

Tree Charter policy

What is the tree charter?

The Charter for Trees, Woods and People is run by Woodland trust and sets out the principles for a society in which people and trees can stand stronger together. The Tree Charter was launched in Lincoln Castle on 6 November 2017; the 800th anniversary of the 1217 Charter of the Forest. The Tree Charter is rooted in more than 60,000 'tree stories' gathered from people of all backgrounds across the UK.

St Thomas of Canterbury school is 1 of 127,000 that has signed up to the tree charter campaign and firmly believes in the protection and preservation of trees within the UK. We have recently planted a Charter tree in the school grounds and have the tree principles displayed within the school and woodland grounds.

The ten principles of the tree charter are:

1. Sustain landscapes rich in wildlife
2. Plant for the future
3. Celebrate the power of trees to inspire
4. Protect irreplaceable trees and woods
5. Recover health, hope and well-being with the help of trees
6. Grow forests of opportunity and innovation
7. Plan greener local landscapes
8. Strengthen our landscapes with trees
9. Make trees accessible to all
10. Combat the threats to our habitat.

The school is dedicated to this cause and will organise activities and events in the school year which may link directly to one principle or several at a time. These activities/events will be issued in our newsletter and our outdoor learning twitter page <https://twitter.com/STTCforestclub>

If you would like more information on tree charters or would like to sign up to the tree charter, attached is the link to the homepage <https://treecharter.uk>

For any information on woodland trust, here is the link to their homepage <https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk>