



## **Broom Barns Climate and Sustainability Plan 2025 to 2026**

Based on the Hertfordshire sustainability guide, there are 6 key themes,

- Climate change
- Clearer air
- Enhancing nature
- Water
- Energy and emissions
- Waste and recycling

Each term, we will focus on **one core theme** to help our pupils understand the importance of protecting the planet and to build a more **sustainable future for Stevenage**.

### **Autumn Term – Waste and Recycling / Cleaner Air**

We will start the school year by exploring ways to **reduce waste** and **improve air quality** around our schools. Our main focus agreed:

- **Recycling more and wasting less:** Encouraging pupils to recycle correctly and reduce single-use items.
- **Education first:** Teaching both pupils and staff about waste reduction strategies, such as:
  - Using **iPads/Chromebooks** instead of excess paper.
  - Reusing scrap paper where possible.
  - Creating eco-monitors in each class.

These small actions help reduce landfill waste and improve the air we breathe.

Kick-start the Autumn term with a reduce, reuse and recycle campaign.



To book a visit, we will contact the waste education officer, Monika Koziara:

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As a qualified teacher she will teach the pupils the value of reducing waste by reusing and recycling materials.

The visit will include a whole school assembly followed by practical activities for two classes, looking at a range of materials and linking with national curriculum science targets.

### **Spring Term – Enhancing Nature / Cleaner Air**

In spring, we will focus on **enhancing our environment** and preventing pollution. We will launch:

- **The Big Litter Pick:** A whole-school event where pupils and staff will join together to collect litter around the school.
- This will help improve habitats, **reduce pollution**, and inspire pupils to take pride in their school.

More ideas will be explored and discussed in the Spring term with the pupils.

### **Summer Term – Climate Change / Cleaner Air**

To tackle climate change and reduce carbon emissions, our summer focus will be on **greener travel**:

- **Walk to School Week** and beyond: Encouraging walking, scooting, or cycling.
- **Park and Stride:** For families who drive, it was suggested parking a short distance away and walking the rest.
- **Car Sharing:** Family's team up to reduce the number of cars arriving at school.

These efforts aim to cut down **CO<sub>2</sub> emissions**, reduce congestion, and promote healthy lifestyles. We're proud of the positive steps we've taken so far—and we're excited to grow as an **eco-friendly school** towards a more sustainable Stevenage.

