

What a brilliant week!

It was fantastic to see so many children and adults across Transform working together to benefit their local communities during community action week (CAW) this year 🙌🙌🙌 Many schools had multiple projects on the go - key themes included messages of kindness and positivity, cleaning up the local community, organising pre-loved sales and raising money for local charities, so children will definitely have engaged with Transform10's Acts of Kindness focus (🌱)

CAW this year has been fabulous - thank you all for your efforts. Proud to celebrate the impact we have had together 💖



Zaytouna Primary

At Zaytouna, we raised money for the charity, Children First Derby. We started the week off with a whole school assembly, inviting Bella, a visitor from the charity, who also said a few words.

To raise money, we held a cake sale and had a non-uniform day; we also did a litter pick to help our school community.



Brierley Forest Primary

Our school council and parliamentarians worked together to improve the outside area of a local care home and organised a reading circle for elderly residents.

We weeded and cleared an overgrown area of the garden, starting a compost bin and filling it with weeds and dead leaves.

Then we planted potato plants in one area, bedding plants in another, and finally cleaned and refilled wooden planters, planting a sweet pea climber.

We also held a reading circle, where different residents came to listen and sit with us.



The children have made craft items that will be delivered to the care home for its annual fair at the end of July, to be sold and raise funds for the residents' activities.

Highbank Primary

As part of our Community Action Week, children across the school took part in fantastic projects to make a positive difference in our local area.

Nursery and Key Stage 1 went litter picking to help keep our streets clean, and EYFS planted bee-friendly seeds to support biodiversity. Key Stage 1 also designed and posted uplifting messages around the neighbourhood, while Year 3/4 painted positive message rocks and placed them in local spots to brighten people's day. Year 5/6 took on an incredible 10k sponsored walk to raise money for a local charity, showing determination and community spirit in equal measure.



We're so proud of the children's thoughtful efforts and the impact they've made!



Allenton Primary

As part of our Community Action Week celebrations, children across the school have taken part in a range of activities designed to promote kindness, generosity, and care for others:



Year 3 – Positivity Rocks

Year 3 created beautiful *Positivity Rocks*, decorating them with uplifting messages to spread kindness and happiness. Each child took their rock home to hide in the community with an adult. They said this was a lovely way to brighten someone’s day and bring smiles to people in their local area.



Reception & Year 1 – Scooter Wash Fundraiser

Reception and Year 1 organised a brilliant Scooter Wash to raise money for a local charity. Children were invited to bring their scooters to school, and with a small donation, their scooters were returned sparkling clean by the end of the day! It was a fun and engaging way to give back, and the children took great pride in their hard work.

Year 4 Hedgehogs Class – Hope Centre Foodbank Donations

Hedgehogs class took on the important task of collecting donations for the Hope Centre Foodbank in Derby. We are incredibly thankful to everyone who donated—we know it will make a real difference to families in need.



Otters Class – Book Donations for the Children’s Book Project

Otters class took part in a fantastic initiative to support the Children’s Book Project. The children designed colourful posters encouraging people to donate any unwanted books.

Year 5 – Litter Picking in the Local Area, Year 5 have been litter picking on their way to swimming lessons. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to take pride in their local area and contribute to keeping it clean and tidy.

Year 6 & Year 2 – Reading Buddies

Year 6 and Year 2 had a lovely time reading together during CAW. The children shared a wide range of stories using their own books as well as enjoying books and comics on EPIC!

Woodland View Primary

This year for our Community Action project we decided to improve our science garden as it has not been used in quite a long time. It was very overgrown and needed a lot of work, we went out in groups, many children from year 1 to year 6 were involved and did an absolutely fabulous job of clearing the overgrown area. The weeds were endless but with lots of hard work and effort, we managed to clear a big area of the garden and filled 21 bags with weeds. The children enjoyed it greatly and were very proud of their efforts, as they should be.



Thanks to all the hard work, there will be a gardening club starting and lots of children will be able to enjoy this fabulous space again.

Some parents donated plants to the project - these will be planted during the gardening club.

We are hoping to use this area for outdoor learning, too!



Abbey Hill Primary

Abbey Hill took part in a number of exciting projects with local community groups, all linked to the concept of sustainability. Working alongside Ashfield District Council and 'Everyone Active', pupils were tasked with producing a poster persuading people to 'Keep Kirkby Clean'. Winners from each class were celebrated and an overall winner is being recreated digitally to become a poster which is on display across Kirkby!

Then, working in conjunction with our partner charity – Bags of Blessings – we thought about the sustainability and recycling of our pre-loved toys. Bags of Blessings have donated toys, Easter Eggs, books and hygiene packs to hundreds of children here and so this was, as one pupil put it, our chance to 'give back!'. Hundreds of pre-loved toys, in good condition, were donated and will be given out by Bags of Blessings across Nottinghamshire as a result.

A pre-loved uniform sale also took place as part of school's ongoing commitment to supporting families with the cost of living.



Pear Tree Junior

At Pear Tree Junior, we organised a uniform swap shop. Families were asked to bring in any old uniform and these items were sold on to new families for 50p. We raised a total of £31.35 –that's a lot of 50ps!

Parents asked when we would be doing the sale again, so we are hoping to make it a regular fixture of our termly calendar.

South Wilford Primary

Children from South Wilford had lots of fun during community action week, raising money for worthwhile causes and raising the spirits of the children and families within our community:

- **EYFS** raised a fantastic £175 from their bake sale for the RSPCA. They have also been inundated with donations of food, toys etc to take to the shelter for animals in need.
- **Year 1** have given their time to tidy and weed the forest school area to ensure that the space looks inviting and accessible for everyone in school to use.
- **Year 2** will be delivering "a little something" to our local community next week.
- **Year 3** delivered sunflowers to the doorsteps of some of our school neighbours. They spread a little bit of cheer across Wilford Village during CAW.
- **Year 4's** Fun Run managed to raise £395 to support the work of the Red Cross.
- **Year 5's** enterprising saw them make over £220 to donate to Stonebridge City Farm by selling homemade fruity ice pops.
- **Year 6** offered their services to set up the Staycation campsite for our Year 2 children.



Ravensdale Junior School

At RJS, we organised a number of events to support our community.

Our Year 6 pupils hosted an afternoon tea for members of the local church community. During the event, our school choir performed a variety of songs for the visitors, and the children thoroughly enjoyed getting to know them. Our local vicar, Claire, commented on how much everyone enjoyed the afternoon, noting how lovely it was to see different generations engaging with each other—especially as some of the adults have little social interaction on a daily basis.



A group of children also organised a food bank collection, which they then delivered to our local shop for distribution to the community. The children were motivated to do this because they wanted to support families in need within the local area.

In addition to connecting with the wider community, we also took part in activities with our Infant school. Year 2 pupils visited the Year 5 classroom, where they had a story read to them. One child remarked how much they enjoyed the experience, as it was something they remembered fondly from when they were in Year 2.

We also held a uniform swap shop, where parents could exchange school uniform items they no longer needed for something more useful. This initiative not only helped reduce waste, but was also greatly appreciated by families as a way to reduce costs.



Sutton Road Primary

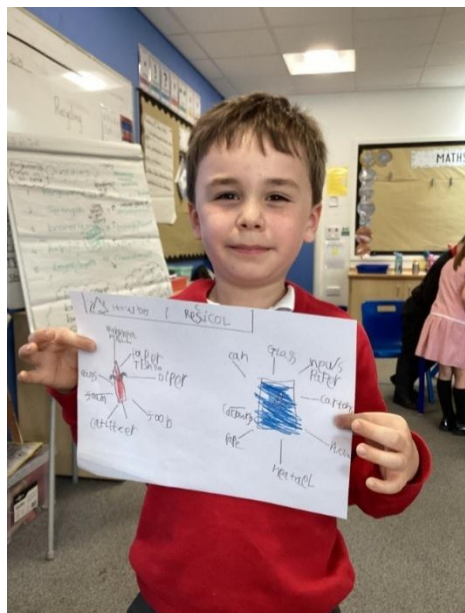
At Sutton Road we were really busy for Community Action Week!

Year 1 went litter picking and year 2 made posters about recycling.

Year 3 did food collections to give to charity.

Year 4 went to the local library and spoke to an author. They also made sculptures and they had their work displayed locally, making them feel proud.

Year 5 children filmed videos about sustainability to teach others how to build sustainability.



Burford Primary



At the beginning of CAW, we looked at what schools across the Trust had done in previous years. We really liked the idea of supporting a care home in our local community, so we organised a Community Action Week sale. We sold pre-loved books, home-made cookies and hand-made bracelets, rings and key-rings made from loom bands! Altogether, we raised £80. Some of the Year 6 children then walked to Sainsbury's where we bought gifts to take to the residents at the Beeches Care Home, which is not far from our school.



The children also made 'well-being' cards for the residents, which were delivered alongside our gifts. The residents and staff loved them, and the children really enjoyed their visit.

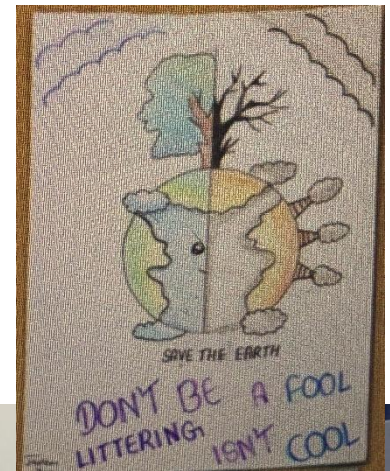
We have also collected food items for the local food bank, and we have made bee hotels, which the children took home to place in their gardens!



Rosslyn Park Primary

We held a competition, open to the whole of school (from Nursery upwards), to design a poster, which would encourage people to take care of their local environment. The two issues of littering and anti-social behaviour have come up again and again in pupil surveys across school. All posters were exhibited in school for parents/carers to come and view.

We had 50 entries - the winning posters were chosen from across the school and are being produced to display in the local community.





Parkdale Primary

- Each class was involved in an assembly to launch the week.
- Each Year group asked for donations from the children/ families...and the teachers. These donations tied in with the ethos of SUSTAINABILITY. Each year group then ran Car Boot Sales every night- from 3.00 until 3.45. We did 8 car boot sales altogether and every year group was involved - Reception and Nursery started it all and Year 6 rounded it off!
- We asked for food donations too and received lots of items from children and families

Many thanks to all the community and to the children for their wonderful donations. Together, we Raised **£512!**

CAW has been a huge success. All of the money raised and all of the food donations have been given to HOPE charity - we have established a good relationship with Hope over the years.



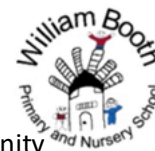
Sneinton Primary

Children worked alongside our Allotment Officer to maintain and develop our community allotment space. This intergenerational project connects children with sustainable living and healthy eating, and also provides a space where families and community members regularly contribute.



Relaunch of Community Weekly Coffee Mornings: Our Assistant Headteacher collaborated with parents to relaunch our weekly community coffee mornings. These sessions, which began during Community Action Week, are now shaped around family-led priorities such as online safety and cost-of-living support, local services, and wellbeing. They are already having a positive impact in strengthening parent partnerships and providing practical support.

William Booth Primary



This year, William Booth completed a whole school eco-themed challenge! Each child received an Eco Bingo Card with fun, environmentally focused community challenges for them to complete with their grown-ups at home, as well as in school.

Any child that completed 10 or more received a special eco-prize to take home and do with their family. We had so many children and their families take part that we had to get more prizes!

WILLIAM BOOTH ECO WEEK BINGO- Monday 2nd June- Friday 6th June

Ask your grown-up to sign each challenge box when you have completed the eco-challenge! How many can you complete in a week? Bring your bingo sheet back to your teacher on Friday 6th June. Complete 10 or more challenges and you will get a special eco prize! Good luck 😊

🚶 Walk/Bike/Scoot to School	♻️ No Food Waste at Lunch	🗑️ Pick Up 5 Pieces of Litter
♻️ Sort Recycling at Home	🚿 Shorter Shower (under 5 min)	💡 Turn Off Lights When Not in Use
♻️ Reuse a Water Bottle	🚫 Say No to Single-Use Plastic	🌱 Plant a Seed or Water a Plant
📖 Read a Nature Book or Article	🗣️ Talk to Family About Helping the Planet	🛍️ Use a Reusable Bag for Shopping
📷 Take a Photo of Nature	✂️ Make Something from Recycled Materials	🧺 Help with Laundry Using a Cold Wash



*“The Eco Bingo Challenge was fun and important. I completed 13 challenges from the bingo card. I didn’t waste food and I picked up litter.”
Katia from year 3.*



Sara from year 6 said, *“Community Action Week is important because not only are you doing this for your community but you are also saving our Earth. It is important to do these things in the local community but you should also do it in different areas too. Year 6 did this during their Norfolk residential by; ‘leaving no trace’ when we visited places, and having shorter showers!”*

One parent said that they enjoyed completing the challenges in the community with their daughter and sent lots of photos to show what they had been up to.

This is their photo of the area in the community where they did their litter pick.



Brocklewood Primary



- We moved the planter in F1 garden so that it’s more accessible
- We encouraged children to water the garden and explored lots of mathematical and communication opportunities
- Children investigated the parts of plants and learned the associated vocabulary
- Children added water stations for the bees
- We planted strawberries so that the children will be able to eat what they have grown
- We cleared our planters and tidied round them so classes can plant their seedlings in them



Bulwell St Mary's

We had a very busy week here at BSM, carrying out lots of fun and exciting activities to help and support within our community.

Foundation Stage - collected in toys from home, which have been donated to a local charity shop.

Year 1 and 2 visited St Mary's Church to help litter pick, plant seeds and cleaned inside of the Church.

Year 3 wrote and sent letters to our local businesses to discuss how they could help to look after our community. They also created posters to go up in our local Tesco about what we can do to protect our environment.

Year 4 created posters to go up around school and the community informing everyone how we can protect our precious planet.

Year 5 and 6 organised a book and uniform swap. They worked hard together to make sure the uniform was clean and put into the correct boxes so it was organised and accessible.



Breadsall Hill Top Primary

This year, the school council discussed doing something within our local community for Community Action Week and decided to get the whole school involved in sending some happiness out into the community.

Children from Reception up to Year 6 were asked to draw a picture on a postcard with the message 'A little something to brighten up your day'. These postcards were then distributed to groups and individuals within the local community. The response has been very positive from the children who have made the cards and the people who have received them 😊



Robert Shaw Primary

We kicked community action week off with a big collect act of worship about charity in all of its forms, in the aim of developing that understanding that charity is not only about raising money, but also about giving of oneself.

The children in Y2 and Y3 who are part of our choir visited The Willows – our local day centre. They sang, danced and chatted to the day centre visitors. A great afternoon was had by all.



Throughout the week, every child created a message for our local community, which were then hung around the community close to school. These were special messages to uplift.



Bagthorpe Primary

Let's GLOW! into Action in Our Community – A Day of Giving Back

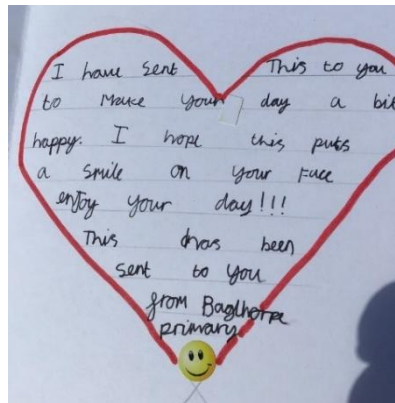


On Friday 6th June, our school proudly took part in Community Action Week with a special day themed **"Let's GLOW! into Action in Our Community."** The day was packed with purposeful activities that brought our school community together to make a real difference.

Pupils, staff, and visiting parents enthusiastically joined in a range of initiatives, including:

- **Creating thoughtful cards** to share messages of kindness and encouragement with members of our community.
- **Litter picking in the local area**, working in partnership with **Ashfield District Council**, who kindly supported us by bringing along their road sweeper to give our efforts an extra boost!
- **Delivering handmade cards** to a nearby residential home, spreading joy and connection to its residents.

The atmosphere was full of energy, teamwork, and pride as everyone got stuck in. It was a fantastic opportunity to show care for our environment and community, and we're incredibly proud of the compassion and commitment shown by our children. A big thank you to the parents who joined us and to Ashfield District Council for their support



Ashbrook Junior

As part of Community Action Week, our school took meaningful steps to support and engage with the local community. Year 3 and 4 pupils created kindness cards, which they handed out to people in Borrowash to brighten their day and spread positivity. Year 5 focused on wildlife care by designing posters to help residents make their gardens more hedgehog friendly. They also installed hedgehog homes around the school grounds to provide a safe space for these important creatures.

Year 6 Eco leaders also played a key role by designing posters to encourage people to put their rubbish in the bin to reduce the amount of litter in the community. These efforts aim to raise awareness of looking after our environment and encourage positive changes in everyday habits. The impact of these actions has been felt throughout the local area—bringing joy to individuals, supporting wildlife, and promoting sustainability.



Holgate Primary

We proudly hosted our annual **Community Action Week**, a heart-warming initiative where every year group took part in meaningful projects to support and uplift our local community.

From our youngest learners to our oldest pupils, everyone played a part:

- **Nursery** led the way in sustainability by hosting a **Toy Swap and Charity Toy Drive**, encouraging families to give pre-loved toys a new home.
- **Year 1 and 2** got their hands dirty for a good cause, creating **bee-friendly planters** that now brighten up our local care home.
- **Year 3** spent a special morning at the care home, sharing stories and smiles with residents and created posters which they put up in our local area to promote the use of bins.
- **Year 4** spread joy and greenery by delivering **seed paper packages** to local residents, promoting eco-friendly gardening.
- **Year 5** championed healthy lifestyles by designing vibrant **Healthy Living posters** for our local GP's office—and even hand-delivered them!
- **Year 6** rolled up their sleeves to help **clean community spaces** at our local church, showing leadership and care in action.
- And across the school, **litter picks** helped keep our neighbourhood clean and green.

Community Action Week is a cherished tradition at Holgate, reminding us all that even small actions can make a big difference. A huge thank you to our pupils, staff, and families for their enthusiasm and support!



Whitegate Primary

During Whitegate Primary School's Community Action Week, our pupils and staff came together to make a positive difference in the local area through a variety of thoughtful and engaging activities. Children took part in litter picking around the community, helping to keep our streets clean and tidy while learning about the importance of environmental responsibility. We also celebrated the pride our neighbours take in their homes by delivering thank-you post cards to local residents who beautifully maintain their gardens. One of the highlights of the week was our lively "Save the Bees" march around Clifton Flower Park, where pupils carried banners and shared messages about the importance of protecting pollinators.



To promote responsible pet ownership, the children designed colourful posters encouraging people to pick up after their dogs, which were displayed around the neighbourhood. We also decorated and placed painted rocks with positive messages in local spots to help boost morale and brighten someone's day. To round off the week, our school choir visited a nearby care home, performing a selection of songs for the residents and creating a heart-warming sense of connection across generations. It's been a wonderful week of giving back, showing kindness, and strengthening our ties with the wider community.



King Edward Primary

We have had a very busy Community action week with lots of events taking place to highlight the importance of one of our core values: Community

During our nature walk, F2 noticed there was a lot of rubbish on the playground and field. We decided we wanted to help make our school a tidier place! We went outside with litter pickers and a big bin bag, ready for our tidy-up mission. Working together, we picked up the rubbish and made a big difference.

Our Year 1s went on a local area visit to St Peters church to form new links with our community. We discussed the different roles of the church and how we are all welcome to visit the church at any time.

Children in Year 2 discussed the importance of recycling in school and created their own recycling station in the classroom



To improve our school environment at breaktimes, Year 3 created a sensory wall and a sound wall on the playground and the school field.

Our year 4s focused on one of the enrichment activities from the school passport and built a bug hotel in the woods. They also created a tally chart of the different animals that were the first to 'check in'.

The children in Year 5 focused on sustainability and created posters that explained different ways they could use less energy.

In Year 6, the children went litter picking in the surrounding area, making sure that Titchfield park was free from litter so that everyone in the community could enjoy it.

A massive thank you to the Transform Central Team who came with spades to help dig out our new digging area as part of our Opal Play offering. The children are going to love digging in there at lunchtimes!

Lawn Primary



At Lawn we invited in some guests to help us explore sustainability in our community and how we could do a little more ourselves to make a difference where we are, in our everyday lives. We have a well-established link with The Derbyshire Wildlife Trust, so we made sure to send out some helpers to work at Allestree Park, the UK's largest council-owned rewilding project, which many of our children visit with their families. The group helped by pulling up the invasive species Himalayan Balsam, allowing the habitat to flourish. Derbyshire Wildlife Trust will be popping back soon to



launch their Green Goals scheme for the whole school to get involved in and to support the school's Eco-Bugs in creating a new wildlife pond.



Local textile artist, Abi Wastie, came into school to help children explore how we can create art using natural materials. Nettles and hawthorn were foraged and then used to dye woollen yarn, which is going to be woven into tapestry by the children during the rest of the half term. She connected the children to their roots in Derby; their care for their home city and its wildlife while exploring art made outdoors.

Edale Rise Primary

Children made eco-sustainable bird feeders in order to support wildlife on the school grounds and in their own gardens.



As we are aiming to a 'bee-friendly school', we have planted bee-friendly seed bombs and made queen bee nests to create bee-friendly habitats in school! Some children from each KS2 class went along to Lindham Community Gardens. They helped plant, tidy and harvest – they got to taste some of their harvest too!



Transform Central Team

We were lucky to receive bids from Edale Rise, Lawn, King Edward and Cantrell, so the central team were spread far and wide! It was a brilliant day and we are really grateful for the support from colleagues in schools who organised the jobs and made sure we were well looked after 😊

We cleared flower beds and dug vegetable patches at Cantrell:



Transform Central Team



At Edale Rise we cleared the pond area and weeded and dug raised beds so they're ready for planting.



At Lawn we sanded and painted furniture, and weeded areas of the playground – it was great to meet Josh and Izzy, Lawn's parliamentarians, who submitted their bid.



At King Edward we were joined by our friends from AIT. Together, we dug out a pond and a pit for children to use at lunchtimes, and we painted lots of fencing!

