

# ECO-SCHOOL

Our school is committed to improving its environmental performance and our Eco-Committee is the driving force behind our Eco-Schools work.

The Eco-Committee holds termly meetings where they discuss plan and help to implement various initiatives to help our school on its way to becoming environmentally friendly and obtaining the Green Flag Eco-Schools status.

## ENERGY SAVING

In a bid to conserve energy the eco-committee has led a 'turn off the lights' campaign. Light monitors are vigilant in checking that lights are switched off in empty rooms and posters have been put up around the school to reinforce this message. Termly classroom light surveys are indicating a significant increase in the number of lights being switched off when rooms are not in use.



Children carrying out a classroom light survey

## RECYCLING

In order to reduce our waste here at St Joseph's we are dedicated to recycling. Monitors endeavour to educate and encourage everyone in school to use our many recycling facilities. Paper bins are located in each classroom and colour codes bins are available on the playground and in the dining room to make recycling easier. Staff and parents are encouraged to recycle old ink cartridges and by doing so help raise money for Christian Aid.



Playground recycling bins

## SCHOOL GARDEN

Children can get involved in a hands on way with the natural environment by working in our school garden. Each class has ownership of a plot in the garden and has the opportunity of safe, practical and exciting outdoor learning. From examining insects to growing fruit and vegetables the garden helps to raise pupils' environmental awareness of biodiversity and global issues. Every Monday an after school gardening club is held. Children are responsible for the general maintenance of the garden and have the opportunity to cultivate a variety of plants. The club is an excellent way to promote a love of outdoors.





