

School Grants Update Autumn 2025

Food and nutrition are an essential part of life, in and outside of school. From learning where food comes from and the science behind growing it, to the benefits of the energy boost it provides to fuel our bodies – here are some grants to help appreciate food, glorious food.

Funder	Grant value	Next deadline	Further information
Tesco Stronger Starts	£500, £1,000 or £1,500	Ongoing. New causes are selected every three months	Tesco Stronger Starts grants are voted for by the public via blue tokens in Tesco shops. Projects can include school breakfast clubs, healthy eating projects and food growing areas. You can be nominated, or apply online at tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant
Edina Trust	£400 or £800	There is a final deadline at the end of the academic year	The Edina Trust offers non-competitive grants to schools in selected areas of the UK for science resources and gardening equipment. Infant and junior schools can apply for £400 for up to three years, while primary and special schools can obtain £800 for up to three years. Local authority areas that are eligible are updated on the website each academic year at edinatrust.org.uk/science-grant-scheme
The Tree Council	An orchard or Fruiting hedgerow pack and supporting resources	Usually in January. Register your interest on the website to be notified of dates	Apply to The Tree Council's Orchards for Schools programme and you can receive a fruit-bearing, wildlife-enhancing, carbon-storing orchard or fruiting hedgerow. Schools in the UK with space to grow, and the landowner's permission, are eligible. Find further details at treecouncil.org.uk/grants-and-guidance/our-grants/orchards-for-schools
Department for Education via Family Action	75% subsidy for breakfast club provision	The scheme is due to run until the end of the 2025/26 school year	The National Breakfast Programme supports schools in England to provide children with a healthy breakfast at the start of the school day. Schools that have 40% or more children in Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) bands A-F can apply online to be assessed for eligibility at family-action.org.uk/services/national-school-breakfast-programme-nsbp
Savoy Educational Trust	Grants are typically between £500 and £50,000	Three per year. The next deadline is 21 October 2025	The trust's focus is to advance education, skills and understanding in subjects relating to the hospitality industry, including grants for food technology. Projects that have received funds in the past include the refurbishment of a food technology room at a secondary school, and a cooking initiative at a primary school. Apply at savoyeducationaltrust.org.uk/how-to-apply
Food for Thought Education Fund	Up to £3,000	Annual, usually in June	Available to local authority schools in Scotland, this fund is for projects that deliver food education that can be applied in a progressive way, provide hands-on learning through farm visits, relate to the world of work or reduce food waste. Further details and the application form are online at education.gov.scot/abouteducation-scotland/what-we-do/food-for-thought-education-fund