

Community Clean-Up Day

Community Clean-Up Day empowers pupils to act as responsible citizens, showing that small actions can make a meaningful difference.

At Aston Rowant School, our Community Clean-Up Day provides pupils with a meaningful opportunity to take responsibility for their local environment and to develop a strong sense of citizenship and community pride.

On this day, classes and year groups take part in organised litter-picking activities across the school grounds and, where appropriate, the local area. This ensures that all pupils contribute actively to caring for shared spaces and understand the importance of keeping environments safe, clean and welcoming for everyone.

Active Citizenship in Practice

Through Community Clean-Up Day, pupils:

- Work collaboratively to improve their immediate surroundings
- Learn about the impact of litter on wildlife, communities and public spaces
- Develop respect for shared environments
- Take pride in making a visible, positive difference

By engaging in real-world action, pupils understand that citizenship involves responsibility, contribution and care for others.

Learning Beyond the Classroom

The day links closely to learning across the curriculum, including:

- Personal Development and PSHE – understanding roles and responsibilities within a community
- Geography and Environmental Learning – exploring environmental impact and sustainability
- British Values – particularly responsibility, respect and contributing positively to society

Pupils are encouraged to reflect on why littering occurs and discuss how individuals and communities can work together to create change.

Reflection and Impact

Following the clean-up, pupils:

- Share their experiences and observations in class
- Reflect on how their actions benefited the school and wider community
- Discuss ways to maintain clean environments moving forward

Many pupils demonstrate increased care for school grounds and show awareness of their responsibility to protect public spaces.

Impact Beyond the School Gates

Community Clean-Up Day:

- Strengthens pupils' connection to their local area
- Encourages pride in their community
- Reinforces the message that everyone has a role to play in caring for the environment
- Supports positive behaviour and attitudes both in and out of school

This initiative contributes directly to:

- Personal Development – pupils show responsibility, teamwork and social awareness
- Behaviour and Attitudes – pupils demonstrate respect for shared spaces
- Citizenship and SMSC Development – pupils understand how their actions affect others
- School Culture – promoting pride, cooperation and positive contribution