



Climate action plan

Our Climate action plan has been informed by Pope Francis' Laudato Si encyclical, the school's Laudato Si Team and Governing Board. We wish to play an active role in raising awareness and taking action to make positive changes for the future of our common home.

The Encyclical *Laudato Si'* has guided the Catholic Church and many people of good will for ten years. May it continue to inspire us and may integral ecology be increasingly accepted as the right path to follow. In this way, seeds of hope will multiply

-Pope Leo XIV

The aim of our Climate action plan is:

1. To educate all members of our school community about the need for environmental and sustainability practices, ensuring that all can make a positive impact on environmental sustainability within the local and global community as Stewards of God's creation.
2. To calculate our carbon emissions and become more energy efficient.
3. To assess our site and look in to ways to reduce the risk of flooding and overheating.
4. To survey our grounds and look in to ways we can further improve the environment and biodiversity

According to the 'Governors' Guide to Sustainable Schools' (DfES, 2007b), a sustainable school is one that has care as its central value: "care for oneself, care for each other (distant and near, as well as for future generations), care for the environment (from the school grounds to the planet)".

"the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and take care of it"

-Genesis 2:15

We will target our actions by:

Education and awareness

- Celebrating Earth Day on 22nd April 2026 and World Environment Day on 5th June 2026 as part of our enrichment education.
- Children in the new school year to access 2 hours per week of outdoor education, through a range of experiences which focus on eco literacy and Catholic Social Teaching values.
- Laudato Si' team to lead assemblies and coaching days to educate peers. These will take place through out the school year 25-26.
- Sustainability and Climate action to be taught across a range of subjects in a variety of ways throughout the year. These can include but are not limited to:
 - Use of the Harmony project curriculum for four foundation subjects—carefully sequenced for skill progression and sustainability education
 - Texts in literacy based on nature and climate issues
- Focuses on sustainability, interconnection and climate change in history, geography and science
- Catholic Social teaching values to be taught during RE and throughout the curriculum (particular focus on enrichment days)
- Forest School and Laudato Si' sessions to focus on nature awareness and interconnection

“Together, we pledge our commitment to raising awareness about the stewardship of creation.”

-Pope Francis

Energy Efficiency

- Members of the Laudato Si' Team to act as Stewards in each class to monitor energy usage and encourage classes to be energy aware.
- To take part in Energy saving week 15th –23rd January 2026.
- To conduct an energy use survey and implement ways to reduce our energy use ready for our next survey due in July 2026.

Waste Reduction

- To introduce recycling bins in to classrooms and common areas by July 2026, to be inline with the government “simpler Recycling” initiative. To do this we will separate our waste into three categories:
- **General Waste:** This includes waste that cannot be recycled or composted.
- **Dry Recycling:** This stream includes paper, card, glass, metals, and plastic.
- **Food Waste:** All food waste, including leftovers and scraps, must be separated.
- To use the food waste from break times in our compost bins.

When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.”

-John6:12

School Grounds and Biodiversity

- To have planted the Peace garden with native plants, complete and embedded by spring 2026.
- To continue to work with City of Trees and DEFRA for the length of our contract of 15 years as per DEFRA's request. To expand our work with planting hedging and trees.
- As part of Forest School and Laudato Si' and in line with our Catholic Social Teaching values, to build habitats such as bird houses and bug hotels to be placed around our school ready to be used by Autumn 1 2026.
- To install more rain collection butts so that by summer 2026 we are more reliant on collected water than tap.

This document will be reviewed in November 2025 to ensure we are inline with the Saint Therese of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trusts policies.

Community and Partnership

- To share the schools actions via our social media, website and newsletter over the next school year.
- Invite and attend City of Trees planting events in our local area during Autumn 1 and 2.
- Partner with Rochdale Council and the Laudato Si' Centre at Wardlay Hall on sustainability and Laudato Si' projects over the new school year.

Monitoring and Evaluation

- The Laudato Si Team to lead and review projects over the school year 25-26.
- During the year display our progress on our Eco Literacy wall in the Laudato Si' Centre.
- To celebrate all achievements during assemblies.
- Sustainability Lead to use Sustainability for Education site to monitor and review the schools progress. This data will then be shared with SLT, Governors and the Trusts Board.