

Collective Climate Action Challenge



Stage: **All stages**



Time: **1 hr - 1 month**

Introduction: As part of our Climate Action Month Live Lessons 2026, we invite schools and nurseries from across Scotland to work together to collectively help reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Curricular links

HWB 0-4-12a, MNU 0-02a, SOC 0-4-08a, TCH 0-4-06a

Learning for Sustainability links

Target 2030 4Cs – Culture, Community, Campus

SDGs – Goal 12 (Responsible Consumption and Production), Goal 13 (Climate Action)

UNCRCs – Article 13 (Freedom of Expression), Article 24 (Health, Water, Food and Environment), Article 29 (Aims of Education)

Meta skills – Initiative, Collaborating, Creativity



Introduction

This September, as part of Climate Action Month, we are asking schools and nurseries to take simple actions that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. By working together, we can make a big collective impact and build lasting habits.

Encourage your pupils, families, and wider school community to choose from our list of actions, collect Climate Action Points while reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and **help us beat last year's total of 4659 Climate Action Points**.

Submit your results by the deadline for a chance to win in our prize draw.

Join our assembly on 29 September to celebrate the total greenhouse gas emissions saved and find out who has won our prizes!

Entering the Prize Draw

To enter the prize draw submit your classroom's total Climate Action Points, along with at least one photo of your climate actions, by Tuesday 29 September at 9.30am via our [online form](#).

Prizes: Five winners will receive a £60 adoption pack for an animal of their choosing from either [Scottish Wildlife](#) or [World Wildlife Fund](#).

Winners will be selected by random draw and announced during our Climate Action Week assembly on Tuesday 29 September at 11am.

Thank you to Urban Fox for providing sponsorship for the prizes for this prize draw.

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Collecting Climate Action Points

The aim of the activity is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by doing actions that are climate friendly and gaining as many Climate Action Points as possible.

Share the challenge with your whole school or nursery and your community using our [climate action challenge video](#).

You can modify the climate actions to make them more accessible for participants if needed.

You can keep track of your points by using the table on Page 3 (English) or Page 4 (Gaelic).

Rules for points

1. Points are per person per action.
2. You can only gain points for actions that are different from your normal routine. For example, if you already walk to school, you cannot get points for travelling actively to school.
3. Family, carers, and community members can gain points for your setting by completing the actions.

Climate action points

Category	Climate action	Points per action
Energy	Turn off all non-essential electrical items* for one day	1
	Turn off all hot water taps after use for one day	1
Food	Swap one meat based meal to a meat free option	1
	No food going to waste at the end of a meal	1
Active travel	Walk, scoot or cycle to nursery/school instead of using a car	2
	Use public transport for a journey instead of using a car	1
Reduce waste	Swap or repair an item rather than buying something new	2

*Non-essential electrical items = anything which is turned on when it does not need to be, e.g. smartboard when not in use, lights when classroom not in use / bright outside, TV when not being watched.

Sharing your points total

Submit your results via our [online form](#).

You will be asked to submit contact information and a photo if you want to enter the prize draw.

All settings who submit their points total will be named in our Climate Action Month Assembly on 29 September.

Next steps

Keep up the good work of reducing your greenhouse gas emissions by turning your climate actions into long term habits.

Use your voices to encourage others to join in.

Don't forget that you can add all your actions to your Eco-Schools action plan and count them towards a Green Flag Award application. [Find out more about Eco-Schools on our website](#).

Tally table to record points

Category	Action	Tally for each time action completed	Total points for action
Energy ⚡	Turn off electrical items 💡 ❌		
Energy ⚡	Turn off hot water taps 🚰 ❌		
Food 🍲	Meat free meal 🍖 ❌		
Food 🍲	No food waste after meal 🍲 🚫		
Active travel 🚶	Walk/scoot/cycle to school/nursery 🚶 🚲 🚰 ✅		
Active travel 🚶	Travel via public transport 🚶 🚲 🚰 ✅		
Reduce waste 🚫	Swap or repair ♻️ 🔧		
Total points for your class / school / nursery:			

What good things happened while you were doing your actions?

Tally table to record points - Gaelic

Roinn:	Gnìomh:	Comharra-cunntaidh airson gach gnìomh	Puingean gu h-iomlan airson gach gnìomh
Cumhachd ⚡	Cuir dheth stuth dealain 💡❌		
Cumhachd ⚡	Cuir dheth uisge teth aig an sinc 🚰❌		
Biadh 🍲	Biadh gun fheòil 🍖❌		
Biadh 🍲	Gun sgudal bìdh às dèidh biadh 🗑️🚫		
Siubhal Gnìomhach 🚰	Coisich / rothair (+) 🚲🚶✅		
Siubhal Gnìomhach 🚰	Siubhal air còmhdhail poblach 🚗🚲✅		
Lùghdaich Sgudal 🚫	Atharraich no càirich 🔄🔧		
Puingean gu h-iomlan airson do chlas / sgoil / sgoil-àraich:			

Dè na rudan math a thachair fhad 's a ghabh sibh pàirt sa ghnìomhan?