hundreds of pounds over the school holidays” **Business Manager, Leicester***

**For more information please contact:  
The BESS Energy team**

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📞 **0116 454 6746**

🌐 [schools.leicester.gov.uk/BESS-Energy](http://schools.leicester.gov.uk/BESS-Energy)

**This service will start in September 2024**



**Priced at £1195** (includes cost of DEC certificate)

Sign up to BESS Energy by completing our [online form](#)

# Individual support in BESS Energy Enhanced



Schools and academies that sign up for BESS Energy Enhanced will receive up to 10 hours of bespoke support. This time is allocated and agreed on an individual basis depending on the needs of your school.

Below are examples of bespoke services which can be provided:

## Technical Support

- Work with individual school or academy staff:
  - Premises team walk round to identify heat/energy wastage
  - ICT shutdown procedure and/or software shutdown

## Analysis Support

- Working with the business manager, finance officer and/or premises officer to:
  - Evaluate utility bills for value for money, climate levy and VAT rating
  - Provide advice about changing and comparing tariffs
  - Provide advice and support around historical FIT tariffs
  - Detailed analysis of Energy Sparks data and graphs (daily, weekly) to identify excessive use (e.g. during the day), wastage (e.g. high baseloads overnight and weekends) or leaks (e.g. water).

## Educational Support

- Working with whole school staff:
  - Deliver twilight, inset or staff meetings (typically 30-45 minutes) on energy savings
  - Energy Sparks training (data analysis with departments or teams)
  - Develop mechanisms for reporting problems with classroom heating/lighting
- Work with individual classes, your school council and/or Eco-Schools team:
  - Active labelling of lights and equipment that can be switched off/remain on
  - Active thermometers in classrooms and offices to report temperature extremes
  - Assemblies on saving energy
  - Designing of posters or 'corporate' posters displayed around schools
  - Developing whole school policy and shutdown procedure
  - Energy monitoring job descriptions
  - Curriculum activities and quizzes
  - Switch off hour/day campaign
  - Detailed analysis of Energy Sparks graphs (daily, weekly, monthly, annually)
  - Energy Sparks training
  - Campaign and/or national awareness day activities
  - Energy walk around using thermal imaging camera/s (iPad and Android tablet)
  - Audits and competitions (class or department focused)

