

Little Heath School

Little Heath Road Tilehurst Reading Berkshire RG31 5TY

Telephone 0118 942 7337

www.LittleHeath.org.uk

office@littleheath.org.uk



Headteacher

D J Ramsden, BA, NPQH

February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Little Heath School Eco-Committee are made up of students from several year groups throughout the school. Together, they came up with a vision to transform a derelict patch of the school grounds and to develop it into a usable outdoor learning space, where nature can thrive, and students can develop new skills, experiences and passions.



Building bug hotels in the wild area



Planting bulbs in the autumn

A lot of work has been completed by students, staff and volunteers. One of our Year 13 students, Bethany, used the space to inspire her EPQ project on outdoor learning, and designed an outdoor classroom building which we have been lucky enough to receive funding from [Mend the Gap](#) to build.



Bethany's design of the whole space



Bethany with the shelter she designed

Now we've got to this stage, we need your help to get the project over the line! Students have been selling secondhand uniform to fund many of our eco projects, however, having donations of plants and equipment so we can complete the final stage of this natural space with our students, and for them to take ownership of developing the area, would be amazing.

If you would like to support our project, we are specifically looking for:

- Water butts
- Watering cans
- Gardening tools
- Sensory plants for our wellbeing spiral
- Pollinator friendly plants for our wild areas

Here is a link to our online Wish List [LHS Nature Space Wish List 2026](#), with some direct links to the kind of items we are looking for, although we are very happy to accept donations of second hand gardening equipment.

If you, or someone you know, are a keen gardener and have divided plants or plants grown from cuttings, we would love to give them a new home to grow! A list of suggested plants is at the end of this letter, but we are also open to any plant donations.

If you would like to support the project with a financial donation, these can be made via **ParentMail** listed as **Eco-Committee Nature Space Donations**.

The garden will be used by our 1,600 students, staff, the children from our onsite nursery, and children from the local primary schools. As a school, we are committed to fulfilling our Climate Action Plan and improving climate education for young people and providing opportunities for them to immerse themselves in nature.

Thank you for your time.

Best wishes,



Mrs Emma Saunders and the students from the Eco-Committee

Marketing & Communications Officer | Sustainability Lead

esaunders@littleheath.org.uk

Sensory Plants – looking for plants that inspire the senses, so anything scented, a mix of textures, beautiful colours, edible and safe to eat, and plants that make gentle sounds in the breeze.

Here are some examples:

- Love in a Mist
- Heuchera
- Hellebores
- Mint
- Rosemary
- Chives
- Nasturtium
- Wild Strawberry
- Marigold
- Curry Plant
- Lavender
- Oregano/Wild Majoram
- Virurnum
- Honeysuckle
- Jasmine
- Ornamental Grasses
- Lambs Ear
- Silver Sage
- Jerusalem sage
- Forget me Nots
- Sedum
- Lemon Balm
- Fountain Grass
- Raspberry
- Blueberry
- Geraniums
- Pansy
- Borage
- Thyme

Plants for Pollinators – native plants to attract bees, butterflies and other pollinators. Here are some examples:

- Buddleia (Butterfly Bush)
- Foxgloves

- Honeysuckle
- Lavender
- Primrose
- Verbena
- Heather
- Coneflower
- Hebe

Useful links:

[Plants for a sensory garden / RHS Gardening](#)

[BBC - Gardening - Gardening Guides: Gardening with Children - Sensory plants](#)

[The best plants for bees and pollinators | The Wildlife Trusts](#)

[How to attract moths and bats to your garden | The Wildlife Trusts](#)

[Perennials for pollinators / RHS Gardening / RHS](#)

[Shrubs for pollinators / RHS Gardening / RHS](#)

[Planting for Pollinators | British Beekeepers Association](#)