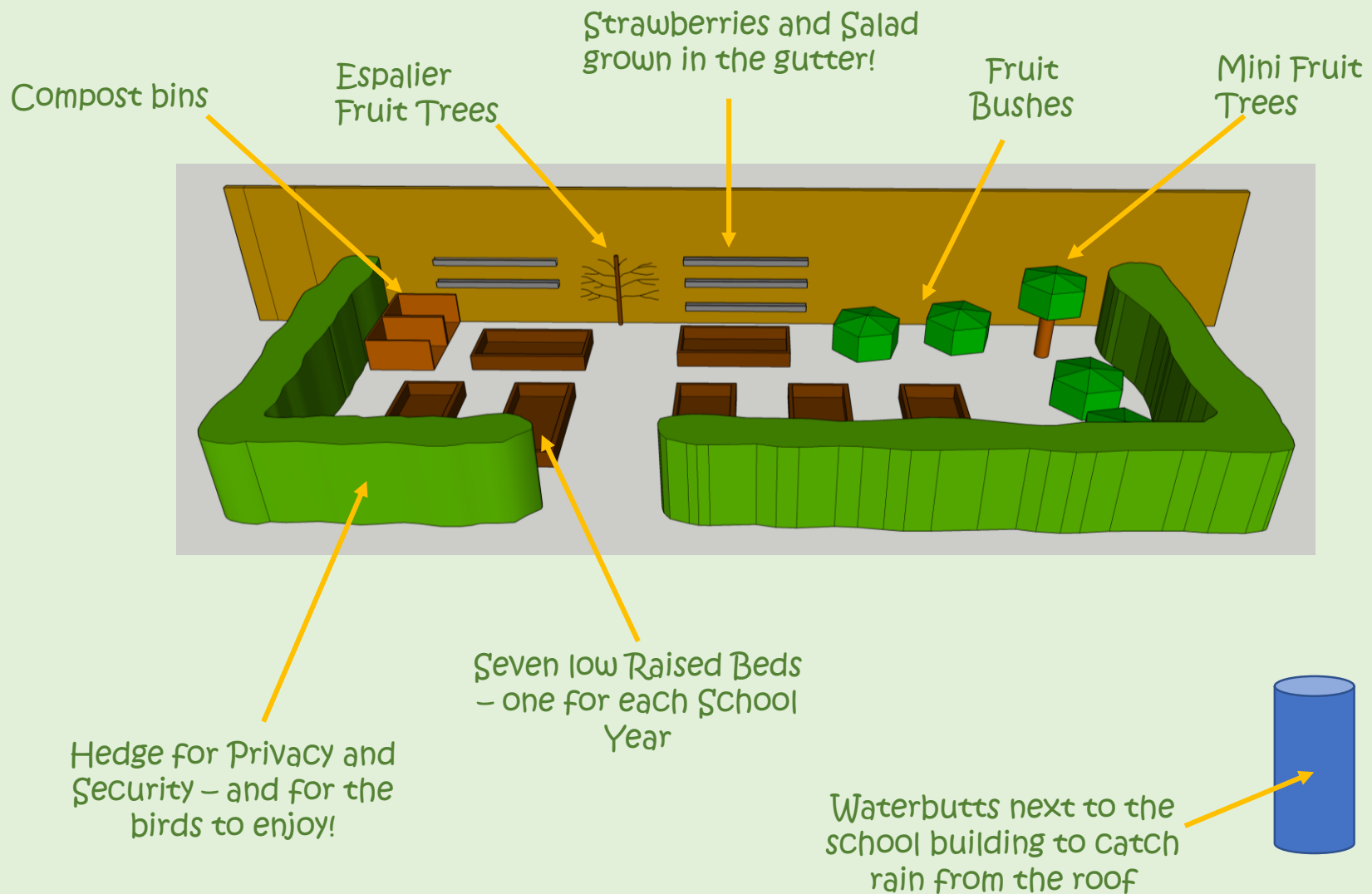


# St Bridget's School Garden



# Future Additions



## School Orchard

The WI are planting a Damson Tree on April 15th on the school field. This will be the start of the school Orchard where we'll be planting apples, pears, plums and anything else the children fancy.

## Recycled Greenhouse

Using plastic bottles, timber and a few other items we'll build our own greenhouse where we'll be able to start seedlings, grow tender plants and perhaps even try some non-native ones!



# 2019 Events Calendar

## Activities

March/ April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Digging and Building the Infrastructure</li> </ul> <p>Class activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sowing Seeds</li> <li>• Planting</li> <li>• Watering</li> <li>• Protecting young plants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintaining the Hedges</li> </ul> <p>Class Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tending the Plants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turning the Compost</li> </ul> <p>Class Activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tending the Plants</li> <li>• FIRST HARVEST</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance during School holidays</li> <li>• Harvesting and arranging storage of long store veg/fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance during school holidays</li> <li>• Harvesting and arranging storage of long store veg/fruit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance jobs</li> </ul> <p>Class Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sowing Winter crops</li> <li>• Harvesting</li> </ul>	• tbc	• tbc	• tbc

## Key Dates

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30/31 March – The Big Dig</li> <li>• 13 April – Construction Weekend (TBC)</li> <li>• 15 April – The Orchard gets it's first tree</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May – Garden Club Starts (day/time tbc)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer BBQ. Come and taste the salads and vegetables that the children have grown!</li> </ul>	• tbc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Garden Sale. Come and buy fruit and veg (TBC)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to school feast (tbc)</li> </ul>	• tbc	• tbc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Fair Winter veggies sale (tbc)</li> </ul>
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# How to Get Involved

In order for the garden to be a success it needs careful annual and ongoing planning, commitment to ensure long term sustainability and to maintain the enthusiasm of our children. This project will require support from people with all different interests and different availability. The garden is intended as a permanent installation that many years of children can enjoy and contribute to.

To that end below is a list of the immediate roles along with brief responsibilities. If any of these jobs look of interest to you please get in touch [stbridgetsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:stbridgetsgardenclub@gmail.com)

Role	Responsibilities	Min Req	Current
Garden Manager	Planning garden infrastructure, defining required supplies, creating maintenance rotas, sowing and planting arrangements, maintenance	3	1
Maintenance Rota	Weeding, tidying, tending the plants (watering, pruning)	4*	
Trainer	Teacher children and teacher about growing, sustainability, different types of produce and how to use it, environment and other related topics.	2	**
Garden Club	Meet on a regular basis to undertake maintenance duties, harvest produce and decide how best to use it,	4	
Ad Hoc Jobs	From time to time we'll hold a weekend dig session where anyone can pop along for whatever time they can spare to do a bit of weeding, mending, building, digging.... We'll also post a list of jobs in our Garden Box so if you find yourself with a free 20 minutes you can pop along and tick off one of the jobs.		
Bursar	Keeping track of supplies, purchases and overall budget. Liaising with school for purchases.	1	
PR/Marketing	Raise awareness of the initiative. Build relationships with local businesses and source supplies.	1	1

\* Ideally Staff/Pupils

\*\* We've had volunteers from Newton Allotment Society who are interested in providing support.

# More Facts

## Ethos

Focus on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle:

- All our supplies will be sustainably sourced.
- We will make the most of discarded plastic and cardboard for growing seeds and small plants
- We will make our own compost

## Think Big!

Members of the RHS Campaign for School Gardening:

- 5 Level Gardening Award Scheme
- Garden Competitions
  - Tatton School Gardens
  - RHS School Gardeners of the Year
  - Other one-off competitions

## Contributors

We've had an overwhelming response from the community with offers of help and support.

- Huge thanks to [Hire and Buy](#) for loaning us a rotavator to clear the ground

## Other Resources

- Newton Allotment Society have offered advice, training and possible donation.
- We're reaching out to local businesses who might be interested in providing a little support
- Potential for government/local council grants and even support from water companies focused on reducing usage.