

# The St. Mary's Green Team



St. Mary's Primary School Term 2- 2026

## Term 2 News –

Our Eco Council were incredibly busy during Term 2, leading a range of fantastic environmental initiatives across the school and encouraging everyone to play their part in caring for our planet.

We held a very successful Book Swap, encouraging children to recycle and reuse books while promoting a love of reading. Pupils brought in books they no longer needed and exchanged them for a "new-to-them" story. It was lovely to see such excitement as children shared and discovered different books, while also learning about the importance of reducing waste.

Our Cash for Clobber fundraiser also took place this term. Families generously donated unwanted clothing, shoes and textiles, helping to reduce landfill waste while raising valuable funds for future eco projects within our school. The Eco Council played an important role in organising, promoting and collecting donations, showing great leadership and teamwork.

A real highlight of the term was when the Eco Council led a whole-school assembly to mark Earth Day 2026. They confidently shared important messages about caring for our environment and introduced this year's theme, "Our Power, Our Planet." Through their words and presentations, they reminded us all that even small actions—like recycling, saving energy and reducing waste—can make a big difference. They did a fantastic job raising awareness and inspiring others to take action.

We are extremely proud of our Eco Council for leading the way and helping our school community make small changes that have a big impact. Their enthusiasm and commitment continue to make a positive difference across our school.



We were delighted to take part in the Grow Your Own Potatoes project with our Eco Council this term. Grow Your Own Potatoes is a UK-wide initiative that gives primary schools free growing kits and resources so pupils can learn where their food comes from, how potatoes grow, and why healthy eating and sustainability matter. Over 6 million children nationwide have taken part in this hands-on project, making it a brilliant way to bring science, food education and environmental awareness to life.

