Vanguard Learning Trust

Environmental sustainability week, November 2026

Vanguard Learning Trust's third environmental sustainability week will take place from Thursday 12th to Wednesday 18th November 2026. The theme for the week is plastic pollution, in particular the environmental impact of single-use plastics and microplastics. There will be a number of Trust-wide and school-based activities, challenges and quizzes for schools to participate in.

Model United Nations events

A new addition to environmental sustainability week this year is the organisation of two Model United Nations (MUN) events where students will be given the opportunity to consider different countries' positions in relation to specific scenarios relating to global debates. The events will take place at Vyners on Thursday 12th November 2026 for Year 12 students and on Friday 13th November 2026 for Year 6 students. The sessions will give students a practical, hands-on experience of debate, lobbying, advisory teamwork, and crisis response.

Trust-led activities

Keynote speaker

Alex Green, Head of Let's Go Zero (click here), is the keynote speaker for the week. She is producing a video based on the week's theme, which will be shown to staff and students; it will also be made available on the Trust's dedicated environmental sustainability week web page (click here). There will also be a new quiz released each day on the Trust's website, one of which will be based on the keynote speaker's video.

Slogan and image competition

Students will be invited to enter a slogan and image competition to help us capture our Trust's commitment to environmental sustainability through words and an image. More information, including how to enter, will be provided the week before. The adjacent image shows the previous winners.



Previous winner and runners up

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School-based activities

The schools will be taking part in a wide range of activities throughout the week. Activities will include a community litter pick which has a focus on single-use plastics, and a range of DT, science and geography lessons based on repurposing single-use plastics; the full list of activities is set out below. Specific information will be shared with the school community in advance of, and during, the week.

Field End's activities	Hermitage's activities
• Community litter pick • Uniform sales • Eco warrior activities • Poster competition • Book swap • DT/science lessons • Assemblies	• Community litter pick • Seed planting • Uniform sales • Poster competition • Book swap • DT/science lessons • Assemblies • Eco squad meeting • Single use plastics art project
Oak Farm's activities	**Ruislip High's activities**
• Seed planting • Uniform sales • Book swap • DT/science lessons • Assemblies	• Community litter pick • Seed planting • Uniform sales • Poster competition • DT/science lessons • Assemblies • Single use plastics art project • South Africa Day Mealtime
Ryefield's activities	**Vyners' activities**
• Community litter pick • Seed planting • Poster competition • DT/science lessons • Assemblies • Eco warrior group activities • Recyclable and single use plastic art project	• Community litter pick • Seed planting • Poster competition • Book swap • Assemblies • Science and geography lessons • Vyners Vinted (ongoing practice at Vyners) • Eco warrior activities (ongoing practice at Vyners) • Meat free Monday (ongoing practice at Vyners)