



Biodiversity

Outcomes



1. Create a pond on school grounds through a grant application - autumn and summer terms.

 Dorset Gardens Trust Schools Committee

DGT Schools Committee
Grant Application Form
2025

Please use block capitals

Date: 18.12.25

School Name: Manor Park First School

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Head Teacher: Mrs Sterck

Project Teacher: Mrs Sanderson e-mail: e.sanderson@manorpark.wessex.ac

Pupil Age Range: 3-9

Planned project: Please attach to your application form details of your planned project and plans, photographs etc, together with your itemised costs as far as practical and in order of priority. We are particularly interested in knowing how your pupils will be involved or will benefit. Please indicate a timescale for completion of the project. We normally expect evidence that alternative sources of funding have been explored. Follow up visits to the project will be made by your school visitor. Please keep receipts for all expenditure relating to your grant.

Grant Requested:.....
Please specify how any cheque should be made out.....

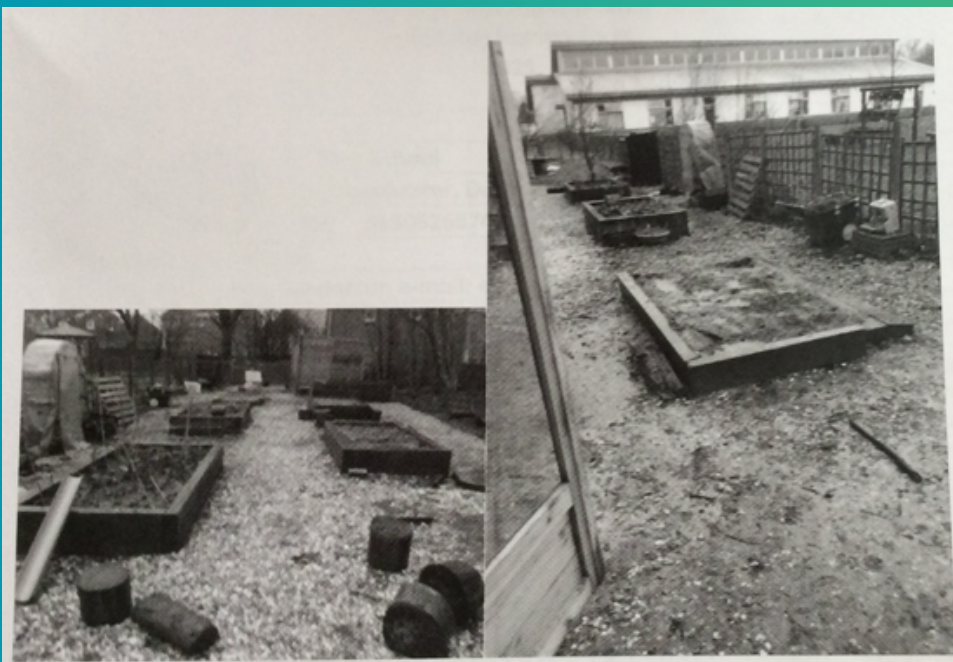
Declaration: Any money received from the Dorset Gardens Trust will be used only for this project.

Signed: Signed:
(Headteacher) Teacher Responsible

Please return the form to your DGT School visitor: Lynne Cove, 1 Herringston Road, Dorchester, DT1 2BS
covekl@hotmail.com

Dorset Garden Trust Schools Chairman: Lynne Cove, as above.

DGT Schools Use:





2. Create bird feeders and bug hotels - spring and summer terms.





3. Participate in the Big Schools' Birdwatch and Big Garden Birdwatch - spring term.

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20th January 2026

Dear Families,

We are excited to share that over the next few weeks, all children at Manor Park First School will be participating in the **Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026**.

As part of this wonderful project, some of our pupils have made bird feeders and we are eager to observe which bird species visit our school grounds. This activity is a fantastic opportunity to connect with nature and learn more about the wildlife around us.

We would also like children to take part in the **Big Garden Birdwatch** at home! You can count the birds you see in your garden or at a local park, helping to contribute valuable information to this nationwide event. Don't forget to send in pictures of you taking part!

For more details and to get involved, please visit the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch page here: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>.

We hope that this shared experience will inspire curiosity and enjoyment of the natural world both in school and at home.

Thank you for your support.

Mr R Martin
Assistant Headteacher

Your how-to-guide and tally chart

Big Garden Birdwatch
23-25 January 2026

Taking part is as easy as 1, 2, 3

- Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 23 and 25 January 2026.**
Use the tally boxes on the next page to count and record the birds you spot. Transfer your count to the results form. This chart shows some birds you might see. You may see others, if so record those on the results form too. Where only one bird is shown on the ID Chart, both male and female birds look similar but are not always identical.
- Following these simple rules makes it easy to count the birds you see.**
Only include birds that land, not those flying over. Count the highest number of each species you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of eight Starlings but then towards the end of your hour you saw six together, record '8' as your final Starling count.
- Go online and tell us what you saw at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch**
Submitting online is quick and easy and it means we can spend more on saving nature as it reduces our costs. Whatever you saw – even if nothing at all – please tell us. The more results we have, the better the picture will be of how garden birds are faring.
If you are unable to submit your results online, please complete and send us the print-from-home form.

Helping you make your Big Garden Birdwatch count

Get involved on our social channels
Throughout the Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend, you can join in the conversation on our social channels. See what other nature lovers are spotting across the UK and you can upload pics and comments about your Birdwatch. Go to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

Get ID tips and expert advice
You'll find lots of advice on identifying birds by sight and sound, as well as expert insights into garden wildlife at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch

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