



Welcome

FROM THE ECO TEAM

Welcome to the first 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, and share simple tips and activities you can enjoy at home with your family.

As we look back on 2025, we are proud to reflect on the meaningful and positive changes made across the group. Highlights include...

20 trees planted in 2025

Through our partnership with Bulldog, our trusted clothing supplier, a tree is planted with every order we place. This initiative is at the heart of Bulldog's commitment to giving back to the environment and supports reforestation efforts around the world.



Reducing energy usage in buildings

We have a four-year ESOS action plan in place to reduce energy usage across our sites. As part of this, we have already upgraded boilers and improved roof insulation at some locations. We plan to replace all existing lighting with energy-efficient LED alternatives and install smart meters.



Food Waste composted



In 2025, we supplied all our nurseries with compost bins to recycle food waste. By turning food waste into a valuable by-product, that supports the generation of clean energy, we have significantly reduced the number of food waste collections needed by **50%**.

100% waste diverted from landfill



We are proud to confirm that **100%** of our waste is diverted from landfill. By working closely with Wastetech, we actively monitor and manage our waste output to minimise our environmental impact.

Currently, around **71%** of our waste is recycled, and we are committed to increasing this to **85%** in 2026.

Increase in sustainable product use



We work with Gompels, who supply our nurseries with sustainable products, including plastic-free wipes. We are also moving away from disposable aprons. This partnership has helped us reduce plastic use across all sites while switching to cleaner, more environmentally friendly products, reducing our carbon footprint.

Eco-Themed Learning Activities - ideas for home

We're always looking for simple ways to help children learn about caring for the world around them, and we've found a lovely resource to share with you. Keep Britain Tidy have created a fantastic set of eco-themed learning activities designed especially for young children. It includes recommended books, rhymes, songs, and fun hands-on activities that gently introduce little learners to ideas around looking after our planet, nature, and sustainability. These are great for sparking conversations at home and encouraging small, positive habits – like recycling, saving water, and caring for green spaces – in ways that feel fun and age-appropriate.

Activities include:

- Going on a minibeast hunt
- Junk Modelling
- Create a natural sculpture
- Make a wildflower seedball
- Build a bug hotel
- Go birdwatching

[Download the resource here](#)



Upcoming Eco Events

Food Waste Action Week: 9th to 13th

March – organised by Love Food Hate Waste. A chance to re-think how you store, cook, and use food to prevent waste.

The Great British Spring Clean: 13th to 29th March – get involved in litter picking in your area!

Global Recycling Day – 18th March

Earth Day – 22nd April

Sustainable Tip – wear extra layers to keep warm

When it's chilly, pop on an extra jumper, hat, or socks instead of turning up the heating. Stay cosy AND help the planet.



Together, we make difference!

Let's keep nurturing a love of nature and building healthy habits that last a lifetime. Thank you for being part of our journey and our community.

Have an idea, story, or photo to share? Or would you like to get involved with our Eco Committee? Simply email your nursery, marked FAO the Eco Committee, and they'll pass it on to us.