

Ecology and Biodiversity: ideas for schools

- Rewild part of the playing field/a corner of the playground either planting into the soil or by using containers. Containers can be made from old tyres, wellington boots, sinks etc. Schemes offering seeds for rewilding/wildflowers can be found here:
 - www.seedparade.co.uk/news/sowing/free-seeds-for-schools-2023
 - seedball.co.uk/product/seedball-outdoor-classroom
 - growwild.kew.org/get-involved/seed-kits/apply
 - www.growseed.co.uk/seeds-for-schools.html
- If you have a large school playing field consider planting trees – it is likely that the LA own your playing field so seek permissions and also seek advice on where to plant based on root growth etc.
- Build a bug hotel - click [here](#) for a link to the RSPB page with advice how to do this.
- Build bird feeders for around the school grounds – following the link [here](#) for how to do this whilst also recycling plastic bottles.
- Look to engage in local schemes or community groups focussed on improving habitats in your locality.
- Speak to your parish church about any schemes they are hoping to carry out in the churchyard - there could be some crossover with plans for your school grounds which could become a joint project.
- Why not create a reflective area outside which is ecologically friendly and would enable pupils to reflect on the wonder of the natural world? Schools within the St Albans diocese are able to apply to the [Community Life Fund](#) for a grant to support this.

