



## A peck at the chickens in st saviour's

Since 2010 St Saviour's Junior School has been home to ten chickens. The original ten were rescued from a battery farm after winning £2000 in a Bath Chronicle competition to establish the coup and fence.

It has been great fun but quite hard work looking after the chickens as they need daily feeding including weekends. Ms Birkett and Miss Merrett have dutifully let them out and put them to bed and children take over the role at weekends and holidays following a rota.

'It becomes difficult in the rain because the ground gets muddy but it's a delight to look after them and everyone loves them.' Quoted Ms Birkett.

Children collect the eggs from the coup when they have been laid and then they are sold and the money goes towards buying more food and equipment. The chickens have a daily feed of pellets and corn. However some parents and children bring them treats every morning!

Last June Ms Birkett brought in 16 fertilised eggs and put them in an incubator in her classroom and after a few days they began to hatch. It was fantastic and every child in the school saw a chick hatch.



It was such a privilege and children were rushing in to school each day to see the latest development. We are excited about it happening again this year.



There are no plans to stop caring for chickens so the fun goes on!!

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