

Planting & Biodiversity Day

Planting & Biodiversity Day reflects our commitment to developing environmentally responsible, motivated and engaged learners who understand the importance of caring for the world around them.

At Aston Rowant School, our Planting & Biodiversity Day was a whole-school enrichment experience designed to deepen pupils' understanding of sustainability, environmental responsibility and care for the natural world.

All pupils across the school took part in the day, ensuring that learning was inclusive, meaningful and relevant for every age group. Through practical, hands-on activities, pupils developed a clear understanding of how biodiversity supports ecosystems and why protecting the environment matters both locally and globally.

Whole-School Engagement

During the day:

- Pupils planted trees, hedges, bulbs and wildflowers across the school grounds
- Each class was responsible for a specific area or planter, giving pupils a sense of ownership and accountability
- Staff supported pupils to discuss plant choices, seasonal changes and the importance of habitats for wildlife

The environment was transformed into a shared learning space, with pupils actively contributing to improving their school surroundings.

Learning in Action

The day provided opportunities for pupils to:

- Apply prior learning from science, geography and PSHE
- Develop teamwork, problem-solving and resilience through outdoor learning
- Ask questions and make predictions about plant growth, insects and wildlife
- Understand how small actions can have a positive environmental impact

Learning was purposeful and rooted in real-world application, strengthening pupils' understanding of sustainability beyond the classroom.

Pupil Responsibility and Ownership

By giving each class responsibility for an area or planter, pupils:

- Developed a strong sense of pride and care in their environment
- Understood the importance of ongoing maintenance and commitment
- Engaged in discussions about how their choices affect the natural world

These areas continue to be revisited, allowing pupils to observe change over time and reinforcing that environmental responsibility is an ongoing commitment, not a one-day event.

Impact on Pupils

As a result of Planting & Biodiversity Day:

- Pupils demonstrate increased awareness of environmental issues
- Children speak confidently about biodiversity and sustainability
- Respect for school grounds and shared spaces has strengthened
- Pupils feel empowered to take positive action to protect the environment

The day contributed strongly to pupils' personal development, supporting responsibility, teamwork and care for the wider world.

This enrichment experience directly supports:

- Personal Development – pupils take responsibility, contribute positively and understand their role in society
- Behaviour and Attitudes – pupils show care for shared spaces and engage purposefully in learning
- Curriculum Intent and Impact – knowledge is applied meaningfully through real-life experiences
- SMSC Development – promoting social responsibility and respect for the environment

