



# National Children's Gardening Week

28th May - 5th June 2022



## Take Part In Our School Competition!

### About The Competition

This year's National Children's Gardening Week we want your school to make as many grass caterpillars as you possibly can! Get all the kids involved in this cheap and easy activity and win some awesome prizes! All you need to compete in this competition is:

- Old tights or stockings (not opaque – grass needs to grow through them)
- Fast-growing grass seed, sawdust or compost
- Plant trays
- Rubber bands
- Pipe cleaners and googly eyes.

Make sure you have a space for them to grow in peace as they are easily scared!

### How To Enter

Entering is easy, all you need to do is grow as many caterpillars as you can as a school. Be careful, they must all be longer than a standard 15cm ruler. Once you're all done, take a picture with all of the caterpillars and fill out our form on the website with your details and the number of caterpillars:

[childrensgardeningweek.co.uk/school-competition-2022](http://childrensgardeningweek.co.uk/school-competition-2022)

**All entries must be in by the end of the day on the 20th May 2022.**

We will announce the winners on Facebook [@nationalchildrensgardeningweek](https://www.facebook.com/nationalchildrensgardeningweek) so give the page a follow and the winners will be announced within 28 days of the competition closure . Just after the school holidays!

### PRIZES

**1st place:** £500 School Gardening Success Plan + £200 of National Garden Gift Vouchers!

**2nd place:** £200 of National Garden Gift Vouchers + 5 interactive solitary beehives and guides!

**3rd place:** £100 of National Garden Gift Vouchers!

**3 Best Looking Entries:** £50 of National Garden Gift Vouchers!

**First 10 Entries:** £10 National Garden Gift Vouchers!

**1 Random Entry:** A Willow Wand for every pupil!



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## Instructions



1. Cut off each leg, and toe end of the tights.
2. Tie a tight knot in one end of the tights.
3. Fill the tights with the sawdust, compost or a mixture, to create the body for your caterpillar. Make sure the tights are filled and keep filling to your desired length.
4. On the inside of the tights, sprinkle grass seed along one side of the caterpillar, then tie a knot in the end.
5. Now that you have made the main body for your caterpillar, wrap rubber bands or string around the body to create sections.
6. Add your googly eyes, legs and antennae to the caterpillar using the pipe cleaners.
7. Lay the caterpillar in a tray with shallow water, so that the sawdust soaks it up. When the caterpillar is watered, remove it from water and place it in a dry plant tray.
8. Place your caterpillar on the windowsill and remember to water your caterpillar once or twice a week.
9. As the grass seed grows it will poke through the tights, making a hairy caterpillar.

