



hello autumn OF action!



What's in your Recycling Pack

- Campaign overview and school prize details
- Plan your collection day checklist
- Poster (Remember to add your collection date in)
- Parent / Guardian letter template
- Upcycling Classroom Activities:
 - October - Autumn Wreath
 - November - T Shirt Tote Bag



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About the Campaign

Recycle 4 School Autumn of Action runs throughout October and November 2025.

Your school is challenged to:

- Plan and promote one textile collection day in either month
- Complete the October or November upcycling classroom activities
- Share photos of your work across the months!

Collections will be automatically recorded through our system.

All participating Recycle 4 School schools will be entered for the £100 Autumn of Action Champion prize, plus runner-up prizes.

Winners will be chosen based on their effort in collecting clothes and completing the upcycling activities.

Every participating school that takes part in the upcycling activities will also receive a digital Upcycling Certificate.

Finally, all schools will be entered into a prize draw to win a free 'Textile Champions' Educational Assembly delivered by Roberts Recycling.

Plan your Clothing Collection Day Drive

Choose a date in October or November for students and parents to bring in their bagged clothing donations.

Book your collection with the Roberts Recycling team for the same day, or within the days following your donation.

Plan a classroom lesson to complete the October or November upcycling activities and don't forget to take plenty of photos!

Promote your drive using the digital posters and parent letter included in this pack, and share it within your local community.

Finally, share your photos from the collection day with Roberts Recycling - we can't wait to see your school in action!



Clothes Recycling Collection Day

Help us to raise funds and protect the planet!

Drop off your clean and dry clothing items, bagged for recycling!

DATE TO BRING IN YOUR CLOTHES:

What we accept!

Good quality clean clothing, paired shoes, accessories and linens.



Bring bagged donations to our collection point before or on the day.

Contact our Reception Team / Administration to find out the details.



Clothes Recycling Collection Day

Email / Letter to Parents

Subject: Clothing Collection Day

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As part of our Autumn of Action campaign this October and November, we are hosting a clothes recycling collection day to raise funds for the school and help reduce textile waste.

Please bring in your unwanted clean clothing in bags on the following day:

Date: [insert]

Time: [insert]

Location: [insert drop-off point]

What to donate?

Good quality, clean and dry clothing, paired shoes, accessories and linens in bagged form.

Why it matters

Every kilogram collected raises funds for our school and keeps textiles out of landfill. Our school will also be considered for the £100 Recycle 4 School Autumn of Action prize.

How to help

Please check wardrobes and drawers for items you no longer need, bag them up and bring them to the collection point on the day.

If you have any questions or need support with drop-off, contact [school contact name and details].

Thank you for your support.
[Name]



Autumn Wreath Challenge

October Activity: Upcycle a wreath using non-rewearable clothing

Teacher or Leader Notes

- Time: 30–60 minutes or 1 lesson
- Ages: KS1 / 2 to community groups

Materials (use what you already have where possible)

- An old wreath base to up-cycle (from home or a charity shop) or you can even use an old clothing wire hanger, or cut a ring from cardboard!
- Clothing or fabrics that are cut or unsuitable for rewear (torn, stretched), or items you want to upcycle.
- Scissors / PVA glue (often you can tie or stick the clothing shreds through the wreath with a pencil)
- Extra fun bits and bobs, ribbons etc to bring the creativity
- Optional: natural finds like fallen leaves (for an autumn theme)

Safety

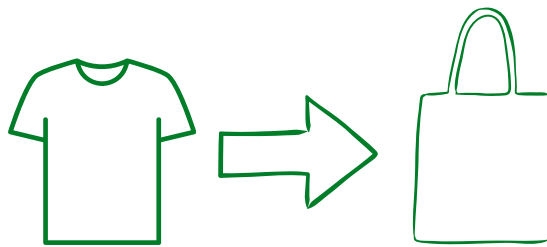
- Adult supervision for cutting and any hot glue.
- Wash or wipe found natural materials (if these are through your collections that aren't suitable for rewear, we recommend they are washed before use.
- If using small items, consider age group safety.

Themes for your wreath

- Autumn colours: oranges, reds, browns, add dried leaves or cones.
- Green recycling theme: greens and neutrals.
- Christmas preview: reds and deep greens; add a bow from scrap ribbon.

Step-by-Step

1. Reuse an old wreath, a wire clothing hanger that can be reshaped, OR cut a ring from cardboard: draw around two plates to get a neat circle.
2. Create small fabric strips by cutting up textiles or using waste offcuts.
3. Wrap or tie around then wreath, or poke them through
4. Create a fabric loop with strips of clothing so you can hang it on a door
5. Photograph and share a photo of your wreaths with Roberts Recycling and students taking part.
 - a. Please follow your organisation's photo consent rules.
 - b. Once you've shared your involvement we can send out a digital certificate for each student!



No-Sew T-Shirt Tote Challenge

November Activity: Create an upcycled t-shirt tote bag

Teacher or Leader Notes

Time: 30–60 minutes or 1 lesson

Ages: KS1/2 to community groups

Materials (use what you already have where possible)

- Old non-rewearable T-shirts, shirts or denim (torn, stretched)
- Scissors
- Optional: ruler and chalk/pencil, fabric glue or needle and thread, string or ribbon, elastic, cardboard offcuts
- Extras for decoration: buttons, patches, scraps from your textile box

Safety

- Adult supervision for cutting and any hot glue or stitching.
- Use clean, dry textiles. If using donated items that are unsuitable for rewear, wash before use.
- If using small items (buttons, beads), consider age group safety.

Gift Ideas (choose one)

- No-sew T-shirt Tote (main project)
- Fabric Gift Wrap
- Mini Bunting or Garland (triangles from shirt/denim on string)
- Bookmark or Gift Tag (denim or sturdy fabric strip with a punched hole)

Step-by-Step (Main Project: No-sew T-shirt Tote)

1. Put the T-shirt on a table flat so it's nice and smooth.
2. Cut off the sleeves by cutting along the lines where the sleeves meet the shirt.
3. Cut a U-shape at the neck to make a bigger neck hole, so the top looks like two handles. Turn it inside out.
4. Use a ruler to draw a straight line about 8cm from the bottom edge of the shirt. This is your stop line.
5. From the very bottom edge, cut straight up to the line every 1–2 cm across the whole width. Cut through both layers so you make pairs of strips (a front strip and a back strip).
6. Take each front strip and tie it to the matching back strip directly behind it. Use double knots. Do this for every pair from left to right.
7. Turn it the right way out. Flip the bag so the knots are now inside. Add a patch or label if you like to make it interesting!
8. Photograph and share your finished gift or decoration with Roberts Recycling. Please follow your organisation's photo consent rules. Once you've shared your involvement we can send out a digital certificate for each student!



Contact for booking a collection:

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