

# ST HELENS ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

## Introduction

Our school is a lovely school. We have a new pond, which is being built. St Helen's has had lots of projects. Such as the meadow, bird tables and bird hideouts are also being built. Other projects are the woods that we planted, allotments for classes and we have also bought an allotment in Lansbury Park. We joined healthy School's in 2004/2005, We joined Eco School's in 2005/2006 and achieved our green flag award in 2008.

Our achievements so far include:

- Ornamental flowerbeds-we had a plant a bush/tree scheme where families came in and planted trees and bushes and had their photos taken.
- Allotments-each year classes grow food on their allotments-in the summer term, this is harvested by the children, cooked by the children and eaten by the children. One day, we even supplied organic potatoes for the school lunchtime.
- Two woods with log circles. This is where we do our Forest School stuff and learn about how we should look after our environment.
- We planted a meadow.
- We have just had a pond put on the school grounds.
- We are having a sensory garden put on our school field.



To achieve all this we have received support from people like Gary Hopkins, Groundwork Caerphilly, and parents of the school, Governors of the school and the Forestry Commission.

We do lots of work in school now on how to look after our planet and ourselves. The school eco motto is "Taking care of our school, Taking care of our world". Each class has its own paper-recycling bin. We are also recycling bottles and food in our composters.

Because we are doing lots more work about looking after the world, we are all thinking a lot more about other things we can do. This year we are trying to save water by having push-taps installed on all sinks.

