

# NO MOW MAY

**YOUR MISSION:** Help hungry pollinators by asking people to skip mowing in May!



- 1.** Discuss how wildflowers like dandelions and clover are a source of food for bees, butterflies, and other animals in the spring. Talk about how mowing your lawn too soon takes away these food sources, but letting these flowers grow can help wildlife.
- 2.** Explain that many people don't know this, and one way we can help is by educating and encouraging our school, family, and friends to join No Mow May and skip mowing in May.
- 3.** Spread the word through:
  - *Posters*
  - *Invitations or flyers to hand out to family and neighbours*
  - *Online messages (school social media)*

## Pollinators explained to kids

Pollinators, like bees and butterflies, help plants grow fruits, vegetables, and nuts by moving pollen from flower to flower. Without them, we wouldn't have many of our favourite foods, like apples, strawberries, and chocolate!

Pollinator populations are getting smaller because of things like fewer flowers to visit, pollution, chemicals that hurt them, and changes in weather. This makes it harder for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators to find food and safe places to live.



## Sample messages

Help Bees and Butterflies! – Wildflowers grow when we skip mowing, and they provide food for bees and butterflies.

Save Nature's Helpers! No Mow May gives pollinators a place to live and find food.

Wildflowers Need Space to Grow – If we don't mow, flowers can bloom.