

# BROADBOTTOM CofE (VC) Primary School

## WILD MEADOW



The eagle eyed amongst you, may have noticed that the front verge of the school looks more colourful than last year. To continue to be an eco-school Mrs Heydon suggested that we leave our green spaces even more pollinator friendly and try to have our own meadow.

This is to encourage bees, butterflies, a wide variety of hoverflies, beetles, and insects and it will of course help our very own honeybees in providing much needed food.

Our first full year has seen a profusion of orange hawkbit, which is also called fox and cubs, white clover, poppies, horseshoe vetch, buttercups, rough hawkbit and a variety of grasses. A full survey of our meadow will be carried out free of charge by a local naturalist during the August school holidays.

In the late summer we will cut the grass leaving the seeds to dry and fall for a couple of days then remove the hay. Removing the hay will help to keep the nutrient level down in the soil and hopefully encourage more diversity in the future.

In the current biodiversity crisis, it is essential that we all try to do our bit for wildlife, especially for bees, insects, and butterflies. The future of our wildlife needs your help, we hope that you can follow our lead and leave a few corners in your garden to RE-WILD and provide a place for nature. This could be an area of buttercups or daisies on your lawn or a small log pile in your garden. You could even plant some herbs in your garden, bees and butterflies love herbs.

**It's not too late to help**



ORANGE HAWKBIT (Fox & Cubs)



WHITE CLOVER



HORSESHOE VETCH