

Welcome

FROM THE ECO TEAM

Welcome to the second issue of our 2026 Eco & Sustainability Newsletter. At Toad Hall Nursery Group, we're dedicated to creating a greener, more sustainable future for every child. Through this newsletter, we'll keep you updated on our eco-friendly initiatives, celebrate our progress as a group and share some of the activities that have been going on within the nurseries.

Earth Day

Earlier on in the year, our nurseries celebrated Earth Day! The children enjoyed a range of hands-on activities, from recycling, litter-picking locally, and a garden clean-up to creative play with artwork, books, playdough, and water play, as well as planting seeds – all encouraging them to care for the world around them.



From Planting to plate

Our children love discovering where their food comes from through our "planting to plate" journey. Each of our nurseries has an allotment or growing area where we grow a variety of fruit and vegetables throughout the year.

From planting seeds and watering plants to caring for them as they grow and finally harvesting the produce, children are involved in every step of the process. It's a wonderful hands-on way to learn about nature, healthy eating and where our food comes from.

Whenever possible, our nursery chefs use the produce the children have grown in our nursery kitchens, creating a fantastic farm-to-fork experience.



How do we make our nurseries more sustainable?

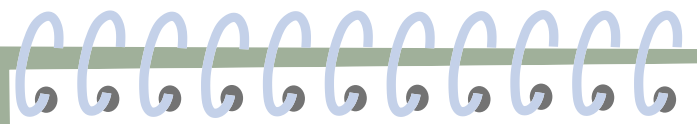
Katrina, our Co-Head of Nursery Operations recently spoke with Jen from Think Recycling (previously known as Wastetech) about how we've worked together for over three years to reduce our general waste, improve our recycling efforts, and create a more environmentally conscious culture across our nurseries.



Collectively, we've made huge progress in reducing waste across the group. Since we began working together on our sustainability goals, our core waste stream has fallen significantly – from **47%** to just **23%**!

At the same time, our recycling levels have increased from **54%** across our nurseries to more than **70%**, with some settings achieving an impressive **84%+**. This is a fantastic achievement and demonstrates the impact of the changes we're making together.

Watch the video [here](#).



Upcoming Eco Events

21 Oct- **World Earthworm Day**

22-30 Nov - **National Tree Week**

Tree planting, woodland, Forest School and why trees matter.

5 Dec - **World Soil Day**

Allotments, compost, worms, growing vegetables and healthy soil

Sustainable Tip

Remember to turn off the lights when you leave a room and make the most of natural daylight. Every little switch-off helps us save energy and reduce our environmental impact.



Eco Schools Journey

Well done to our Langley and Crawley Nurseries, who have embarked on their Eco-Schools journey! This programme encourages children and staff to work together to make positive changes for the environment, learning about sustainability and taking practical steps to make their nursery more eco-friendly.