



West Barns Young Volunteers Award 2023

Recognising effective contributors, responsible citizens, successful learners and confident individuals through wider achievement in our school and our wider community.



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At West Barns Primary School we want to ensure we recognise and provide opportunities for all our children and young people to achieve in lots of different ways. We also want to protect our environment and make sure we pass our school and grounds on well-kept and better than when we found it to the next generation.

Our vision is based on our first school value of **kindness** and on the Greta Thunberg quote ...



**You are never too small
to make a difference.**

—*Greta Thunberg*

Our wider achievement volunteer award recognises children's contributions both to the life of the school and our wider community.

Each child can aim for a level of recognition in an area of volunteering in school – dinner hall, library and the garden or out of school in the wider community.

The Bronze award is achievable during P1-3, the Silver award in P2-5 and the Gold Award in P4-7.

To qualify children should use their own time (during break, lunch or after school) and ensure a relevant adult is keeping a track of the hours and type of volunteering activity.

Bronze **10 hours**

Silver **25 hours**

Gold **50 hours**

Frequently Asked Questions

How does my contribution get recognised?

Every child in school will receive a volunteer award passport at the start of the new session in August and can work towards the awards below.

Certificates are awarded when hours are completed.

Bronze Award 10 hours



Silver Award 25 hours



Gold Award 50 hours



What types of activities count?

Activities which help others, contribute to improving the area around us, and are undertaken in a child's free time can count – examples include

- Litter picking,
- Gardening,
- Library and lunch hall volunteering,
- Reading to a younger child.

What do you mean by free time?

Break time, lunch time, after school.

I have completed 10, 25 or 50 hours of volunteering – what do I do now?

Well done and please keep volunteering – your contribution makes a difference! We will present certificate awards at assembly as children reach the Bronze, Silver and Gold milestones. You will then move onto the next level!

I am at nursery – can I take part?

Yes all nursery children take part in a group volunteer challenge award and receive the West Barns Ducklings Gold Volunteer Award

Once you are twelve years old, you may want to think of moving onto [The Saltire Awards](#), a nationally recognised Scottish volunteering award.