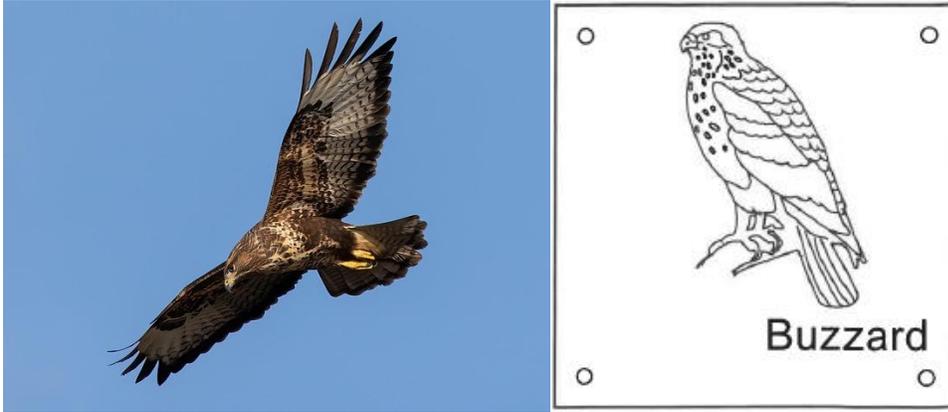


Buzzard

(Buteo buteo)



Keep your eyes on the skies at Clifton Hall School—our resident buzzards are often seen circling gracefully overhead or perched proudly on the fenceposts at the bottom of the school drive! These majestic birds of prey, with their broad wings and sharp eyes, are a thrilling sight for pupils and visitors alike. Did you know buzzards can live for over 25 years and have a wingspan of up to 1.4 metres? Nature’s drama unfolds daily—right above our heads!

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Extended Facts

- Buzzards soar on thermals using broad wings and can spot prey from high altitude.
- Their primary diet includes voles, rabbits and carrion but they can adapt based on availability.
- Buzzards were once persecuted but have made a significant recovery across the UK.

Curriculum-Linked Activities

- Skywatch survey: pupils document flight patterns and estimate wingspan using hand-span method.
- Create a predator-prey storyboard.
- Use binoculars to safely observe buzzard behaviour from a distance.

Useful Weblinks

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/trees-woods-and-wildlife/animals/birds/buzzard/>

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<https://youtu.be/cXk6fqMzos8?si=Hth2uEWf4cd4Fx8b> (bird flight & aerodynamics)