



High aspirations - Valuing learning – Achievement for all

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Dear Parents,

A note from the RSPB:

*In 2021, more than one million people took part in Big Garden Birdwatch, all coming together to look out for birds. Why not join in and be one in a million for 2022? Shockingly, we've lost 38 million birds from UK skies in the last 50 years, so it really is vital we do all we can to look after our birdlife. As a conservation charity, we depend on your support to save nature and to look after places where wildlife can thrive. By taking part in Big Garden Birdwatch, you can also make a difference. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts!*

We would like to encourage children to take part in the RSPB 'Big Garden Birdwatch' which is taking place from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of January until Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. This contributes to our goal of becoming an eco-school in supporting the wildlife within our community and ensure that they are thriving. This is a great opportunity to enjoy time in nature and you never know what you might see! From chirpy sparrows to sprightly robins, it would be amazing to notice the wildlife around us.

How to take part:

Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between the 28<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2022. It is important to only include the birds that land, not birds flying overhead. Count the highest number of each bird species that you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of four starlings, and towards the end of the hour you saw two starlings together, please write four as your final count.

Once you have finished go to [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) to report what you have seen. Whatever you've seen – even if nothing at all – please let the RSPB know! The more people that submit their findings, the better the picture we will have of how garden birds are faring. If you are unable to complete the form online, please fill in the form overleaf and bring it into school.

Get 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 [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

Yours faithfully

Gemma Billitteri  
Eco-schools coordinator



Chaffinch



Female

Male



Long-tailed tit



Coal tit



Collared dove



Goldfinch



Blue tit



Great tit



Greenfinch



Dunnock



Female



Male

House sparrow



Robin



Starling



Magpie



Male



Blackbird



Female

Woodpigeon



These are some of the birds that you might see. You can use the tally to help you count. You'll find lots of tips on identifying birds as well as their calls at [rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](https://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch)

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