

# BOURNE ABBEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch is upon us! This is an excellent opportunity to take some time out of your day to watch the wildlife visiting your garden and to provide valuable data in the country's largest citizen science project! This event links into our Eco-School initiative and the topic of Biodiversity. All you need to do is to spend a little time at your window or outside and make notes of what types of birds you see during that time. This year the birdwatch is happening on **29<sup>th</sup> - 31st January**. The following website link:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/getinvolved/activities/birdwatch/>

provides information about ideas and resources you might like to use. Each year more than half a million people take part and it provides a unique way to find out about the bird species visiting the UK. The RSPB then use this data to calculate the overall trend of species. The UK top ten for 2020 were: house sparrow, starling, blue tit, woodpigeon, blackbird, goldfinch, great tit, robin, long-tailed tit and magpie. We wonder what you will spot?

How can you attract birds into your garden? It is amazing how quickly garden birds find your garden when you leave out tasty foods for them. There are a variety of seeds, nuts and fat balls for birds that you can buy or make to put in a feeder to attract hungry birds in your garden. You can also make use of your leftover kitchen scraps such as: fruits, grated cheese, oats and sultanas. However, avoid meats and processed foods as these are not healthy choices for birds.

Please remember birds need to drink too, even in cold weather, so make sure there is a fresh supply of rainwater to keep them hydrated.

Have fun and happy counting.

Yours sincerely

Miss Green and Miss Worrall