

# NEWSLETTER



28<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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[enquiries@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:enquiries@whp.greenheartlearning.org)



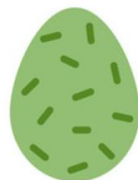
[families@whp.greenheartlearning.org](mailto:families@whp.greenheartlearning.org)

- 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.



The last week of term before the Easter break will be full of Easter activities. Information and dates are further below.

We will be having a day of celebrations on 8<sup>th</sup> May to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE day.

We have a budding DJ in Year 5 who is putting mixes together for our musician of the month. These are being played over the sound system in the playground at lunchtimes. Listen out for them!



# Stars of the Week

The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 28<sup>th</sup> March.

## Reception

Ahmed A  
Isaiah  
Tallie  
Harley

## Year One

Nassir  
Layla  
Ella  
Arlo

## Year Two

Ezekei  
Khaleelah  
Jacob  
Jean-Paul

## Year Three

Lewis  
Clara  
Evander  
Aria

## Year Four

Aisha  
Emmanuel  
Remy

Louie  
Leo  
Tobias

## Year Five

Mahdy  
Violet C  
Rayden  
Violet C

## Year Six

Thomas  
Sanogika  
Lara  
Adam

## Extra Curricular

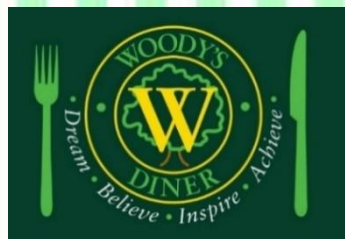


Rosie in Year 2 has achieved her 6<sup>th</sup> badge and Carisa in Year 3 has achieved her 7<sup>th</sup> badge, both at the Birmingham Gymnastics Academy. Well done both!

Thianna in Year 2 has achieved a Football Merit Award for her dribbling skills at football training. Well done Thianna!



Many of you go to clubs and take part in activities outside school. Share your achievements with us them with us in assembly on a Friday and have them posted in the newsletter.



# School Dinner Menu

## 31<sup>st</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April

**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
Beef Burger in a Bun  Cheese & Onion Roll  Herby Diced Potatoes, Peas & Sweetcorn or Baked Beans	Chicken or Quorn Vegetable Curry  Basmati Rice & Naan Bread  Jacket Potatoes with Tuna or Beans	Roasted Pork or Roasted Quorn with Apple Sauce  Roast / Mashed Potatoes  Gravy & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Stars or Vegetable Pasta Bake  Homemade Garlic Bread  New Potatoes, Peas or Salad & Parsley Sauce	<b>Pizza Day</b>
				Choose from: Cheese and Tomato  Pepperoni  Chips and Fresh Salad
Choc Ice	Doughnuts	Chocolate Brownies	Jam Sponge & 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


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

Whole School Attendance for the year currently running at: 94.34%

Last week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **85.57%**      KS2: **94.51%**      Whole School: **91.55%**

Our Attendance target for this coming year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	84.94%		<b>3A</b>	<b>98%</b>
RL	96.33%		3H	92.50%
RW	99.33%		4H	96.55%
1B	83%		4R	86.79%
1O	71.79%		5H	95.81%
2W	95%		5FP	96.07%
<b>2P</b>	<b>100%</b>		6D	92.67%
RR	80%		6WO	95.86%



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

Well done to **3A** 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 Girls Football League

2024 -25

Fixtures



28/03/25 at West Heath Primary



03/04/25 at Lordswood Boys School  
vs. St Mary's



10/04/25 at St Peters Primary  
vs. St Peter's Primary



15/05/25 at Lordswood Boys School  
vs. Harborne Primary



20/05/25 at Kitwell Primary  
vs. Kitwell Primary



# Academic Year 2024 – 2025



## Spring Term 2025

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  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – VE Day 80 Year celebration  
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.

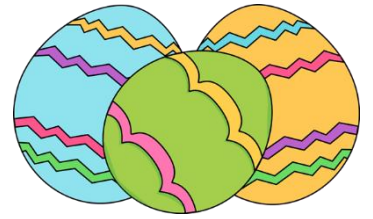
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June – 4R Class Assembly – Parents invited  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 3H Class Assembly – Parents invited  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 Flight Day to Perryfields  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Reception Think Tank Visit – Payments via MCAS  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</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

Thursday 10th April

Design and make your own vehicle that will carry a boiled egg. This must be a homemade vehicle with wheels and no wider than 30 cm. You may use construction kits or Lego. Be aware that Lego does not always stay together.

There will a winner in each year group and a prize for the best design.

Please bring your vehicle to school on **Thursday 10th April** with your boiled egg. No raw eggs please.



Good Luck!



# 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.





# 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.

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**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.

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## 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)



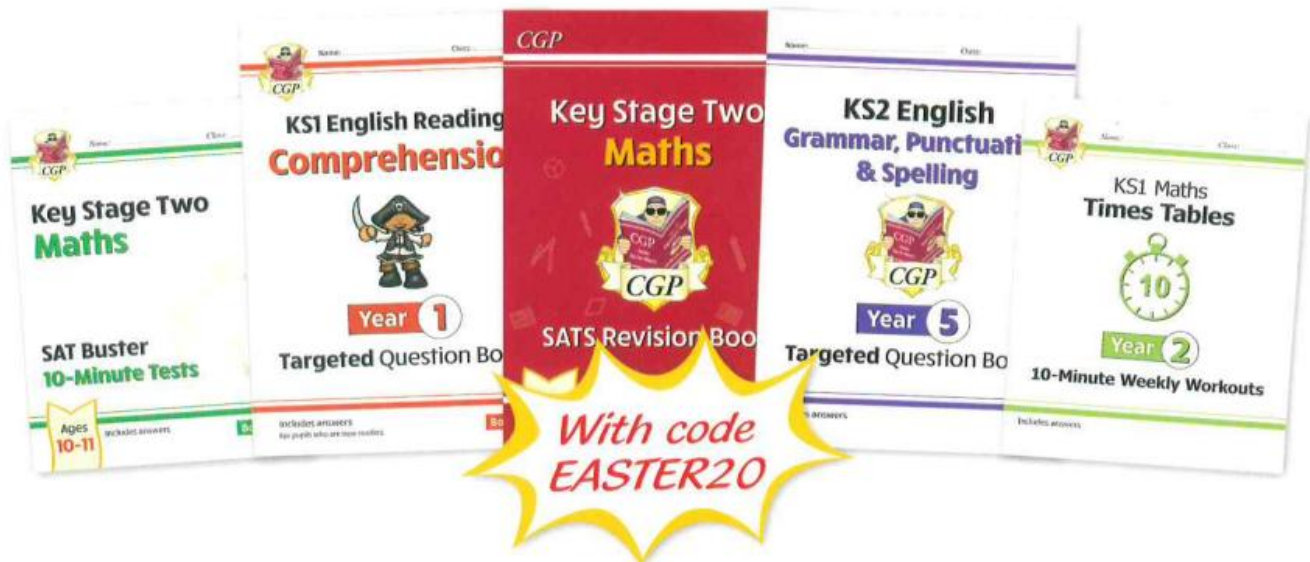


Our small team of volunteers really needs to grow in numbers to maintain Quinton's sacred ancient wood. Despite filling a skip with dumped rubbish just a few weeks ago, more has very sadly arrived that's been launched over the boundary fences, including two huge concrete posts! Please consider popping along for a couple of hours this Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> March from 10:00 (Entrance halfway down Overdale Road) to lend us a much-needed hand with piling rubbish, cutting back etc. Bring gardening gloves wear sensible footwear and a smile. Hope to see you there!



# Pass on this CGP discount!

Parents can get 20% off all Primary books



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## 20% off CGP books for parents!

Recommend CGP's brilliant books and pass on our amazing discount...

- The **UK's favourite books** for KS1, KS2 and SATS
- Parents can **save 20%** until 30<sup>th</sup> April...
- ...and we'll deliver their books the very next day!

All you need to do is pass on the code **EASTER20** — simple!

All the best,

from CGP 😊

I'll take the lot!



Share this poster  
with parents

# WILD ADVENTURES AWAIT AT TWYCROSS ZOO

BRAND NEW FOR 2025

## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

THE WORLD OF REPTILES & SPIDERS



PAY FOR A DAY VISIT FREE FOR 12 MONTHS

# SAVE 25% THIS EASTER

Book online at [twycrosszoo.org](http://twycrosszoo.org)  
and use code: **EDU2025**

**Terms & Conditions apply:** Offer valid until 1st July 2025. This offer is for 25% off on-the-day admission price. This offer must be booked in advance, online. This offer cannot be used with any other discount or voucher. Offer excludes Christmas combi-ticket. Offer is only valid if original physical voucher is presented upon admission at first visit, without this you will be required to pay the difference on arrival. Photocopies, photos, shared links/codes shown on phones are not acceptable versions of this voucher. Subject to change and availability.





# 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

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Add Feb Half Term Camp £135

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(08:30 – 3:30)

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AND PAY IN 3 INSTALLMENTS

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# 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.

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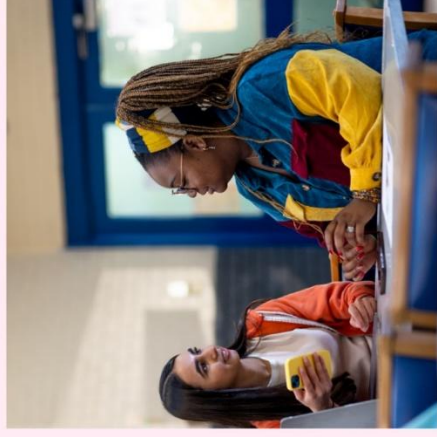
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**Fridays 10am - 12pm**  
*March 14<sup>th</sup> 2025*  
*April 11<sup>th</sup> 2025*  
*May 9<sup>th</sup> 2025*

**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

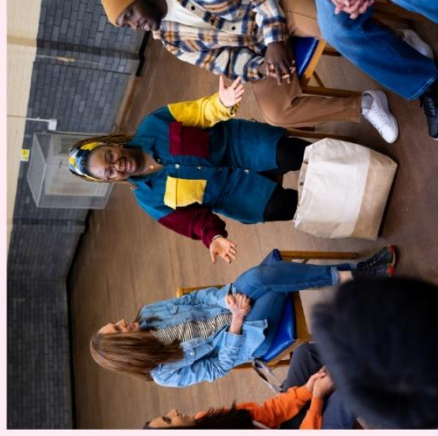
**Solihull Methodist Church &  
Community Hall**  
Blossomfield Road  
Solihull B91 1LG  
Room 4

**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

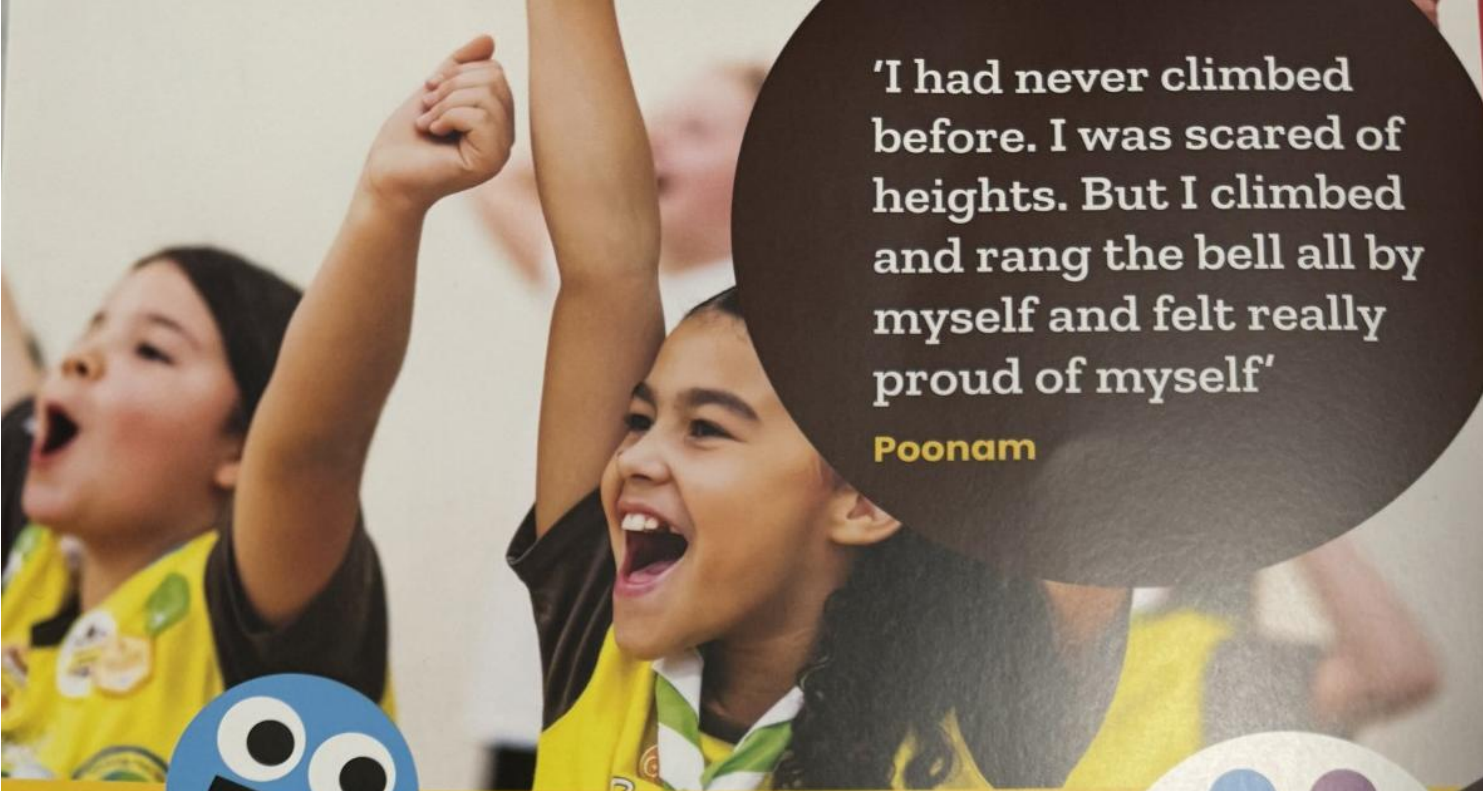
March 13<sup>th</sup> 2025

April 10<sup>th</sup> 2025

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)