



FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIMARY SCIENCE

Note: This list of organisations which fund primary science was compiled by PSTT.

There are many more regional and national organisations which may provide funding for science in primary schools.

Name of Organisation	Name of Grant	Amount	Focus of the grant	Website	Additional information
British Ecological Society	Outreach Grant	Up to £2.000	Promotion of Ecological science	www.britishecologicalsociety.org	
Royal Society of Chemistry	Inclusion and Diversity Fund	Up to £5.000	Funding for innovative products, activities and research projects that focus on inclusion and diversity	www.rsc.org/awards-funding	The grant scheme is open to everyone (individuals and organisations). Will consider individual applications up to the value of £5,000. Funding greater than £5,000 may be considered for one project each year.
Royal Society of Chemistry	Outreach Fund	£100 - £1.000	Focus is on chemistry based public and school engagement activities.	www.rsc.org/awards-funding	Several deadlines during the year. Currently funding projects where audiences are engaged with issues around sustainability linked to chemical sciences, well-being is enhanced or supported through the activity of the project or partnership, families connect with chemistry in fun, creative and participatory ways, audiences are engaged with chemistry in and through local contexts.
Microbiology Society	Education and Outreach Grants	Up to £1.000	Microbiology - relevant science teaching or promotion initiatives, or to support developments likely to lead to an improvement in the teaching of any aspect of microbiology.	www.microbiologysociety.org/grants	2 deadlines per year

The Shine Trust	The Shine Trust	£20.000 - £100.000	Must be from North East, North West or Yorkshire and Humber with focus on innovative solutions to education challenges for children from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds.	www.shinetrust.org.uk	Deadlines for submitting draft applications are usually around the end of January, the end of April, and the end of October each year.
British Society for the History of Science	Outreach and Engagement	Up to £300	Engagement and outreach projects in the history of science .	www.bshts.org.uk/grants	Note - At least one person named on the application must be a member of the BSHTS. Three application rounds each year (Feb, May, Sept).
Institute of Physics (IOP)	Public Engagement Grant Scheme	Up to £3.000	To run physics-based activities in the UK and Ireland.	www.iop.org/about/support-grants	One round of applications per year.
Woodland Trust	Free Tree Pack	Free Tree Pack	This is not a grant but an opportunity to get a free tree planting pack for your school.	www.woodlandtrust.org.uk	Packs given out in November 2023.
Sir William Boreman's Foundation	Organisations in Greenwich and Lewisham	One-off awards of up to £5.000	Must benefit education of young people in Greenwich or Lewisham.	www.thedrapers.co.uk	Applications accepted all year round and considered 3 times a year: November, February, and May.
Newcomen Collett Foundation	Schools in Borough of Southwark	Partial funders	Purchasing equipment and supporting extra curricula activities for the benefit of children and young people.	www.newcomencollett.org.uk	Application deadlines: February, May, August, November.
The Ogden Trust	Partnership Programme	£2.500 per academic year	Schools would need to become part of partnership. Focus is on the teaching and learning of Physics .	www.ogdentrust.com	Schools would become part of a partnership and then would be eligible to apply to funding.

Microbiology Society	Microbiology in Society Award	Up to £5.000	Education, outreach or public engagement work that promotes the art and science of microbiology	www.microbiologysociety.org/grants	Membership required. One round of applications per year.
AlFayed Charitable Foundation	Children's Causes	Unknown	Very specific focus, won't be relevant to most schools. Focus is on improving the lives of traumatised, impoverished and very sick children.	https://the-acf.com/	Applications to be sent in writing.
Bernard Sunley Foundation	Education Grants	Large: £20.000 and above. Medium: up to £20.000 Small: up to £5.000	Focus is on children with special needs and disabilities.	http://www.bernardsunley.org	Must be to cover capital costs or the purchase of a vehicle and annual income must be below £10 million. Accept applications from registered charities and specialist schools.
Education Endowment Foundation	Education Endowment Foundation	£90.000 and £1.5 million (typically although there is no upper or lower limit)	High-potential projects aiming to raise the attainment and wider outcomes of 3-18 year-olds, particularly those from disadvantaged backgrounds.	www.educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk	
Foyle Foundation	Schools Library Programme	£1.000-£10.000	Library Improvements in Schools - priority given to primary schools.	www.foylefoundation.org.uk	Only for state funded schools.
The Ogden Trust	Physics Education Grants	Up to £5.000	Focus is on the teaching and learning of physics .	www.ogdentrust.com	There is one round of funding each term.

Ernest Cook Trust	Outdoor Essentials Grants	£500	Essentials for learning outdoors	www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants	State funded schools only. Each year has a different specific theme.
Armourers and Brasiers' Company	Primary School Science	£600	Purchasing science equipment, science enrichment projects or participation in science events/competitions.	www.armourershall.co.uk	One round of applications per year.
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	Children and Young People	Between approx. £100K and £500K in previous years	Focus is on 'Addressing the root causes of low educational attainment and challenging behaviour'.	www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk	Meet the minimum requirements to apply.
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	Environment	Between approx. £100K and £750K in previous years	Focus is one 'connecting people with nature and environment issues'	www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk	Meet the minimum requirements to apply.
The Royal Institution	STEM Enrichment and Enhancement (E&E) Grant scheme	£500	Focus is schools to experience a science, technology, engineering or mathematics activity selected from the STEM Directory.	www.rigb.org/education/stem-grants	
British Science Week	Kick Start grant	£300	Science week for schools	www.britishscienceweek.org	We can only accept applications from state-funded, non-selective schools or colleges in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

British Science Week	Kick Start Youth grant	£150	Science week for schools	www.britishtscienceweek.org	We can only accept applications from state-funded, non-selective schools or colleges in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
British Science Week	Kick Start More grant	£700	Science week for schools	www.britishtscienceweek.org	We can only accept applications from state-funded, non-selective schools or colleges in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
British Science Week	Kick Start grant + Youth grant	£450	Science week for schools	www.britishtscienceweek.org	We can only accept applications from state-funded, non-selective schools or colleges in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
Microbiology Society	Microbiology Outreach prize	Up to £500	Microbiology	www.microbiologysociety.org/grants	The outreach prize is awarded to those who have been nominated for an outstanding outreach initiative.
Royal Society	Partnership Grants	Up to £3.000	Enable students to carry out science, technology, engineering, mathematics, computing or data science projects.	www.royalsociety.org	There must be both a school partner and a STEM partner from academia or industry involved in the Partnership Grant.
Millennium Point	Level 2	£2.000 to £20.000	Must be based in West Midlands - championing science, technology, engineering and maths.	www.millenniumpoint.org.uk	
Millennium Point	Level 1	Up to £2.000	Must be based in West Midlands - championing science, technology, engineering and maths.	www.millenniumpoint.org.uk	Must be based in West Midlands - championing science, technology, engineering and maths.
British Education Research Association	BCF Curriculum Investigation Grant	£3.500 to £5.000	Research led by schools with a focus on curriculum inquiry and investigation.	www.bera.ac.uk	The BCF Curriculum Investigation Grant is for applicants who are based within schools and colleges.
The Institution for Engineering	Engineering Education Grant	up to £5.000 (small	Educational projects that nurture and support the increase of engineering knowledge among	https://engineering-education	Applications to the scheme must be either led by members, have members as co-applicants or have a member advocate.

and Technology		number of £15.000)	young people. Projects that increase engineering literacy.		
Ford Britain Trust	Small	Up to £250	They pay special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to their UK locations.	www.ford.co.uk/experience-ford	One round per year for small grants and another one for large grants.
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