

Low Carbon Calendar 2024



City of **Low Carbon**
Sunderland

Free Sunderland School Opportunities:

Sunderland Wear Sustainable Resources:

The Wear Sustainable Resources are free, curriculum-linked learning materials which have been designed to enable children and young people locally to understand Sunderland's heritage and transformation to becoming an increasingly sustainable city. Several Sunderland Schools from all key stages and areas of the city, have worked together with Sunderland City Council and OASES to develop and create these resources for the city, which will be available for all Sunderland schools in the New Year. **If your school is interested in receiving a link to the 5 lessons, lesson plans and activities when they are released, please email Ellie.Richards@sunderland.gov.uk**

IKEA X Let's Go Zero Competition:

The IKEA x Let's Go Zero competition is giving schools the chance to kickstart a brilliant green project – one that cuts waste, nurtures nature or brings climate learning to life. Winners will get one of three sustainability product bundles: materials to create a swap shop, outdoor learning area, or sustainability hub – an indoor space for learning about climate issues. To take part, schools should share a short video (no more than one minute 30 seconds) featuring pupils and teachers, telling the judges why they should win the competition, and which bundle they'd like. You can also talk about the work you've already done to green your school, a little about the students who will use the space, and how the prize would bring positive change to your school and community. **Applications are now open. This year's competition closes 19 February 2024. For more details click [here](#).**

The Waste and Recycling Visitor Centre (W&RVEC):

Please get in touch with the W&RVEC if you would like to arrange a free workshop, waste assemblies, a local litter pick, a gardening session, a site tours around the household waste recycling centre or activities to support your school recycling projects or eco-groups.

All sessions are free, to book a session contact Laura Farrell-Pronesti the Waste & Recycling Visitor and Education Centre Coordinator via Email: laura.farrell-pronesti@groundwork.org.uk or via Mobile: 07790 592 720.

Click here to find out more: [Campground Visitor & Education Centre - STWWMP | Services for Schools North East](#)

Eco-Schools and Eco-Schools training:

The Eco-Schools' team is offering free training to any adult who works in a school, college, or nursery in England. Eco-Schools' training sessions are designed to provide practical advice, inspiration, and real-life examples to educators who want to support youth-led eco-action and increase environmental education in their setting. Training is divided into three sessions, allowing the Eco-Schools Team to accompany you on your journey to Eco-Schools Green Flag and be on hand should you require help, support, or advice.

- **Session 2** will take place during Spring Term and provides a chance to catch-up and ask questions before sharing advice on using environmental issues to enrich learning and expanding your environmental activity to your entire school and wider community.
- **Session 3** will take place during Summer Term. Again, there will be a chance to ask questions and reflect on your journey before discussion moves on to the best ways to evaluate eco-projects and creating a powerful environmental mission statement for your setting. This session will also contain information about applying for an Eco-Schools Green Flag and what to expect during the assessment process.

Click [here](#) to book onto session 2 or click [here](#) to find out more about Eco-Schools.

Sunderland Climate Friendly School Network:





All Sunderland Schools are invited to take part in the free Sunderland Climate Friendly Schools Network. The network meetings are facilitated by OASES and Sunderland City Council and provide support to Sunderland schools to improve climate literacy and take action to tackle climate change. **Please email info@climatefriendlyschools.org.uk for more information.**

At these meetings you will be informed of current climate research, thinking and progress, such as being:

- told about Department for Education progress towards achieving their Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy
- able to learn from the experiences of other schools that are seeking to become more climate friendly, including those participating in Sunderland Climate Friendly Schools and Wear Sustainable Resources development
- given links to the educational materials developed through Sunderland Climate Friendly Schools and Wear Sustainable Resources
- signposted towards other useful resources
- the first to know about other funded initiatives
- informed of relevant funding opportunities
- able to network and share experience with other schools across the city.

See the January-February Low Carbon Calendar below!

If you are getting involved, we would love to hear about it! Please email or send photos to Ellie Richards at Ellie.Richards@sunderland.gov.uk Or use #WearSustainable on social media!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Veganuary  1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Buy Nothing New Month 						
Big School 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Birdwatch 						
Big Energy Saving week  15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

EVENTS

Veganuary (1-31)

Veganuary is an annual challenge that encourages people worldwide to try going vegan for January and beyond! Are you taking part by having meat free meals? Click [here](#) to find out more.

Buy Nothing New Month (1-31)

Donating unwanted items and recycling are both great but we need to do more and buy less! Take part in Keep Britain Tidy's campaign and throughout the month challenge yourself to buy nothing new. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Big School Birdwatch (8 Jan-19 Feb)



Join thousands of other schools to find out which birds visit your school grounds. Counting birds will play a vital role in helping the RSPB understand how UK birds are doing. Sign up [here](#) for your free guide

Big Energy Saving Week (15-21)

This is a national campaign to save energy and help cut fuel bills. Click [here](#) for some resources or if you need energy advice, please click [here](#).

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Green Football Weekend (2-5)

Does your school want to take part in the Green Football Weekend? Every green goal your school scores helps your football club compete for the coveted Green Football Cup and the chance of winning some amazing prizes. Click [here](#) and [here](#) to sign up and find free school resources.

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