

12 March 2026

### Eco Week – 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to inform you about the upcoming Eco Week at Roundwood Park School, which will take place from **16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**. This year, the theme of Eco Week is “**small difference, big change**”, focusing on how small changes in our daily habits can have a positive impact on sustainability at school and beyond. We have a variety of events planned to engage students, raise awareness of environmental issues, and promote sustainable choices, including our ‘**A Day in the Dark**’ initiative.

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March we will hold ‘**A Day in the Dark**’ and we would be grateful if parents could support this initiative by making a monetary donation through ParentPay. The funds raised will go to **National Energy Action (NEA)**. NEA is a charity working to end fuel poverty in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. Payments can be made online anytime from today and any donation will be gratefully received.

During ‘**A Day in the Dark**’ all lessons will be taught with minimal use of energy where possible. This will include:


- Trying to keep lights off and blinds open to bring in as much natural light as possible (of course, if it is too dark for students to work properly, lights will be on).
- We will be trying to conduct as many lessons as possible using handouts/white boards, to avoid using computers, projectors and Chromebooks as much as possible (we won't be completely banning the use of electronics, if they are needed for a lesson they will be used).

Below is a summary of the other activities/events taking place during Eco Week:

- **Fairtrade Pancake Sale** – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March (break time, under the canopy). *A chance to enjoy delicious pancakes with Fairtrade chocolate and fruit while supporting sustainable food choices.*
- **Art Competition** – (entries must be submitted by **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April** to the Art department).  
*Theme: Endangered species (open to all creative mediums).*
- **Creative Writing Competition** – (entries must be submitted by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March** to HU9).  
*Theme: ‘Letters to the future’.*
- **Debate Club** – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March (lunchtime, in the Library).  
*Topic: “Does the energy demand of AI outweigh its climate monitoring benefits”. Open to all students, see the English department on Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> March to be in the debate or come and watch).*


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We greatly appreciate your support in making Eco Week a success. Your involvement helps to promote important environmental issues and encourages our students to engage in sustainable practices.

Thank you for your time and support!

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Ms S Mooney

**Head of Geography**