

# NEWSLETTER



14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

The Woodhouse Support Hub

<https://sites.google.com/woodhouse.academy/support>



## How to get in touch



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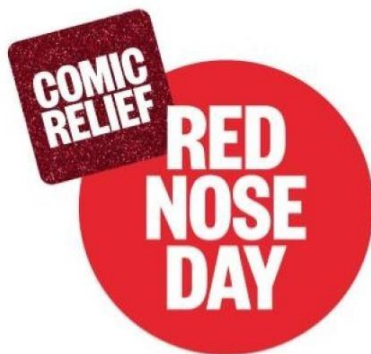
[families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team
- You can also send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.



[sensupport@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:sensupport@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

- Use this for any queries about any additional learning needs or concerns.



**FRIDAY 21 MARCH**

As you may be aware Red Nose Day is very fast approaching. This year it is on Friday 21st March. This year is the 40th Anniversary of the annual fundraiser. Therefore, we have decided that children can come into school wearing red, their own clothes or dressed for a Birthday party (please make sure the children have suitable clothing for school and suitable footwear – no high heels please).

There will be some activities for them to take part in in school that are themed around the day and they will find out what happens to all of the money that is raised each year.

As many people have now turned to digital payments, we have decided to collect this year via Just Giving. This allows you to make any donation you wish and to remain anonymous. It also allows the charity to receive gift aid from your donations too. Most importantly it means you don't have to search for coins on the morning. The web address for the Just Giving Page is; <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-woodhouse-primary-academy> and the QR Code is below.

We hope that in these financially difficult times you can donate if possible. However, if this is not possible at the moment then please don't worry. Another reason for being online is that no one else knows who has contributed or not. Nobody at school will be ticking names off. If for any reason digital payments are not your thing, then you can still contribute at the school office or at each classroom door. Many thanks in advance for your continued support.



# Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> March.

## Reception

Aurora  
Frankie  
Meghan  
Ryan

## Year One

Ronnie  
Daryl  
Talia  
Noah W

## Year Two

Esta  
Mannix  
Poppy  
Nathaniel

## Year Three

Adam  
Eyad  
Damian  
Orion

## Year Four

Rahman  
Marie  
Destiny

Yemariam  
Amelia  
Ruby

## Year Five

Isabelle  
Ali A  
Coby  
Aisosa

## Year Six

Madison  
Mollie  
Nathaniel  
Laura

## The Zone

Jamari  
Rafay

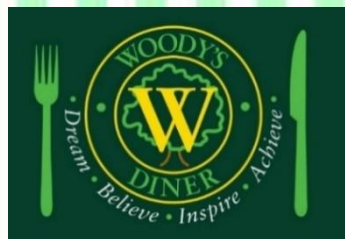
## Extra Curricular

Rosie in Year 2 goes to kick-boxing and has earned her first belt. She also got an award for her polite manners.



Autumn in Year 1 won a trophy and a medal in her dance class.

We want to see your awards and successes. Share them with us in assembly on a Friday and have them posted in the newsletter.



# School Dinner Menu

## 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March

**NOTE: We operate a 3-week rolling menu. Keep an eye on the menu each week for changes.**

**We use a range of suppliers, including local businesses so menus are subject to change if items are unavailable.**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork or Vegan Sausages  with Mashed Potatoes  Mixed Vegetables and Gravy	Breaded Fish Cakes or Vegetable Ravioli  with New Potatoes or Savoury Rice  Mixed Vegetables  Sweet Chili Sauce Parsley Sauce	Roasted Chicken or Roasted Quorn  with Stuffing and Roast or Mashed Potatoes  Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	<b>Jacket Day</b>	<b>Pizza Day</b>
			Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings:  BBQ Beef, Baked Beans, Cheese, Tuna or Coleslaw	Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza  with Chips and Baked Beans or Vegetables
Ice Cream	Syrup Sponge and Custard	Jam Doughnuts	Chocolate Concrete and Custard	Selection of Fruit Desserts
Fresh Fruit and Fresh Salad Bar available daily				

## Food Allergies

In order to keep our dietary records up to date, please inform the main office of any changes to your child's dietary requirements, allergies and intolerances. We are able to cater for most requirements but must know in advance.

If your child only eats Halal meats but can eat fish, please also let the main office know. We do not serve Halal meats.

Please either contact the main office on 0121 464 1769 or email us on [families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

**Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL**

# attendance MATTERS


**24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> February**

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: 94.44%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **93.36%**      KS2: **95.04%**      Whole School: **94.48%**

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	73.47%		3A	97%
RL	90.67%		3H	93.13%
RW	85.67%		4H	92.76%
1B	88.33%		4R	92.14%
1O	93.93%		5H	97.74%
2W	95%		5FP	89.64%
<b>2P</b>	<b>99.31%</b>		6D	97.33%
RR	91.88%		<b>6WO</b>	<b>98.62%</b>



Congratulations to **2P** who had the best class attendance last week.

Well done to **6WO** had the best class attendance in KS2 last week.

Will you help your class have the best class attendance?

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Certificates and Prizes at the end of term! Will you be in the prize draw?



# Harborne Primary Schools Boys Football League

2024 -25

Recent Results and Fixtures

13/03/25 at Lordswood Boys School

vs. St Mary's

**2 - 4**



Team: Aryan, George ©, Nahom, Thomas, Hosea, Raphael, Adam, Ryan, Rae'y, Mathieu & Lewis

Goals from Hosea & Mathieu

Player of the Match: Whole Team

## Match report:

We stepped into this game needing a win to secure the league against top of the table St Mary's. We started strongly and took an early lead with a thunderbolt from Hosea. Our early pressure rattled the opposition who knew that they'd have a battle on their hands.

St Mary's got two goals in quick succession before half time to lead at the break.

We got an equaliser early in the second half with a quick counter attack and a great finish from Mathieu to make the scores level at 2-2.

Knowing only a win would secure the league, we had to throw caution to the wind and went to one defender and all out attack to try and get another goal. Both sides had chances to score and we had a penalty, which was put just over the bar.

With only one defender left on the pitch, St Mary's scored another two goals and took the win. We gave all that we had and played superbly throughout the game and the season as a whole. We finished the season in a very respectable second place to a very good side.

That brings the end to the boy's football season and we'll go again next year.

We have the girl's football season coming up and will bring you all the updates from their games in the coming months.

# **Height and weight checks for children in Reception and Year 6**

Every year in England, school children in reception and year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Height and weight measurements are used to calculate weight status. We collect this information to build a picture of how children are growing, to help plan better health and leisure services for families.

In most areas, parents receive their child's measurement data, because this can be useful information about their child's growth and provides an opportunity to offer support to parents where required.

**If you have a child in Reception and or Year 6, your child's class will take part in this year's programme. Parents can opt their child out of this. If you wish to opt out, please notify the main office.**

The programme will be delivered in a safe way, in line with the school and local authority's safety control measures and national guidance for schools and healthcare.

The checks are carried out by registered school nurses or trained health and care providers. Children are measured fully clothed, except for their coats and shoes, in a private space away from other pupils.

**The checks are being carried out in school on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The full letter has been emailed to all parents with a child in Reception and Year 6.**

# Academic Year 2024 – 2025



## Spring Term 2025

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March – 1O Class Assembly – Parents invited

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Comic Relief Day

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Reception and Year 6 height and weight checks

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Think Tank Visit – Payments via MCAS

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March – 2P Class Assembly – Parents invited

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Assemblies – See details below

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of school for the term

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – INSET Day – School Closed to ALL Children

## **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays**

## Summer Term 2025

Term Starts: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – First day back for ALL children

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs Week

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May – 1B Class Assembly – Parents invited

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Class Photo Day

### **Half-term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 Boundless Outdoors Residential – Payments via MCAS.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – 4R Class Assembly – Parents invited

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 3H Class Assembly – Parents invited

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Flight Day to Perryfields

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Think Tank Visit – Payments via MCAS

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Children’s University Graduation – 2 – 3pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of school for the term

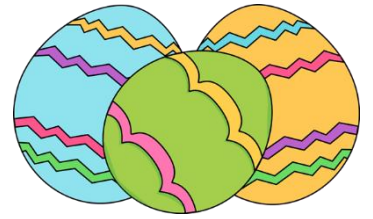
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – INSET Day – School Closed to ALL Children

Further dates here: <https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/school-events>

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# Easter Activities



Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April:

Egg decoration competition – children can decorate an egg or create an egg scene. All entries will need to be in school by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. Please use fake eggs or hard boiled, no raw eggs.

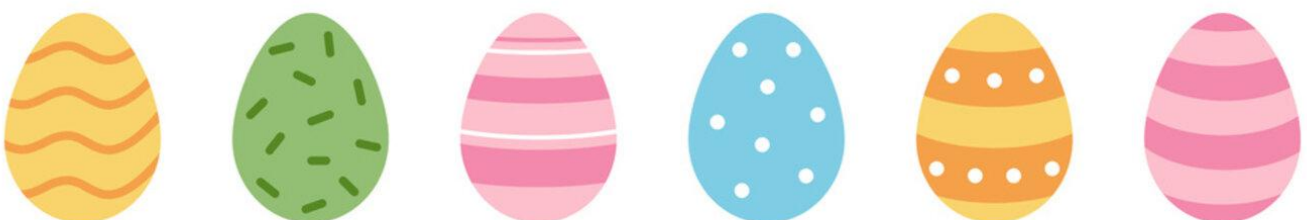
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April:

KS2 performance in the hall at 9:15

EYFS & KS1 performance in the hall at 2:15 followed by the Easter Bonnet parade on the main playground

KS2 Egg mobile competition

Details to follow.



# ETHAN'S CHARITY RACE

SATURDAY  
3RD MAY

I'm taking on the Great Birmingham Run for a **SECOND YEAR** by running 2.5km for Birmingham Children's Hospital Charity. My target is £150.

Please sponsor me by scanning the QR code.

Thank you, Ethan.





Year 5 have been making slab pots and have decorated them with a nature theme.





# WOODHOUSE PRE-LOVED ESSENTIALS

We have a wide range of pre-loved uniform and non-school uniform items free of charge to those who need them. You are more than welcome to come and help yourself anytime.

We also have shoes, trainers, coats, hats, gloves, scarves and bags available.

Our newly revamped clothing bank is now ready to use!



## Fair usage

Please only take what you need and leave it ready for the next person

## Help with Laundry

Thanks to a company called Smol and their Suds in Schools project, we also have washing and drying facilities within school for families who are struggling with this where we can offer a discrete laundry service.



If this is of any help to anyone, please speak with Mr Kennedy.

# Household Support

We are also able to access support for a wide range of household items such as white goods, beds, bedding etc.

Please speak with Mr Kennedy, the office staff or email us at [families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org) if you need support with any of this.



**Are you a permanent resident of Harborne, Quinton or Smethwick?**

**Are you struggling due to a restricted income or crisis?**

If so, Harborne Parish Lands Charity (HPLC) may be able to help provide you with essential items for your home such as white goods, beds, bedroom storage, or a whole host of support. This list isn't exhaustive but unfortunately, we cannot provide cash or debt relief or help with bills.

HPLC is a friendly local charity. Our mission is to help people who are in need and who live within the 'Ancient Parish of Harborne' (which even includes a large area of Smethwick)

Each case is always looked at on an individual basis and applications are always followed up with a home visit.

For an informal chat about your circumstances, please contact a member of staff at reception, or in the office, or one of our Support Officers.

## BABY BANK



There is a wonderful baby bank available that is run by Helen, a member of the Woodhouse community. They are able to support new and expecting mothers with a wide range of items.

If you would like to access this support, you can call or email using the details below:

**Helen** 07811070518 [Helen.childcare@gmail.com](mailto:Helen.childcare@gmail.com)





# LET'S PLANT TREES!

**@ ST MARGARET'S MEADOW FARM CIC**



IN OUR NEW WOODLAND AREA!

**FROM THURSDAY 13TH MARCH 2025 WE WILL BE  
PLANTING LOTS OF TREES TO  
HELP SAVE THE PLANET!**

**WE WOULD LIKE OUR LOVELY COMMUNITY TO BE  
APART OF THIS HUGE MILESTONE.**

**FOR £4.50 PER TREE**

**WE WILL DEDICATE A TREE IN YOUR NAME OR THE  
NAME OF A LOVED ONE. HONORING THEIR LEGACY FOR  
GENERATIONS TO COME.**

**A TAG WITH YOUR PERSONAL NAME WILL BE PLACED ON THE  
TREE & A PHOTO WILL BE PROVIDED OF YOUR TREE!**

**TO DEDICATE A TREE AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE COMMUNITY,  
THE FARM, AND THE PLANET, PLEASE DIRECT MESSAGE US ON  
FACEBOOK TO RESERVE YOUR TREE TODAY!!!**

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
13+

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

## EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious "emergency" – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

## FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

## CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate "locked chats" folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – "Secret Code" – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

## VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't reopen them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

## VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts Except... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a Locked Chats folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

### DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

### THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/whatsapp-2025>

LIMITED SPACES



# AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

WOODHOUSE PRIMARY ACADEMY  
WOODHOUSE ROAD, B32 2DL

## MONDAY EVENINGS

Term Time Only

3.15-4.15 PM

DODGEBALL CLUB £60

4.15-5.15 PM

FOOTBALL CLUB £60

**BEGINS MONDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025 ENDS MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025**

BOYS & GIRLS AGES 5-11

Session Dates: 24<sup>TH</sup> FEB, 3<sup>RD</sup> 10<sup>TH</sup> 17<sup>TH</sup> 24<sup>TH</sup> 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH, 7<sup>TH</sup> 28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 12<sup>TH</sup> 19<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> 9<sup>TH</sup> 16<sup>TH</sup> 23<sup>RD</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

(15 x sessions in total)

SPECIAL OFFER

Book Both Clubs for £110

Add Feb Half Term Camp £135

TUE 18<sup>TH</sup> WED 19<sup>TH</sup> THU 20<sup>TH</sup> FEB  
(08:30 – 3:30)

Pay Monthly

Book More than 1 club  
AND PAY IN 3 INSTALLMENTS

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Payment plans



### HOW TO BOOK

1. Scan the QR code
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3. Call or Text

www.sporty-stars.com  
enquiries@sporty-stars.com  
07473639186

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Call Us to Find Out More:  
0808 196 8856







# Edgbaston Household Support Fund

Do you live in Edgbaston constituency?

Are you struggling to make ends meet?

**We are here to help!**

Birmingham City Council is allocating money to Birmingham Residents experiencing increased living costs and financial hardship for help with:

-  **Food**
-  **Energy and water costs**
-  **Wider essentials linked to household**
-  **Housing Costs**



**up to £200 can be applied for**

## Ways to Apply:



**Call Us: Speak to the Edgbaston HSF Team using the number above.**



**Online: Scan the QR code or visit [hsfbirmingham.online/enquiry](https://hsfbirmingham.online/enquiry).**



**Drop-In: Visit a session at Quinton Library, 9am - 1pm**

**Date: 16th January 2025**

**Date: 30th January 2025**

**You can only receive one payment per household in a 12 month period**

## Contact Us

-  @Gateway\_FS
-  /GatewayFamilyServices
-  /GatewayFamilyServices
-  [www.gatewayfs.org/](http://www.gatewayfs.org/)



# Dad's Group

March 27<sup>th</sup> 2025

6pm - 8pm

April 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

7pm - 9pm

May 29<sup>th</sup> 2025

7pm - 9pm



**One of our autism specialist advisors will be on hand to provide support.**



**This is a great opportunity to meet other dads, access information and resources and find out what Autism West Midlands have to offer.**



**Refreshments provided**

**Langleys Rd, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6HT Room 3**



# Northfield Parent Carer Support Group



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Light refreshments will be provided, and a member of Autism West Midlands will be present to offer support, advice and guidance.

Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

There will also be a focus each session, including the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and a focus upon wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity.

**March 14<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**April 11<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> 2025**

**10am – 12pm**

**Northfield Baptist Church**

**789 Bristol Road South Northfield B31 2NQ**



# Castle Vale Parent Carer Support Group



Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

There will also be a focus each session, including the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and a focus upon wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity.

Light refreshments will be provided, and a member of Autism West Midlands will be present to offer support, advice and guidance.

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west midlands

**Fridays 10am - 12pm**  
*March 14<sup>th</sup> 2025*  
*April 11<sup>th</sup> 2025*  
*May 9<sup>th</sup> 2025*

**Young Stars Community Hub**  
Spitfire House, 10 High Street, Castle Vale, B35 7PR



# Great Barr Parent Carer Support Group



Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

There will also be a focus each session, including the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and a focus upon wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity.

*March 13<sup>th</sup> 2025*  
*April 10<sup>th</sup> 2025*  
*May 8<sup>th</sup> 2025*

**10am - 12pm**

**Great Barr Methodist Church**  
2 Sundial Lane Birmingham B43 6PA

# SOLIHULL COFFEE MORNING

An opportunity to meet parents/carers, share ideas, access peer support with a member of AWM to offer advice

**March 12<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
**April 9<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
**May 14<sup>th</sup> 2025**

10am - 11.30am

**Solihull Methodist Church &  
Community Hall**  
Blossomfield Road  
Solihull B91 1LG  
Room 4

**FREE**

Join us for a friendly, non-judgemental support group for parents and carers of autistic children within the Solihull postcode area.

Led by an Autism specialist from AWM who offer advice and guidance and training.

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Light refreshments will be provided, and a member of Autism West Midlands will be present to offer support, advice and guidance.

# Kings Heath Parent Carer Support Group



Join us for our Parent Support Group where you will be able to meet with other parents, share ideas, celebrate achievements, and offer support.

There will also be a focus each session, including the opportunity to benefit from guest speakers and a focus upon wellbeing and embracing neurodiversity.

Thursdays 10am - 12pm

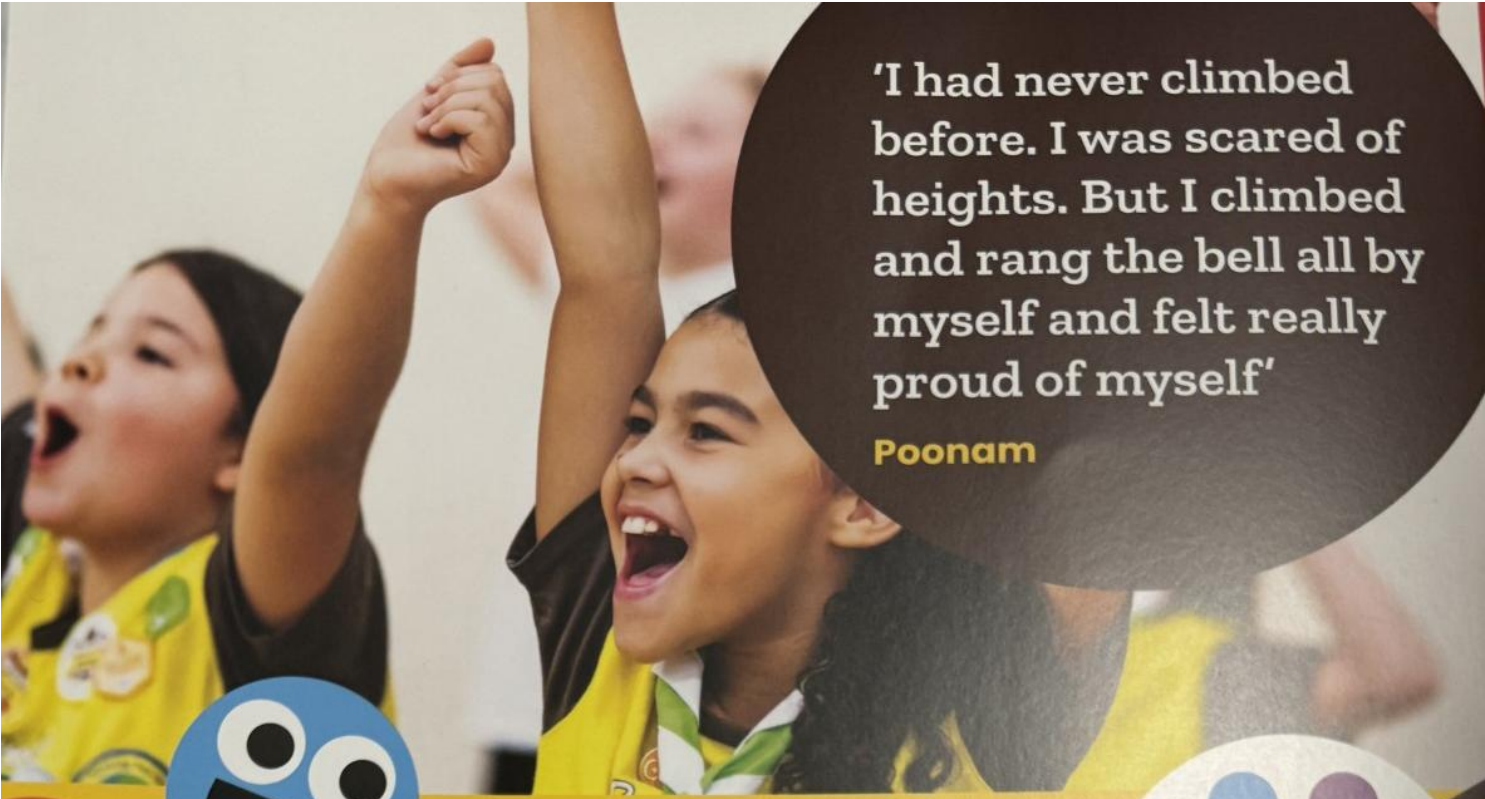
March 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

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May 8<sup>th</sup> 2025

The Hub Hazelwell

318 Vicarage Road Birmingham B14 7NH



'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself'

Poonam




**Brownies**



**Girls have nonstop fun,  
learning and adventure**

for ages 7 to 10





At Brownies, we welcome all girls to explore their creative side, get out into the great outdoors and start to learn to look after themselves, others and the world we live in.



Girlguiding

Registered charity number: 306016



Join a local Brownies group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)