

Tomorrow's Climate Scientists – Community Science Project

Royal Society Science Community Programme 2026 to 2029

A three-year programme for primary schools. Work with your class and a STEM professional from a Sheffield University or industry to plan and run practical climate change and sustainability investigations in curriculum time.

Who: Primary school teachers in South Yorkshire, with places for 25 schools

Suggested investigation themes: Air quality, renewable energy, energy efficiency of school buildings, flood risk and sustainable drainage (SuDS), and biodiversity in school grounds

How it works

- **One investigation a year** for three years, run with a class over about half a term (roughly 6 weeks)
- **Three in-school visits** from your STEM professional each year: launch, mid-point and celebration
- Short virtual check-ins and feedback between visits
- Pick a different theme each year, or repeat one that worked well
- **Programme starts: Online kick off session – Tuesday 12 January 2027, first CPD sessions - Wednesday 27 January or Monday 1 February 2027**

CPD and support

- **Year 1:** onboarding CPD and joint planning workshops with your STEM professional
- **Carbon Literacy training (optional)** for school staff, with accredited certification – *up to 2-3 school staff per year*
- **Years 2 and 3:** refresher sessions, cross-school network meetings and mentoring
- **Shared resources, templates and celebration events** with other schools
- **Help to apply for a Royal Society Partnership Grant** – up to £3000

Your school receives

- **£700 of investigation equipment** (e.g. air quality sensors, infra-red camera adapters, renewable energy kits)
- **£1,425** towards supply cover and travel over the three years
- A DBS-checked STEM professional matched to your chosen theme

Your school commits to

- Taking part across all three years, with senior leader support
- A member of staff attending CPD and network sessions
- Running the investigation in curriculum time each year
- Taking part in surveys and evaluation

If we have more interest than places, we will prioritise schools with higher proportions of pupils eligible for free school meals, with SEND or EAL, and schools with less access to STEM enrichment.

Deadline to register interest: Friday 6 November 2026

Register your interest: [Tomorrow's Climate Scientists](#)
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Support



3 years

25 schools

5 themes



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