

OUR IMPACT



About Fishing for Schools

Fishing for Schools is a programme for 10–16-year-olds that uses fishing as a platform to engage and inspire an enjoyment of learning and nature. 4,500 disadvantaged young people at 170 schools have benefitted from Fishing for Schools over the last 19 years.

Founded by world renowned fly fisherman, Charles Jardine, Fishing for Schools connects with hundreds of young people annually. Using a blend of outdoor learning and classroom-based activities we use fishing as a platform to develop a wide range of life skills, including communication, teamwork, problem solving and resilience.

Fishing for Schools is offered at no cost to schools or the young people taking part. We have supported young people across 43 counties in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.



2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

180

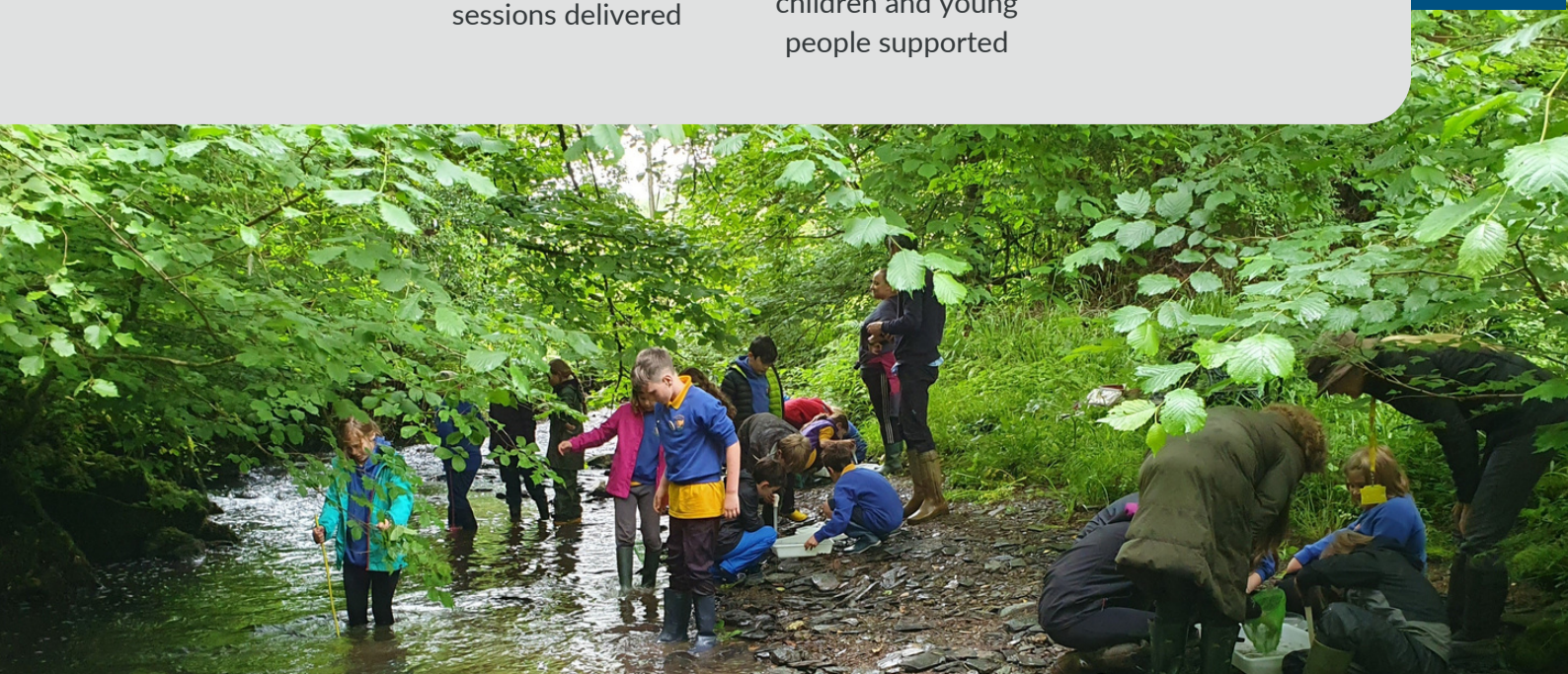
Fishing for schools
sessions delivered

390

total number of
children and young
people supported

35

schools benefitted



We made a difference



96%

agreed our programme resulted in improved engagement

75%

strongly agreed our sessions helped increase confidence

83%

strongly agreed our programme resulted in improved wellbeing

93%

strongly agreed our sessions helped develop new skills

Based on feedback received from 26 schools leads taking part in 2025

Our beneficiary schools in 2025

- Participating schools came from England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- We delivered to nine primary schools, 10 secondary schools, three alternative provisions and 13 special schools.
- 14 schools took part for the first time.
- A quarter of schools were from the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods in England and Wales.

4,500

young people supported since 2007

Our impact in the classroom

Improved wellbeing

"To see the pupils relax, develop mindfulness skills and really enjoy the tranquillity away from a busy noisy school was wonderful to see."

Building confidence

"The experience has had a positive impact on their attendance, relationships, motivation, and willingness to try new activities"

Broadening horizons

"Fishing for Schools has empowered our pupils. They have been given a lifelong experience and an opportunity to develop their experiences of different hobbies and interests."

Transferrable skills

"Each child has come away with many skills including teamwork, perseverance, confidence, communication skills and friendships. These skills are now being used in the classroom and it is lovely to see them flourish."

Teacher voices

"Many our students had limited access to outdoor activities or opportunities to connect with nature, and this programme has helped them develop new skills, confidence, and resilience."

South Gloucestershire school



"The course is well thought out and incredibly engaging, promoting fishing, not just as a sport but as an opportunity to build resilience, confidence and self esteem. Some of our students have felt real success for the very first time as they conquered the theory and pulled their first fish out of the water"

East of England school

"Pupils have developed mentoring skills, a sense of pride in their learning, and a lifelong interest in fishing and the outdoors."

Kent SEN school

Student voices

"Fishing helped me stay calm"

"Fishing helped me concentrate. I use the same focus now when I'm doing my homework"

"I learned how to be patient and not give up."

"I liked being part of a team"



Our reach since 2007



170

Schools

28

Primary schools

81

Secondary schools

40

Special educational
needs schools

11

Pupil referral units

10

Alternative
provisions

Case Study: Yewstock School



“Fishing for Schools has been part of our offer in Key Stage 3 for a number of years. It has provided a tremendous outlet for our pupils to learn about and most importantly experience something new in an environment and using equipment most of them have never encountered before.

Our pupils benefit in terms of their fine and gross motor skills on a physical level. They benefit cognitively by being challenged to listen, learn and action the skills involved in fishing. They benefit in terms of their communication and social interaction skills through working with your tutors and working among themselves in a strange environment.

“It is frankly hard to overstate how invaluable the Fishing for Schools experience is and has been for the pupils of our school”.

It also gives our pupils the chance to try something new, independently and to succeed and that is fantastic in terms of improving their self-esteem and their self-confidence - this is in many ways the most important positive outcome for many of our pupils.”

Kevin Viney, Teacher