

National conservation education awards 2025

OUTSTANDING CONSERVATION SCHOOL

Are you proud of the way your school has sparked a passion for wildlife and conservation in your pupils? Have you been working with the local community to create a culture of conservation? Do all your children love coming to school? Have you changed your curriculum to put the conservation of nature and our planet at its heart? *Tell us your story.*

Award criteria: In order to be nominated for Outstanding Conservation School we would expect nominated schools to meet most or all of the following criteria:

- Motivates students to learn and facilitates in-depth conservation education learning
- Develops meaningful and innovative conservation infused curricula
- Uses novel or innovative teaching methods to communicate conservation issue
- Demonstrates depth of knowledge in and commitment to conservation education
- Displays a genuine interest in empowering their school and community to take action
- Works with their local community to develop a culture of conservation
- Work with business and school suppliers to audit their supply chain
- Takes steps and actions which might include creating wildlife habitats, removing singleuse plastics and using deforestation free commodities

Nomination process: The processes of nomination or recognition for the Outstanding Conservation School award will be made up of a completed nomination form from one or a combination of the following:

- An individual student
- A class of students
- A staff member from the school
- A member of the community
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Completed nomination forms and any supporting evidence should be submitted by email to learning@chesterzoo.org by midnight on Sunday 4th May.

What we want to see?

Please describe how the nominated school meets the awards criteria. Talk about the impact the school has had on pupils, the community and for conservation. Supporting evidence is great, we love to see pictures and videos. There is no right or wrong way to make a nomination, we want to celebrate all the high quality conservation education that goes on in schools.

Selection process: Nominations will be reviewed by our Chester Zoo Conservation Education and Engagement Team. Representatives for shortlisted nominees will be invited to a celebration evening hosted at Chester Zoo on Thursday 10th July.

