

NEWSLETTER



26th November 2021

How to get in touch



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www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk



enquiries@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk



07950368561 – Families mobile to call or text with any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team



families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

- Use this for any queries. Monitored by the Inclusion Team



sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

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



homelearning@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

- Use this for any support with home learning or using Google Classroom.



Newsletter@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

- Use this to send us anything you'd like put in the newsletter. This can be photos, learning, resources and any good news stories you may have.

Useful links

<https://homelearning.woodhouse.academy>

Additional learning resources and activities.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/parental-assistance>

Our parental assistance page with plenty of avenues of support.

Up to date school news.

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

Access our latest risk assessment, detailing our safety measures.

<https://www.woodhouse.priacademy.co.uk/news-and-events/wider-opening>

The Food Pantry – Quinton

<https://your-local-pantry.force.com/s/member-sign-up>

Support with housing

<https://www.theprojectbirmingham.org/housing-advice/>

In school over the last two weeks, we have all been thinking and talking about the importance of being kind. Mr Wilson led an assembly to mark the start of anti-bullying week and we all wore odd socks to celebrate the fact that we are all different and stand out in our own way and that at Woodhouse Primary Academy we celebrate everyone for who they are. The theme of anti-bullying week this year was 'One Kind Word' and this is what we have talked about in school, the importance of saying kind things to those people around us.

This week in my assembly, I brought all my odd socks in from home (they were clean) and set the children a challenge. I read them a story called Be Kind - you can listen to it by clicking on the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kAo4-2UzgPo>.

My challenge was to fill our school with kindness and each time someone in school did or said something that was kind we would write their name on a piece of paper and put it in the class odd sock. By the end of the term, we will have a school filled with odd socks of our kindness, a kindness that we can spread in our community and beyond. Please ask your children about how they have been kind to others and who has been kind to them.



All around school we have 'kindness socks' pinned to classroom and office doors. Children and adults are putting in notes when they have noticed an act of kindness.





The following children are Stars of the Week for the week ending 26th November.

Nursery

Jesse
Rowan

Reception

Akkad
Tyrese
Doklejd
Brodie

Year One

Amelia
Louie

Year Two

George
Rose
Kyah
Kavin
Agatha

Year Three

Mohammed K
Connie
Mollie
Tyler

Year Four

Nabiha
Klejdjon
Maryam
Kai
Reuben
Abdulbaqi

Year Five

Harry K
Xander
Mais
Hugo

Year Six

Donte
Natalia
Hadeed
Faisal
Sapphire
Danni
Adele

Congratulations to all of these children who have put in a fantastic effort this week. They have been nominated by their teachers. We are really impressed with the level of learning from all children. What can you do to be Star of the Week next week?



School Dinner Menu

22nd – 26th November

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

We are currently experiencing supplier issues, similar to the supermarkets. Some of the menus have had to be altered slightly as a result.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding	Beef Spaghetti Bolognese	Barbeque Basted Chicken	Jacket Day	Cheese and Tomato or Pepperoni Pizza with Chips
Quorn Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding	Beef Lasagne	Barbeque Basted Quorn	Jacket Potato	
Mashed Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Ravioli	Savoury Rice and Corn on the Cob	With Butter, Cheese, Baked Beans, Tuna Mayo, Coleslaw or BBQ Beef	
Ice Cream	Rice Pudding with Sultanas or Jam	Chocolate Cracknel	Jam Sponge with Custard	Fresh Mixed Salad
				Selection of Fruit Desserts

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 the Inclusion Team on families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

Please also remember that we are a NUT FREE school.




15th – 19th November 2021

Yearly attendance is currently running at: **94.12%**
Last Week's attendance:

EYFS & KS1: **96.31%** KS2: **93.84%** Whole School: **94.65%**

Our Attendance target for this year is 97%

Class	Attendance for the week		Class	Attendance for the week
Nursery	88.72%		3A	95%
RS	92.67%		3N	94.14%
RW	89.67%		4H	98%
1L	97.59%		4SO	98%
10	98.67%		5H	84.84%
2C	98%		5W	95.48%
2G	94%		6D	90.19%
RR	84.17%		6W	96.30%
			6WL	96.79%



Congratulations to **10** who had the best class attendance this week.

Can your class have the best attendance this week?

Glass Jars needed for BASC

Before and After School Club are after any unwanted glass pudding jars for a craft project they are doing later this year.

They are only after small glass jars such as baby food and pudding jars. If you have any to donate, please donate to BASC or the main office. Thank you.

Autumn Term 2021 – 2022

Wednesday 8th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10th December – Reception visit to The MAC
Theatre

Monday 13th December – Year 1 visit to Cadbury World

Wednesday 15th December – Whole School Christmas Carol
Concert

Friday 17th December – Last day of term for all children

Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January – Christmas Break



Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Inset day, school closed to children

Wednesday 5th January – First day school open for children

Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February – Half Term

Thursday 3rd March – World Book Day – Dress up day

Friday 8th April – Last day of term for all children

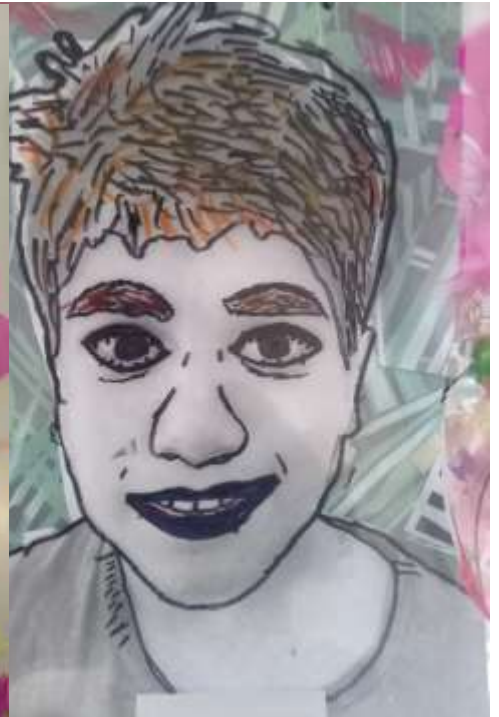
Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – First day school opens for children

Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Wednesday 20th July – Last day of school year for children

Thursday 21st July – Inset day, school closed to children



Year 5 have made these fantastic self-portrait images by layering acetate over photographs of themselves and using pens to highlight their features.



The

ART

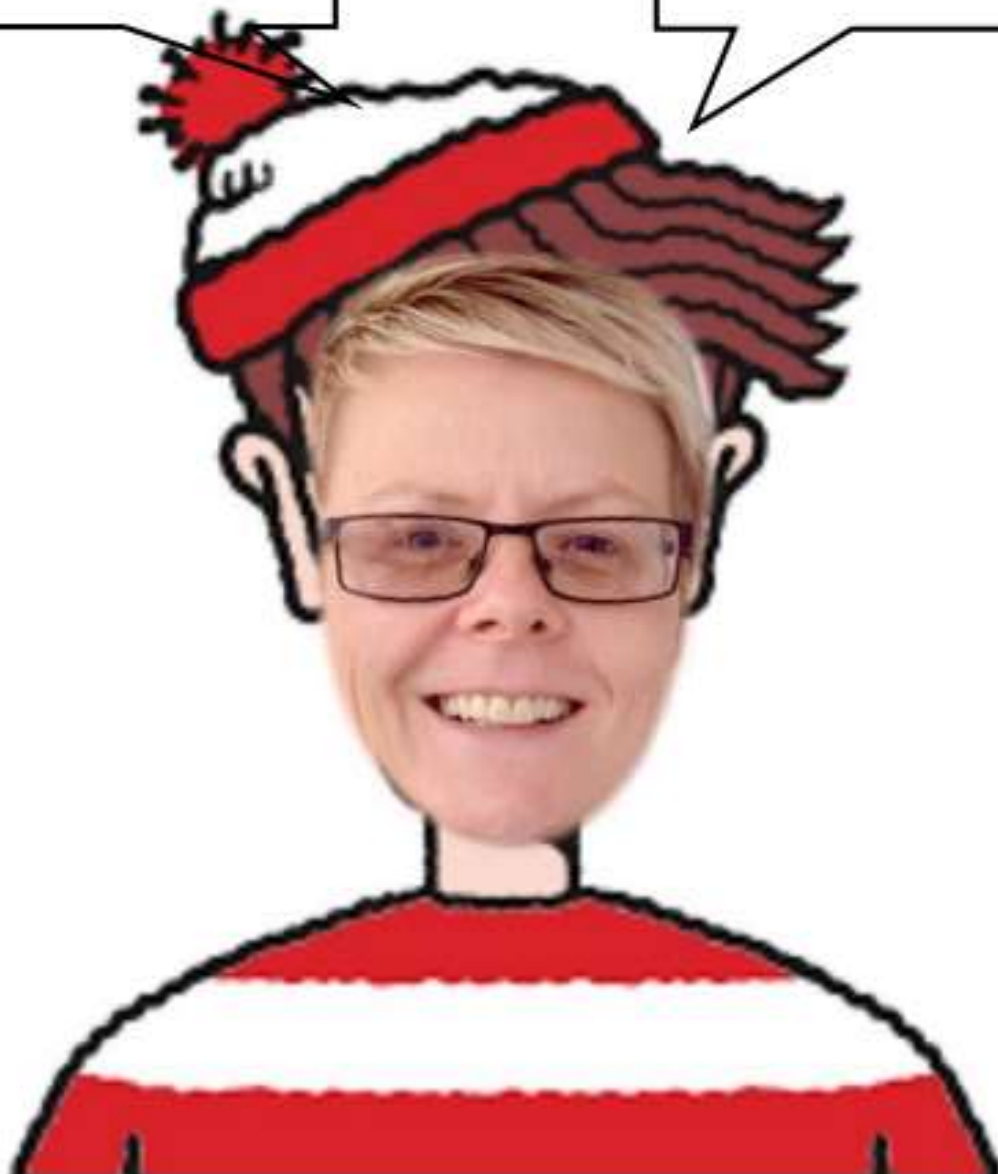
Corner

Where's Wendy?

Wendy can be found working with pupils. She can support pupils with their emotional well being.

Wendy can be found working with staff.

She is trained to help staff with a variety of issues that are affecting their life.



Did you know Wendy is a qualified therapist?

She is qualified in Counselling and Cognitive Behaviour Therapy.

If you'd like to speak to Wendy ask at Reception.

Wendy is in school on Thursdays.

Come and join St Boniface Church for our annual Toy Service.

Sunday 28th November, 10.30am.

Bring new toys to donate to children who won't be getting much this Christmas from around Birmingham and join us for lots of fun and activities as part of our service.



BCM'S CHRISTMAS 'TOY-LINK'

Every Christmas Birmingham City Mission provides gifts to around 3,000 children in our city. These children would otherwise not receive Christmas presents. Could you help by giving a gift for a child aged between 0-15 years? Please give new toys (unwrapped).

The following are a few ideas to help you:

Babies 0-18 months – handheld toys, feeding dishes & spoons, building cups, small soft toys (from birth), stacking & teething rings. Toys to shake, touch & feel. No hand-knitted toys.

Toddlers (under 3s) – stacking rings, wooden jigsaws, small pull along toys, shape sorters, character plates, dishes, mugs.

Boys/Girls (4-7s) – games, books, cars, trucks, dolls, jewellery.

Boys/Girls (8-10s) – games, hats, gloves, suitable toiletries, books, annuals (dated for the coming year).

Teenagers (10-15yrs) –

Boys: footballs, football pumps, football books (not for a specific team), rucksacks, socks, gloves, hats, games, dartboards (not metal darts), toiletries. No jigsaws please.

Girls: toiletry sets, scarves, gloves, hats, socks, bags (suitable for teenagers), make up, nail polish, jewellery (no earrings for pierced ears), jewellery boxes, games, annuals (dated for the coming year). No jigsaws please.

Thank you so much for your support.

(on behalf of the Toy-Link team)

Birmingham City Mission, The Clock Tower, 2 Langdon Street, Birmingham B9 4BP
0121 766 6603

Help for all families in Birmingham



Food
& Energy



Youth
Support



Domestic
Abuse



Emergency
Funding



Money &
Debt Advice



Data & IT



Under 5's
Support



School Uniforms
& Clothing



Parenting



Special Needs
& Disabilities



Bereavement



Housing



Sexual
Health



Mental
Health



Play

Birmingham
Children's Partnership



Birmingham

Children's Partnership



Edgbaston

EarlyHelpEdgbaston@gatewayfs.org
0121 456 7821

Erdington

ErdingtonFamilies@compass-support.org.uk
0121 748 8199

Hall Green

Hallgreen.families@greensquareaccord.co.uk
07570 953519 (9:30am to 4:30pm)

Hodge Hill

EarlyHelp-Hodgehill@family-action.org.uk
07976 199894

Ladywood

childrenandfamilies@bsettlement.org.uk
07764 977636

Northfield

NorthfieldFamilies@northfieldcommunity.org
07516 918 133

Perry Barr

PerrybarrEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1900

Selly Oak

EarlyHelp.Billesley@gmail.com
0121 441 4556

Sutton Coldfield

SuttonEHnetwork@spurgeons.org
0121 752 1860

Yardley

EarlyHelpYardley@barnardos.org.uk
0121 289 4875



Pregnant? Children under four?

Don't miss out on **HEALTHY START**
food and vitamin vouchers worth
over £900 per child*

FREE

fruit, veg, milk
and vitamins for
you and your family.
Worth up to

£8.50

per week**

You may qualify for Healthy Start vouchers if
you're **at least 10 weeks pregnant** or have
a child under four years old. Your family
must also receive one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with a family income of £16,190 or less per year)
- Universal Credit (with a family take-home pay of £408 or less per month).

You also qualify if you are
under 18 and pregnant, even
if you don't get any of
the above benefits.

Sign up today www.healthystart.nhs.uk
or telephone **0345 6076823**

Healthy Start

Give your family a Healthy Start

* If you sign up at the first opportunity, when you are ten weeks pregnant

** If your child is under one, you'll receive two £4.25 vouchers per week.

If your child is 1-4 years old, you will receive one £4.25 voucher per week.





Healthy Eating/Recipes

- [Startwell 2020 \(startwellbirmingham.co.uk\)](http://startwell2020.startwellbirmingham.co.uk)
- www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes
- <https://my.whisk.com/feed>
- [Healthy eating on a budget | BHF](#)
- [Diabetes-UK-African Caribbean-Guide.pdf \(nhsforhvalley.com\)](http://Diabetes-UK-African-Caribbean-Guide.pdf)
- [FINAL A5 Healthyeating SAsian7.qxd \(diabetes.org.uk\)](http://FINAL A5 Healthyeating SAsian7.qxd)
- www.tomkerridge.com/full-time-meals/
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-2gPJUOiqM&list=PLb1P0NWdnLLMAWayc9IbIm-8abQ8oHcG8> - healthy eating webinars

Keeping Active

- [Disney Shake Up Games | 10 Minute Shake Up | Change4Life \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
- Startwell being active - [180 Katie - Startwell 2020 \(startwellbirmingham.co.uk\)](http://180Katie-Startwell2020.startwellbirmingham.co.uk)
- [PE With Joe | 2021 - YouTube](#)

Useful sites

- Pregnancy start4life: www.nhs.uk/start4life/
- Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership: [Home - Birmingham Safeguarding Children Partnership \(lscpbirmingham.org.uk\)](http://Home-BirminghamSafeguardingChildrenPartnership.lscpbirmingham.org.uk)
- Birmingham Forward Steps: [Birmingham Forward Steps – The best start for our children \(bhamforwardsteps.co.uk\)](http://BirminghamForwardSteps-Thebeststartforourchildren.bhamforwardsteps.co.uk)
- Supporting children's mental health: [Coronavirus: wellbeing activity ideas for families \(place2be.org.uk\)](http://Coronavirus:wellbeingactivityideasforfamilies.place2be.org.uk)
- Mental wellbeing: [Home - Kooth](#)
- ICON: [ICON - Babies cry you can cope - Advice and Support | ICON \(iconcope.org\)](http://ICON-Babiescryyoucancope-AdviceandSupport|ICON.iconcope.org)
- Food Banks: [All Food Banks | Find FoodBanks Brum](#)
- Healthy Start webinar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ko3TP07EurE>

Our ref: AAJT/Oct2021

October 2021

Parent/Carer of

Dear Parent/Carer,

Apply online for your child to start Reception class in September 2022

I am writing to you because I understand that your child is able to start school soon. By law, parents/carers must ensure that their child is receiving suitable full-time education at the beginning of the term after their fifth birthday. In Birmingham, however, your child can go to school in the September after his or her fourth birthday.

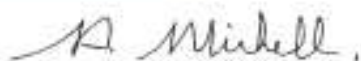
We would ask you to visit **www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions** and submit an online application from 1 October 2021 and by **15 January 2022** (the final closing date). We would strongly recommend that you ensure you read the 'Primary School Admissions Criteria 2022 Information' prior to submitting your application. In addition to this, most schools will hold virtual open sessions where parents can talk to teachers or view the school's own prospectus etc. Please visit your preferred school's website for further details.

Online applications will receive an immediate email confirmation when the application is submitted. Those online applicants who have not provided an email address will not receive an acknowledgement so it is very important that you include an email address. If you have not received an acknowledgement by 15 January 2022, then you should call Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 to confirm that your application has been received.

Online applicants that submit their application with a valid email address will be sent an offer by email on 19 April 2022. Parents/carers that submitted an online application without a valid email address will be sent an offer letter by first class post which should arrive from 19 April 2021 and should be delivered by the end of that week. Finally, please remember, you do not need to have the internet at home. You can apply online from any device with internet access or if you are able from a computer whilst at work.

If you have any questions about your child starting school, please do not hesitate to contact a member of Children's Services on 0121 303 1888 where staff will be pleased to offer their assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Michell
Head of School Admissions and Fair Access

The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse from September



Miss T Mason
SENDCo
Assistant Head



Mr R Kennedy
Learning Mentor
DSL



Mr C Oakley
Assistant Head
Key Stage 1



Miss C Lavelle
Assistant Head
Key Stage 2



Mrs H Sumner
Year 2 TA
Pastoral Support

The Inclusion Team at Woodhouse work together with children and families to offer and provide support and opportunities to ensure that all have the chance to achieve and succeed.

If you have anything you would like to discuss with a member of the team regarding your child or children's learning, behaviour, well-being, health or anything else then please get in touch. families@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

If you'd like to get in touch with us regarding Special Educational Needs, you can do this by emailing us at sensupport@woodhouse.uwmat.co.uk

The Inclusion Team will also be on the front and rear gates at the start and end of the day and will be more than happy to talk.

We would like to remind families that if times are difficult or you are going through a tough time, you need only ask and we will do all we can. Of course, we are always here for your children, and we will do anything which we can do to help them to learn, succeed and become fine citizens. We are also there for our families and the wider school community. If we can help in any way: with food bank support, support with uniforms and clothing or with any other aspect of life, then please get in touch. If we cannot help directly, we can often sign post to the support needed and help you to access assistance. Please don't suffer in silence.

Feeling overwhelmed? Struggling to cope?



Anna Freud
National Centre for
Children and Families

Text AFC to 85258

Text the free, confidential textline

All texts are answered by trained volunteers,
with support from experienced clinical specialists





Help for all families



We've all been through a tough time recently.

The following organisations have partnered to provide services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...

Birmingham Children's Partnership includes: Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Group, Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust, West Midlands Police and Birmingham Voluntary Sector Council.

There is support available for domestic abuse, parenting courses, mental health support, financial help, alcohol and drug problems, bereavement support and more.

Follow these links to find out more:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/love>

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50224/birmingham-children-s-partnership/2156/birmingham-children-s-partnership-resources>

Alternatively, speak to a member of the Inclusion Team for more advice / support.

In most cases, you can self-refer for support.

One example of support they can offer is with emergency food and supplies grants of up to £100.

From Birmingham with Love



We've all been through a tough time with Covid-19 and repeated lockdowns. For many families it can get harder over Winter, which is why we're here to help. Here are some of our partners' most used services and support, which might make life a little bit easier...

1. **Online parenting course.** We've pre-paid for every parent in Birmingham to access a [parenting course](#). Just enter the access code "COMMUNITY" at the top of the page to claim. There are courses for parents, carers and grandparents of children from bump to 19. Learn about how your child develops, and get tips to manage their behaviour.
2. **Mental health support.** In these difficult times we have to look after our mental health. For young people aged 11-25 there are forums, guides and counselling available at [Kooth](#). If your child 0-25 needs support, get in touch with Pause by calling 0207 841 4470 or [email](#). Adults can get support from [MIND](#) by calling 0121 262 3555. Or for urgent help call [Forward Thinking Birmingham](#) on 0300 300 0099.
3. **Financial help.** If you've lost your job, or are struggling for food or rent there are services that can help. [Local welfare provision](#) can make a big difference if you are in a crisis and need food, fuel or basic white goods. [Discretionary Housing Payments](#) may be able to help with rent. And there are [food banks](#) across Birmingham that are here to help.
4. **Domestic abuse.** For women and children affected by domestic abuse please see [guidance](#) or confidentially contact [Birmingham and Solihull Women's Aid](#). For Men, please contact [Respect](#).
5. **Problems with drugs or alcohol.** A new, discrete app called Staying Free is available on Android or Apple. Use the code "birmingham11" for pre-paid access. To speak to someone call [Change Grow Live](#).
6. **Bereavement support.** It's a terrible time to lose a loved one — you can get help by calling 0121 687 8010 or from [Cruse](#).
7. **Early help for families.** If anyone in your family needs more help, from public services or community groups, then please contact our [voluntary sector local leads](#). We have ten areas which can connect you to support across the city.

If you are worried about a child, please call Birmingham's Children's Advice and Support Service on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency, including child abuse, contact the Police on 999. You can also [chat](#) to the Police.



The fun starts here



Rainbows learn by doing - they get their hands dirty, do sports, arts and crafts, and play games.

For girls aged 5 to 7
(4 to 7 in Northern Ireland)

Brownies offers girls exciting opportunities take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them.

For girls aged 7 to 10.

Brownies



'I got to do activities and things I wouldn't normally do and meet new people'
Laura, Guide



Guides

At Guides you can explore new places, get involved in leadership opportunities and learn a huge range of new skills.

For girls aged 10 to 14

In Rangers you'll have exciting opportunities to travel the world, get your voice heard, support your community, and build skills for the future.

For young women aged 14 to 18



Rainbows - 5 to 7 years old

Brownies - 7 to 10 years old

Guides - 10 to 14 years old

Various venues in Quinton

edgbastundivision@gmail.com



Join us today

girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
or call **0800 169 5901**

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