



THE COOL SEAS ROADSHOW

The **Cool Seas Roadshow** is an exciting educational initiative from the Marine Conservation Society (MCS), the UK charity dedicated to protecting our seas, shores and marine wildlife (www.mcsuk.org). Since 2006 the Roadshow has visited hundreds of primary schools throughout the UK and Ireland, inspiring thousands of school children about our amazing marine wildlife.



Pupils and teachers alike are thrilled to find their school hall filled with life-size and life-like models of whales, dolphins, sharks, turtles, seals and porpoises, magnificent creatures that live right here in UK seas.

Through highly accessible and interactive presentations, *Cool Seas Roadshow* presenter Andy Starbuck introduces his audience to all the marine creatures on display, and explains how they are dependent on the multitude of smaller creatures and plants that make up our amazing and complex marine ecosystem. He then describes the threats to these creatures and explains how we can all do small things to help the conservation of some of the UK largest creatures.



Caring for our seas, shores and wildlife - now and for future generations.

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ON THE DAY

The *Cool Seas* display is large (it occupies the space of at least 2 cars) and it takes an hour to set up so is not easily moved. Therefore we usually require the school hall for the whole day (usually from 08:15 am), except for lunch break when we can stack the display to one side of the hall.

Timetable: The *Cool Seas Roadshow* occupies a full day at each school it visits, and is easily adapted to your individual timetable. The day is divided into a series of sessions targeting the different age/ability ranges, with longer sessions for older/more able pupils. Early years will require approximately 20 minutes, with presentations lasting up to 60 minutes for the older pupils. The total number of sessions will ultimately depend on how many pupils can comfortably be accommodated in your school hall, facing the Roadshow display, but a few longer sessions are preferable to many shorter repetitious sessions. A typical day will include four different sessions:

School session	Activity
08:15am	Andy Starbuck will arrive at the school to set up in the school hall. During this time he will be moving equipment, so the hall should be kept out-of-bounds to pupils.
09:30 to mid-morning break	1 x 20 minute session for Reception 1 x 30 minute session for Yrs 1 & 2
Mid-morning break to lunch	1 x 40 minute session for Yrs 3 & 4
Lunch break	If required, Andy will clear the <i>Roadshow</i> display to one side of the school hall, making it available for lunch break as normal.
Afternoon	1 x 60 minute session for Yrs 5 & 6
NB: Use these timings to guide to arrange your own timetable. Total presentation time should not exceed 3 hours, but leave sufficient time between presentations for pupils to file in and out.	

AFTER THE COOL SEAS ROADSHOW

Your pupils will be enthused and enchanted by the *Cool Seas Roadshow* and will want to learn more. We hope that the Roadshow will be just the starting point on their voyage of discovery, and to this end we've developed a suite of educational resources to leave a lasting learning legacy. Andy will leave a ***Cool Seas Action Pack Booklet*** for each child and a superb ***Classroom Poster*** for every class. Please also encourage your classes to visit www.mcsuk.org/coolseas where they will find loads of educational fun, games and photographs, as well as curriculum-linked ***Lesson Plans*** for teachers.

Useful contacts: For further assistance with your *Cool Seas Roadshow* day, contact Andy Starbuck on 07771 964180 or whaleworkshop@aol.com or Peter Richardson at MCS headquarters on 01989 566017 or peter@mcsuk.org.

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