Our School's Climate Action Quest

Our Lady’s Catholic Primary School Guardians of Creation Plan (Years 1-3)

Our School's Promise: We believe that God created our wonderful world, and it is our job to be the very best "Guardians of Creation." We promise to look after our Earth, just as Pope Francis asked us to in *Laudato Si'*.

Our Team: The **Nature Pupil Leaders** (Guardians of Creation team) will lead the way!

QUEST 1: The Energy Detectives (Saving Power and Water)

Our Mission: To shrink our school's "carbon footprint" (the measure of our impact) by being super-efficient with the resources we use.

Our Challenge Area	What We Will Do (Focus from September 2027)	The Superpower We Need
Energy	Launch the **"Switch Off Superstars"** campaign! We will check that all lights, computers, and chargers are turned off when we leave the room.	**The Power of Observation!** (Checking every corner).
Water	Find and fix any leaky taps that go "drip, drip, drip" (a small leak wastes hundreds of litres!). We will use special "hippos" in the toilets to save water.	**The Power of Repair!** (Making sure water is not wasted).
Waste	Do a **"Trash Treasure Hunt"** (a waste audit) to see what we throw away most. We will learn to put food scraps in a compost bin and paper in the paper bin.	**The Power of the 5 Rs:** Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose & Recycle!

QUEST 2: The Green Travelers (Active Journey Challenge)

Our Mission: To travel to school in ways that are healthy, fun, and don't make air pollution near our school gates.

Our Challenge Area	What We Will Do (Focus for Term 1)	The Superpower We Need
Cycling	Older children (Year 6) will get **Bikeability** training so they can ride safely on the roads. We will make sure we have safe places to store our bikes and scooters.	**The Power of Safety!** (Learning the rules of the road).

QUEST 3: The Nature Heroes (Protecting Our School Grounds)

Our Mission: To turn our school playground and field into a home for local wildlife, helping the animals and plants in Dartford.

Our Challenge Area	What We Will Do (Focus from Term 4 2026/27)	The Superpower We Need
Wildlife Homes	We will find spots in our playground to plant **wildflowers** that bees and butterflies love. We will build bug hotels and put up bird feeders. Create posters of bug, flowers etc… Food chains around the bug hotel.	**The Power of Hosting!** (Making habitats for creatures).
Outdoor Learning	Every class will spend more time learning *outside*—not just in the classroom!	**The Power of Exploration!** (Learning about nature first hand).
Adopt a Plant	Each class will adopt a plant. We will watch it grow and see how it helps the planet breathe. Each class to choose a vegetable/fruit to grow – nature leaders of that class will be responsible for the care of that plant.	**The Power of Patience!** (Nurturing growth over time).

QUEST 4: The Earth Teachers (Learning and Sharing)

Our Mission: To make sure everyone—children, staff, and families—understands what climate change is and how we can bring hope, not worry.

Our Challenge Area	What We Will Do (Focus from September 2026)	The Superpower We Need
Classroom Learning	RE & Art leaders to work with nature leaders to create peace huts for each day of the creation story.	**The Power of Knowledge!** (Understanding our world).
Church Link	We will use **Mass and prayer time** to thank God for the beautiful world God gave us and pray for people who are affected by climate change.	**The Power of Prayer!** (Connecting our faith to our actions).
Checking Our Work	We will have a **Climate Check-In** to discuss next steps.	**The Power of Review!** (Seeing how far we have come).