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North Weald schoolchildren to create show garden at BBC Gardeners' World Autumn Fair

Children from St. Andrew's CE Primary School in North Weald will create a stunning Showcase Garden at the BBC Gardeners' World Autumn Fair at Audley End House and Gardens from 1 - 3 September.

The *St. Andrew's Sensory Adventure Show Garden* is a treat for the senses. The children's garden begins with a textured bridge to enter the sensory adventure, with log stepping stones that lead to a bed of edible plants and flowers to taste and smell. The garden includes a wildlife pond, encouraging habitat exploration, a retreat for relaxation and a lawn for picnicking with friends.

After the Autumn Fair, the garden will be relocated to the school to enhance its outdoor spaces for the children to enjoy and benefit from the health and wellbeing benefits associated with caring for nature all year round.

Katie Henson, Head Teacher at St. Andrew's CE Primary School, said: "The school is very proud to be showcasing its focus on nature and wellbeing at the BBC Gardeners' World Autumn Fair. Our Eco

Warrior children at St Andrew's School care deeply about our environment, and together with our fantastic PTA parents, Jane O'Leary and Ele Fox, alongside their helpers will create our secret garden escape. We can't wait to see it come together and welcome it to its permanent home at our school."

Rachel Poletti-Gadd, Portfolio Director - Gardening Division at Immediate Live, organisers of BBC Gardeners' World events, said: "It's wonderful to have so much garden design talent on the doorstep and we can't wait to see St. Andrew's Beautiful Border in situ at Audley End for the Autumn Fair. Visitors are sure to be inspired by exciting design features and planting ideas to take home and try in their gardens at home."

The BBC Gardeners' World Autumn Fair, in association with English Heritage, takes place at Audley End from 1 – 3 September. Highlights include Showcase Gardens, Beautiful Borders and the Association of Professional Landscapers' competition gardens, the BBC Gardeners' World Magazine Stage hosted by *Gardeners' World* magazine with special guests including Frances Tophill (Friday), Arit Anderson (Saturday) and Adam Frost (Sunday), 'In Conversation' talks in the magnificent Parterre gardens, Plant Expert tours of Audley End's organic Kitchen Garden, dahlia bouquet workshops, mushroom growing workshops, historical performances by Mr Vert, the Victorian head gardener, a bumper crop of exhibitors selling plants, garden tools, kit and accessories, a Plant Crèche, the BBC Good Food Market and live entertainment. Tickets include access to Audley End House, gardens and grounds. Well-behaved dogs welcome on leads in the gardens and grounds.

Find out more and book tickets at www.bbcgardenersworldfair.com. Details correct at time of writing.

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Press accreditation BBC Gardeners' World Autumn Fair is open. To apply for a pass and for more information on the show, [please click here](#)

About the **BBC Gardeners' World Autumn Fair**, Audley End House & Garden, Essex:

Friday 1 Sept	10am – 5pm
Saturday 2 Sept	10am – 5pm
Sunday 3 Sept	10am – 5pm

Autumn Fair advance standard ticket prices:

Adults: £22.30 (10am entry), £18.80 (12pm entry) or £15.30 (1.30pm entry)
Concessions (aged 65+ and students): £20.15 (10am entry), £17.00 (12pm entry), £13.80 (1.30pm entry)
Children: Under 5s tickets are free of charge and age 6–17 are at a discounted child rate
English Heritage member adults: £11.50 (entry any time)
English Heritage member concessions: (aged 65+ and students): £10.35 (entry any time)
Plant Expert Tours: £7.50
Oyster mushroom workshops: £10

Book tickets at bbcgardenersworldfair.com.

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