

School Grants Update Summer 2024

With summer on its way, here are some grants for outdoor and environmental opportunities and adventures.

Funder	Grant value	Next deadline	Further information
The British Bee Charity	Fully-funded beekeeping equipment and resources	Ongoing	If your school has a secure, safe area to locate a working beehive, you can apply to the Bees4Schools initiative. You will be provided with a beehive, colony of bees, beekeeping suits and equipment. In addition, junior schools can apply for an educational pack of wildflower seed bombs and classroom resources. Apply at britishbeecharity.com
The Outdoor Guide Foundation	Free outdoor clothing kits	Ongoing	The foundation's aim is to make the outdoors accessible for all - especially children. To enable primary schools to get pupils exploring and learning outside in all weathers, it can provide a set of ten pairs of wellies, waterproof trousers and jackets to those who apply. Visit theoutdoorguidefoundation.org
Ernest Cook Trust	£500 for primary and special schools and £1,000 for secondary schools	Check the website, as the grant closes and then reopens from time to time	The foundation's focus is to encourage young people to learn from the land through hands-on outdoor opportunities. Its Outdoor Essentials grant offers funding for school grounds improvements, transportation costs for taking pupils to outdoor learning venues, or outdoor clothing to enable learning outdoors. Grants are sometimes geographically limited, so check the website at ernestcooktrust.org.uk
Sea-Changers	Small grants up to £500 and main grants from £500 to £2,500	Main deadlines are 31 March and 30 September. Small grants are reviewed regularly	Projects that increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation are eligible for funding. This could include direct action, such as carrying out a beach-cleaning project, education, outreach or research initiatives. Applications from charities and schools will be considered. For application forms and further information go to sea-changers.org.uk/how-to-apply
Evolve Advice	Up to £500	Application window opens in February and closes at the end of June	The Get Out! Grant from Evolve Advice offers UK primary and secondary schools funding to help get pupils learning outdoors. The grant money can be used to purchase equipment, for specialist training, travel or other resources related to outdoor learning. For more information and how to apply, visit evolveadvice.co.uk/grants
The Linnean Society of London	Up to £1,000	Funding window opens in August with a deadline in October	The Linnean Society's Local Nature Grants allow young people to take the lead on projects involving local nature and natural spaces. School staff or student groups in the UK can apply. Typical projects include: running a school festival about nature; painting community murals showcasing biodiversity; building a community garden; creating a nature walk; hiring a speaker to come and talk about local foraging. linnean.org/the-society/medals-awards-prizes-grants/our-local-nature-grants