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Wildlife
Trusts

100th Birthday Celebration Assembly Pack

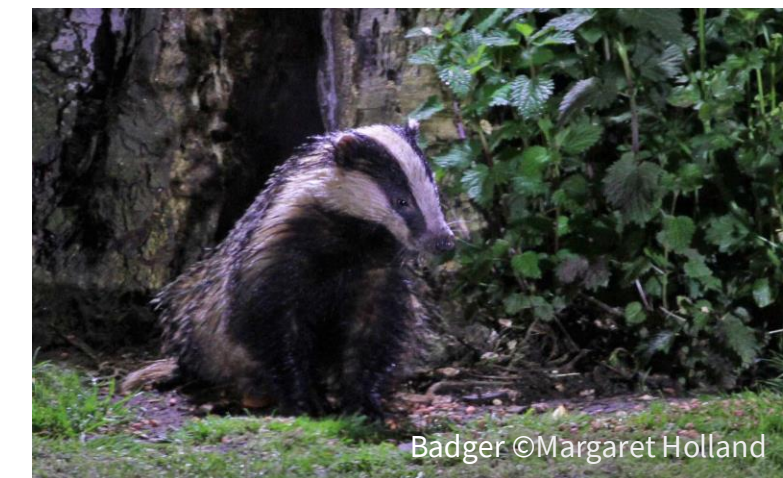
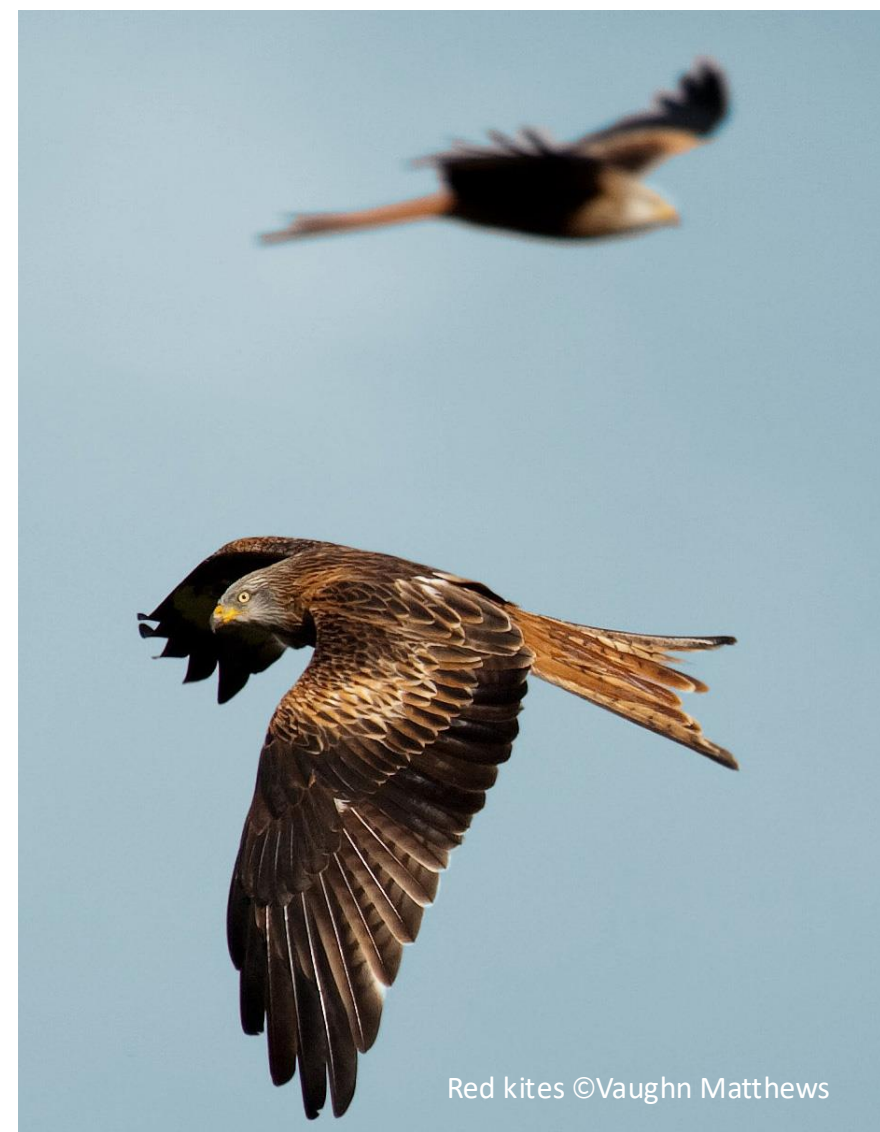


- This pack includes slides, a script and links to The Wildlife Trusts 100th Birthday competition.
- The script is included in the notes and has also been sent as a separate PDF document. The pack is designed to be used to celebrate Sir David's 100th Birthday. It does not have to be used on his birthday but close to it would be helpful.



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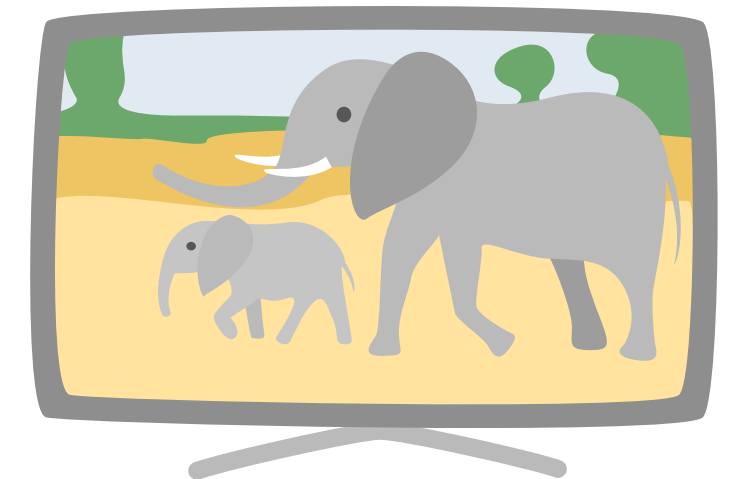
Let's take action for nature!





Some clues to help...

- They are a naturalist.
- They are known for their television documentaries.
- They love to explore different countries.
- They make documentaries about wildlife and plants all over the world.
- They encourage us to make positive changes for the natural world.





Sir David Attenborough
is 100!

Friday 8th May 2026.

In our assembly today we are learning about:

- The life and work of Sir David Attenborough.
- Why his message is important.
- Green Promise competition to honour Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday.

This assembly links to the values of

Wisdom

Courage

Hope



David Attenborough was born on the 8th May 1926 in London.

He grew up in Leicestershire, with his mother, father and two brothers.

David loved to explore the countryside on his bike.

Hunted for newts for the Zoology department at the University where his Dad worked.

He particularly liked to hunt for fossils.



Sir David Attenborough's career:

- Studied natural sciences at Cambridge University.
- Completed national service in the Royal Navy.
- Producer for the BBC.
- Began to make natural history programmes.
- Zoo Quest – this was the start of his natural history documentaries.
- Career has spanned 70 years – has made over 100 documentaries (producer, presenter, writer, narrator) focused on natural history, wildlife and cultures of different countries.
- Written 29 books.
- Sir David Attenborough has connected millions of people to nature – shown them wildlife and places they may never expect to see.



Over time, David noticed several things and became very concerned...

- The amount of wild space has become much less.
- More animals are in danger of extinction as their habitats are being taken over by humans.
- There is more carbon being released into the atmosphere through the way we live our lives.
- The earth is becoming warmer and heating up which is causing more extreme weather events and patterns.

David realised...

“What’s
happens
next... is up
to us”





We must rewild the world. If we act now, we can yet put it right

We will have to use new ways to get the energy we need – from the sun, the wind and our powerful rivers and tides."

There is hope, that if we work together and act for nature, we can heal the planet.



If we have no fishing zones in the oceans, sea life will have time to recover and grow."

If we eat less meat, there will be more land for wild places."

We need our forests to clean the air and provide a home to more wild animals.

Green Promise Competition

Commit to positive, practical action for nature to celebrate Sir David's centenary

Create a **short action plan** outlining your Green Promise. This should clearly explain:

- what the promise is,
- why it is important, and
- how you plan to deliver it.

Action plans need to ...

- Explain how nature is protected or helped
- Involve a community of people
- Help build a meaningful connection with nature.

Action plans need to be presented creatively – they could be a short film, photo board, comic strip, leaflet or similar.



Entries will be judged on:

- the sustainability of the promise (can it continue over time?),
- why you have chosen that particular conservation action,
- how it encourages groups of people to work together (both inside and outside of school) to help nature
- how helps people to learn about and care for nature

We will also be looking for evidence that you have begun to start your action plan and keep your green promise.

Entries need to be sent into Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust by 31st July 2026



Prizes

1st Prize - £200 Muddy Faces Vouchers

2nd Prize - £100 Muddy Faces Vouchers

3rd Prize - £50 Muddy Faces Vouchers

Winning entries from each Wildlife Trust will be compiled into a short presentation and shared with Sir David Attenborough.





Example Green Promise:

Our green promise is to make our school hedgehog friendly. We know this is important as hedgehogs are now endangered and they need our help to protect their habitats.

The whole school are working together to help hedgehogs. Each class is taking a different action. Hazel class are leaving out water. Oak class are leaving out food. Beech class are completing litter picks. Sycamore class are checking the football nets each day. Ash class are building log piles and marking out a long grass area.

Each class are making a leaflet or poster to share our actions with the village and encourage others to help.

We are sending to Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust photographs of pupils taking action for hedgehogs, copies of community leaflets, and a poster outlining the full action plan.

Can we think of some ideas for our Green Promise entry?

Your Green Promise contributes to:

- **Being a Wilder School Action!**
- **Map it on the National Education Nature Park**
<https://www.educationnaturepark.org.uk/>
- **Add it to your Climate Action Plan**



Reflection:

Let us be grateful for the beauty and wonder of nature; all the wonderfully wild places, plants and animals.

Let us be more like Sir David Attenborough – use him and his wisdom as inspiration for making positive choices to act for nature and restore the wild.

Let us think wisely and creatively, to work together as a community, to make a thoughtful, inspired Green Promise.

Our Green Promise is your chance to help nature, work together, and make a real difference to the world.



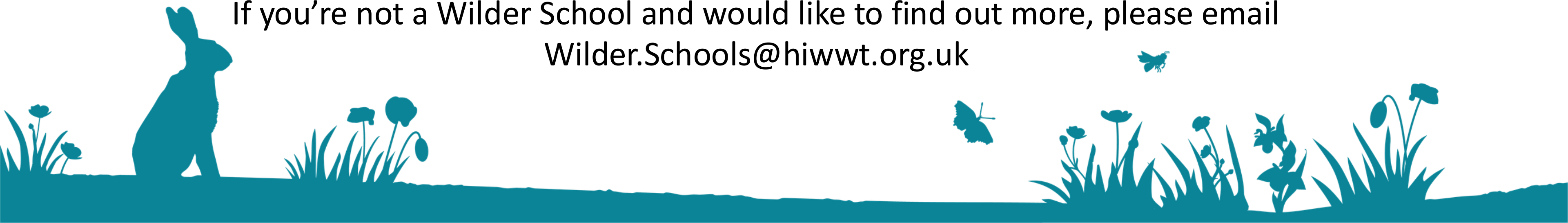
Join together

Wilder Schools

- Being a Wilder school is free with access to free resource, training and support.
- There is additional training (including Forest School Leader training) and paid packages to enhance your journey as well as tailored sessions for students on reserves. With a range of packages available, we have something to suit every need.
- School staff networking opportunities
- Grounds advice
- Outdoor activity and lesson ideas linked to the curriculum

So why not find out more below and join us on our mission to create a wilder future for the next generation!

If you're not a Wilder School and would like to find out more, please email
Wilder.Schools@hiwwt.org.uk





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