

Family and Community Involvement

At Aston Rowant School, we place a strong emphasis on extending pupils' ecological learning beyond the classroom and into home and family life. Our weekly Eco Newsletter section plays a key role in ensuring that environmental responsibility is shared, celebrated and sustained across our wider school community.

Weekly Eco Newsletter

Each week, pupils contribute directly to a dedicated Eco Warriors section within the school newsletter. This pupil-led initiative allows children to:

- Share updates on whole-school Eco projects and initiatives
- Communicate eco-friendly tips and reminders to families
- Promote positive environmental habits within the home

This regular feature ensures that pupils' learning has a real audience and purpose, strengthening communication skills and reinforcing their role as advocates for sustainability.

Eco Challenge at Home

As part of the newsletter, pupils set a weekly Eco Challenge at Home, encouraging families to:

- Reduce energy usage
- Save water
- Minimise waste

Families are invited to take part over the week, supporting children to apply what they have learned in school to real-life situations. This approach helps pupils understand that small, everyday actions can collectively make a positive environmental impact.

Reflection and Impact

Back in school, pupils:

- Share the results of their Eco Challenge experiences in class
- Reflect on successes and challenges
- Compare strategies and outcomes with peers

These discussions develop pupils' confidence, accountability and reflective skills, while reinforcing key messages about sustainability and shared responsibility.

Impact Beyond the School Gates

This initiative:

- Strengthens partnerships between home and school
- Encourages families to engage actively with environmental learning
- Empowers pupils to take leadership roles within their own households
- Demonstrates meaningful impact beyond the school environment

Pupils speak with confidence about the changes they and their families have made, showing a clear connection between school learning and real-world action.

The weekly Eco Newsletter and Home Challenge contribute directly to:

- Personal Development – pupils demonstrate responsibility, leadership and awareness of global issues
- Behaviour and Attitudes – pupils show commitment to positive habits and community contribution
- Curriculum Impact – knowledge is applied purposefully beyond the classroom
- SMSC Development – pupils understand their role in caring for the wider world