

A young child with dark hair, wearing a green long-sleeved shirt, is shown from the side, leaning over and watering a small, thin sapling in a garden. The child is holding a black watering can with a brass-colored spout. Water is being poured onto the soil around the base of the sapling. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with green grass and a wooden fence. The text 'Easy as one, two, tree' is overlaid in large white font on the left side of the image.

# Easy as one, two, tree



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# Plan a successful school planting event

1. Speak to your premises manager about the area where you wish to plant – they will be able to help make sure you avoid any underground pipes or overhead cables. It's also much easier for children to plant in short grass so prepare any areas if needed.
2. Set a date for your planting day and let everyone at school know – also check that enough staff are available to help.
3. Invite your guests! Parents and governors may really want to come along. Sending a press release and advertising in your newsletter or on your website can help to spread the word.
4. Plan for the weather. The planting season can be cold, so remind parents that pupils may need warm and waterproof clothing for the day.
5. Don't let your planting team go hungry! Warm drinks and some lunch will be gratefully received after a hard day's planting. You could arrange planting for a morning so pupils can enjoy their lunch after all their hard work.
6. Check that you have enough tools. Your premises manager could help, and it may be useful to see if staff and parents have any they can bring along. Remember that adult spades will be too big and heavy for children – is there another school or group with child spades you could borrow?
7. Capture the fun! We love to see how your planting went so be sure to take plenty of photos on the day (children will need to be covered by photographic permissions from parents).
8. Join the Green Tree Schools Award! Planting your first tree pack will give you two points. Visit [woodlandtrust.org.uk/schools](http://woodlandtrust.org.uk/schools) to find out more.

**What's next?** For more information about caring for your trees and loads of curriculum linked resources to make lesson planning a doddle, visit [treetoolsforschools.org.uk](http://treetoolsforschools.org.uk)

