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Teachers’ Step-By-Step Guide to the Big Science Event

Thank you for choosing to take part in the Big Science Event this year!

The Big Science Event is designed to engage primary-aged children with practical science by giving them more agency over what and how they choose to investigate. This approach has been shown to improve both attainment in and enjoyment of science as a subject. Find out more about ‘Thinking, Doing, Talking Science’ and how the approach works by visiting [scienceoxford.com/thinking-doing-talking-science](https://scienceoxford.com/thinking-doing-talking-science/).

1. **Before January**, register your children at [scienceoxford.com/big-science-event-at-school](https://scienceoxford.com/big-science-event-at-school/) , using the online form. We’ll use the email address you provide to stay in touch and to share ideas and resources with you, as well as letting you know about upcoming deadlines.
2. Look at the information about the event - on the [scienceoxford.com/big-science-event-at-school/resources](https://scienceoxford.com/big-science-event-at-school/resources/) page, there are lots of ideas of where to start, including past investigation questions. If you have any questions, email us on [competition@scienceoxford.com](mailto:competition@scienceoxford.com).
3. If your school is new to pupil-led investigation or if your staff aren’t sure about where to start, consider booking our Pupil Led Investigations twilight CPD session ([scienceoxfrord.com/big-science-event/pupil-led-investigation).](https://scienceoxford.com/big-science-event-at-school/pupil-led-investigation)  If you’re a member school, you could book the session for free! Find out more about membership here: [scienceoxford.com/schools/membership](https://scienceoxford.com/schools/membership/).
4. Start your investigations! You can spend as much time on this as you like – schools have **until 30th April** to complete your investigations and do your in-school judging.
5. Make sure you leave time to do your in-school judging. We ask you to choose teams to go through to the cluster judging stage – one team if you are a single form entry school, two if you are a dual form entry school and so on. There are downloadable participation certificates available for all your teams.
6. Upload your winning team(s) to [scienceoxford.com/big-science-event-at-school](https://scienceoxford.com/big-science-event-at-school/), using the online form. This will be available after registration closes in January and you can upload teams at any point **before 30th April.**
7. We’ll be in touch to decide on a suitable date for our judges to meet your winning team(s). We will use video conferencing again this year. This will happen during May, so make sure you tell us any dates that your team(s) can’t do when you upload the details of your winners.
8. Once our judges have seen all the teams, we’ll choose the finalists in each county and invite them to a celebration event on 10th July (Oxfordshire) or 11th July (Buckinghamshire). We’ll also let you know if your team(s) have not been selected. The finals are a full day of engaging science activities, where each team also presents their investigation to a panel of judges who will choose an overall winner. We make the day as relaxed and enjoyable as possible for all teams and we always have a range of ages represented.