



CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

This is to certify that
**St Peter's Church of England Voluntary Aided
Primary School, South Weald**
has achieved

Level Three

in the

RHS School Gardening Awards

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RHS School Gardening Awards Level 3



Your current
**School Gardening
Awards**
Level

Tell us why you decided to undertake this activity / mini project.

We grew plants we could eat. The beds were poor in nutrients so a farmer donated a ton of manure, which we dug into the beds. We chose to grow: tomatoes, runner beans, strawberries, sweet corn, butter nut squash and courgettes. We loved watering, weeding, watching, harvesting and eating them!

Describe what new knowledge and / or skills the young people learned.

We learnt :

- The importance of adding nutrients to the soil. Manure is perfect for this and comes from horses!

-How to dig manure in.

- That different plants need different things to grow well and even need to be grown differently, e.g. sweetcorn in blocks, runner beans up canes, tomatoes in full sun.

- Techniques for weeding

- The importance of collecting rain water and using this to water.

- How and when to harvest (our squashes are still growing).

- How to cook the food we have grown.

Outline your future plans in this area.

Next year:

- We would like to have a bed to grow flowers in so there are more flowers for insects and bees. We are planning to plant other bare spaces around the school.

- The gardeners would like to have days when younger children can come to Gardening Club so they can teach them how to be great gardeners too!

- We'd like to start composting the fruit from break time so this can be used to enrich the soil.

- We'd also like to set up more water butts and investigate veg that need less water.

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These are our raised beds. They contain beetroot, lettuce, sweetcorn and runner beans.

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We were very proud of our sweetcorn, as none of us had grown sweetcorn before! They looked amazing and tasted delicious

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We enjoyed harvesting the vegetables and sharing them between us. Some of us tasted runner beans for the first time!

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Our butter nut squash are nearly ready. Steph, the school's cook, is going to make a vegetable curry with them.