



Bagthorpe Primary School

The **Let's GLOW!** Project at Bagthorpe



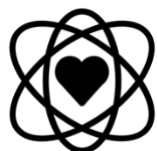
Overview and Purpose

The Let's GLOW! initiative at Bagthorpe Primary School is a distinctive and much-anticipated element of our school calendar, designed to **strengthen relationships** between children, parents/carers, and staff. Initiated in June 2008 for World Environment Day, the programme has developed into a series of **termly events** that have become a **cornerstone of community engagement**. These **themed days** encourage participation and collaboration, providing a platform for **families and staff** to interact meaningfully. Over 40 Let's GLOW! Days have now been held, with topics ranging from environmental awareness to cultural celebration, each promoting the school's Core Values and enhancing the school community's sense of togetherness.



Building Relationships ...

The primary goal of Let's GLOW! is to **foster strong relationships** between parents, children, and school staff. These events, always well-attended and highly popular, allow for an informal and enjoyable environment where families can participate in school life, often **working alongside their children**. Through shared activities and interactive sessions, parents gain a deeper understanding of their children's school experiences while also building a stronger connection with teachers. This initiative not only brings families closer but also **strengthens the sense of community** within the school. It helps fulfil one of Bagthorpe Primary School's key aims: to make the school a place where everyone **learns, grows**, and works together to **achieve** their best.



...with our Core Values at the Heart

At the core of the Let's GLOW! initiative are Bagthorpe Primary's seven **Core Values**: moral purpose, humility, compassion, integrity, accountability, courage, and determination. These values are woven into every aspect of the Let's GLOW! Days and the wider project. For example, a **Let's GLOW! Caring & Sharing** day would emphasise **compassion**, teaching children the importance of **kindness** and **helping others**. The theme of 'humility' can be seen in how children are encouraged to **work together, supporting one another** in achieving common goals without seeking personal recognition. Through these values, Let's GLOW! helps to nurture children's **confidence, independence and resilience**, to shape responsible and **empathetic young citizens**.



Let's GLOW! Day Themes and Outdoor Learning

Every Let's GLOW! Day revolves around a specific theme, many of which highlight **important issues in contemporary education and society**. These range from **Let's GLOW! Safely**, which focuses on safety awareness, to **Let's GLOW! BIOBLITZ**, promoting environmental conservation and biodiversity. Other themes like **Let's GLOW! Caring & Sharing** emphasised social values, while **Let's GLOW! Whatever the Weather** helped them to explore **scientific concepts** through meteorological activities. Teachers are given creative freedom to incorporate the outdoors into their lesson plans, helping children to develop **critical thinking, teamwork and problem-solving skills** in an outdoors setting. Let's GLOW! has been pivotal in embedding outdoor learning and personal development into the school's daily activities.



A Community Effort: Pulling Together

The initiative's success stems from the involvement of **dedicated volunteers, staff, and community members**, often **parents**, who have helped to **sustain the project** through their time, effort, and expertise. The school's outdoor facilities, including gardens, sensory areas, and woodland spaces, have been developed and maintained through **community effort**, ensuring that children have access to high-quality outdoor learning environments.



Connecting Families and the School Community

Since its introduction, Let's GLOW! has become a **cherished tradition** at Bagthorpe Primary School. Its success lies not only in its educational benefits but also in its ability to bring families together and create a **supportive, engaged school community**.



Building Bridges

These days are a key element in the school's bridge-building efforts with parents and carers, fostering a **positive, collaborative environment** where parents feel more connected to their children's educational journey. By offering **opportunities for parents to be actively involved** in themed activities, Let's GLOW! Days contribute to building stronger, more trusting relationships between families and school staff, **enriching the school's overall ethos**.



Recognition and Awards

The success of Let's GLOW! has been widely recognised, and has included various awards including the **Education and Environment Green Guardians Award**, and has featured on the **BBC Breathing Spaces** website as well as being a catalyst for the **Eco Schools Green Flag** award.



Sharing Best Practice

Looking ahead – and outward, Bagthorpe Primary School is **committed to sharing** the success of Let's GLOW! with other schools. Over the years we have **created opportunities** and **inspired similar outdoor learning initiatives** in other schools, encouraging them to adopt and adapt the methodologies used at Bagthorpe. Our ambition to continue this through collaboration and provision of training and resources is strengthened as we join Transform Trust.



