



Here's the latest eco news!

The eco club and eco committee were busy last year. We made bug hotels to encourage insect wildlife in our school grounds and helped to design new signs for our compost and waste bins. The eco committee came up with some great new initiatives. One was introducing 'bike it bear' to encourage St Mary's children to bike or scoot to school.

This year, we will start 'Bike it Bear' again, but instead of taking the bear home, we will publish the name of the child whose bike has been chosen each week. A tag will be put on a bike or scooter that is at St Mary's during the day and whichever child finds the bear tag on their bike, can drop this back at the school office and their name will then appear in the school newsletter that week.

The committee also had the idea of introducing the image of an eco-friendly class bug to remind us to follow the eco code in our classrooms. The children in each class chose a bug. We decided to run a competition back in February and of course had to put everything on hold. So, picking up where we left off, we would like the children to design a colourful picture of their chosen class bug. The winner from each year group will have their design produced to be used as their class eco bug mascot! So, get creative over the two week half term break and send in your design when you return to school. **The closing date for the competition is Friday 6th November.** Good luck!

Reception	Ladybird
Year 1	Bee
Year 2	Caterpillar
Year 3	Butterfly
Year 4	Dragonfly