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A greener schoolyard

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Björngårdsskolan is one of five schools that will have their schoolyards remodelled in the summer of 2025 to enhance play in the schoolyard and make room for more trees and plants.

Why are we redesigning?
This is part of a major initiative of the City of Stockholm to make schoolyards greener and healthier. Research shows that environments with a lot of greenery and natural materials promote children's health, play and wellbeing. It also promotes a better understanding of nature and contributes to the city's biodiversity

Planting trees and other greenery and replacing hard surfaces like asphalt with materials like sand, mulch and soil lend a new diversity to play. The schoolyard contributes to biodiversity, provides cooling in hot weather and handles heavy rainfall better.

When will it be ready?
During the summer holidays of 2025, we plan to implement the reconstruction of the schoolyard, with planting to take place during the autumn school holidays at the end of October. By the following spring, the greenery will have sprouted, bringing beauty and new spaces to the schoolyard and providing nourishment for insects and other living things.

In order for the plants to grow strong enough to serve as a playground, they will be protected by fencing for about two years. It is important that we help to protect the plants.

We are part of something bigger!
Similar changes to create green play environments are already underway in many parts of Sweden and elsewhere in the world, such as Paris and Berlin.

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Read more about green schoolyards:

Research about the importance of greenery in schoolyards:
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Other similar projects
Örebro municipality's landscaping for play projects provide greenery next to schoolyards that can easily be used by pupils: Stadsdelspark för lek

In Paris, ten schoolyards have been made greener since 2018, and additional ones are planned: Paris Oasis Schoolyard Programme, France

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Newly planted

After some time

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