

Orchards for Schools

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FREE

This winter only, local variety fruit trees for primary schools in Bedfordshire, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire

Your school can have
up to 6 fruit trees
chosen from nearly 250 local
apple, pear, plum and cherry
varieties

tree planting kits
guides to planting and
caring for your trees and
your chosen varieties



Plus
curriculum-linked
teaching
materials
to help you
get the most
from your new
mini-orchard



Why have a school orchard?

Fruit trees offer many benefits to schools, providing a teaching resource, fruit for eating and cooking, and benefits to local wildlife. Planting local variety trees in your orchard gives the added benefit of local significance, so increasing their educational value. Your school will also be helping to save these local varieties for the future.

How to get free local variety fruit trees for your primary school

E-mail us at orchardsforschools@gmail.com and we'll send you your county list of fruit varieties. You can choose up to 6 from that list, or go to our website for other county lists. We can advise you on your selection, or choose your trees for you - let us know if you'd like us to do this.

The trees will grow to between 3 and 4 metres high, and about the same in width, so make sure you allow enough space for them to grow, and to manage the ground between them. If you don't have much space, they can be grown as cordons or espaliers, against a wall of fence - ask us if you'd like to know more about doing this.

Let us know by the end of December if you'd like to receive trees. They'll be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, so make sure you don't miss out.

Delivery of trees, planting packs and care guides

We send out the trees when they are dormant, from January until the end of March, with all you need to plant them (except the spade and hammer), plus instructions on how to do it. We will let you know when to expect them. If you'd like to arrange a planting event, just let us know the date and we'll deliver for that.

Teaching materials

Our tailor-made, curriculum-linked teaching materials will be available to download in spring 2018, offering a range of fruit tree and fruit-related activities.



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