

Headteacher's Note:

Hi everyone,

It has been my pleasure to take my first, Class Hero Assembly this morning. Reading the reasons why children had been chosen by their class teachers was a real treat and really makes me realise how lucky I am to work at a school with so many hard-working pupils, who are excellent role models. It is lovely to see how well pupils have settled back into school routines and enjoying their learning across the curriculum.

Have a great weekend!

Kind Regards

Karen Tearle

Dates for your diary



Thursday 7th October:
Harvest Festival

Thursday 21st October:
Break-up for half-term

Monday 1st November:
Return to school

Class Heroes:



Presented on 17th September

Reception Rangers M	Orla and Charlie
Reception Rangers S	Leo and Lily
Shooting Stars	Poppy and Mila
Racing Rockets	Layla and Sapphire
Cosmic Comets	Beau and Poppy

Presented on 24th September

Skyflyers	Olly and Louise
Starships	Harvey and Benjamin
Stargazers	Alfie and Lewis
Explorers	Isabelle and Tyler
Aeronauts	Veer and Tobias

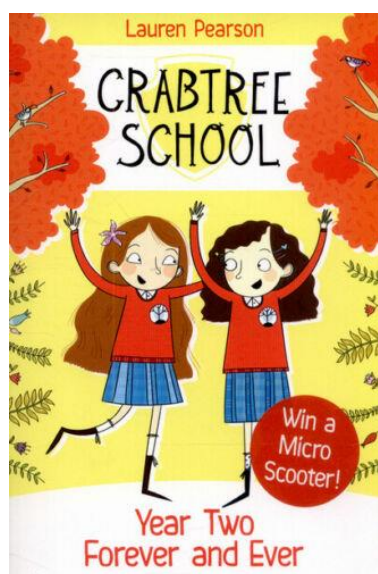
Well Done!

Attendance:

20th - 24th September

Reception Rangers M	93.8%
Reception Rangers S	91.4%
Shooting Stars	96.6%
Racing Rockets	86.6%
Cosmic Comets	94.5%
Skyflyers	81.4%
Starships	95.2%
Stargazers	95.5%
Explorers	76.1%
Aeronauts	89.2%

The Albrighton Book Worm



Title: Crabtree School

Author: Lauren Pearson

Reviewed By: Evie-Mai in Aeronauts

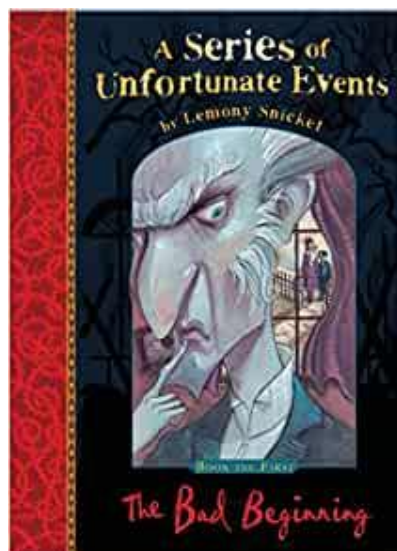
Plot - What happens in the story

Crabtree School is a really good book because the school that it is about is really fun. It's about a girl who's so happy to be in Year 3 but then the old year 6 pupils come back, so all classes move back a year. So the children make a plan! They make the school really bad!

Who would like this story?

I recommend this book to Year 3, 4 and 5 children who like funny books.

Star Rating



Title: A Series of Unfortunate Events

Author: Lemony Snicket

Reviewed By: Ameera in Explorers

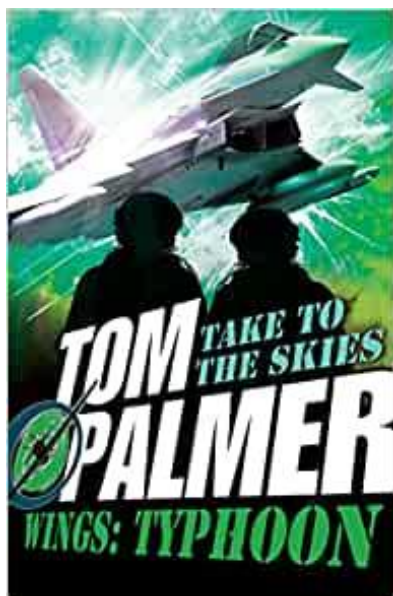
My Review

My Favourite character is Violet Baudelaire and the character I like least is evil Count Olaf who only cares about himself and wants to get rid of the children for their money.

Star Rating



I would rate this book 5 stars because it is scary and mysterious.



Title: Take to the Skies

Author: Tom Palmer

Reviewed By: Jack in Explorers

Plot - What happens in the story

This is a story about two foster sisters Maddie and Jess who are new to the football school. One day they go to an air show and they get into a flight simulator, which somehow turns into a real fighter jet! Their mission is to bomb an arms store but they must work together to be successful.

Star Rating



Five stars as it is an exciting book to read!

Wellbeing

Well-being activities to try at home

Term 1 Activities EYFS and KS1

Read and Draw Pictures

Read 'Everybody Worries' by John Burgerman.

Discuss your worries with a parents. Draw a picture about your worries

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/api/interactives/29765.html>

Make a stress ball

With a parent make a stress ball. Talk about the face you have chosen to use and why

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fz5iEBdJM84>

Happy

Make a list of things A-Z that make you happy
or
Take a picture of something that relaxes you.

Pinwheel Breathing Exercises

Make and decorate the pinwheel and then take part in the pinwheel breathing exercises.

<https://www.teachstarter.com/gb/blog/classroom-mindfulness-activities-for-children-gb/>

Exercise and Dance

Do the dog and hippo dance with all your family. [Watch it here.](#)

Diet

Make a fruit salad and have a teddy bears picnic

<https://realfood.tesco.com/recipes/fruit-salad.html>

Term 1 Activities KS2

Photographs

BBC: Express yourself!

Look at people's wonderful photos expressing their feelings during lockdown! The BBC have pulled together a variety of photographs which illustrate the ways in which individuals have expressed their feelings whilst social distancing and self-isolating.

Discuss with a parent how these photographers make you feel. What were the people feeling at the time of taking their picture.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-52096963>

Then create one of your own.



Meaningful words

Take photos of letters out and about, to add together to form a word e.g. your name or something like hope, happiness, love, community.

This will help you to take notice and be mindful of your surroundings. It can also be done indoors

Discuss the word you have chosen and why it is important to you at this time.



Worry Jar

Find a jar or any container, and decorate it. Write your worries on pieces of paper. Fold them up and put them in the jar, and close the jar. Choose 10-15 minutes a day (when it is quiet and someone has lots of time free) to talk about your worries with a parent or carer.

<https://www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk/uploads/Files/PDFs/Resilience%20Activities/Worry%20Jar.pdf>



Meditation

With a parent try one of the meditation exercises attached:

<https://annakaharris.com/mindfulness-for-children/>

Exercise

Devise an exercise routine using funky moves.

Diet

Help to make a healthy lunch. Come up with your own or use one from the NHS webpage below:

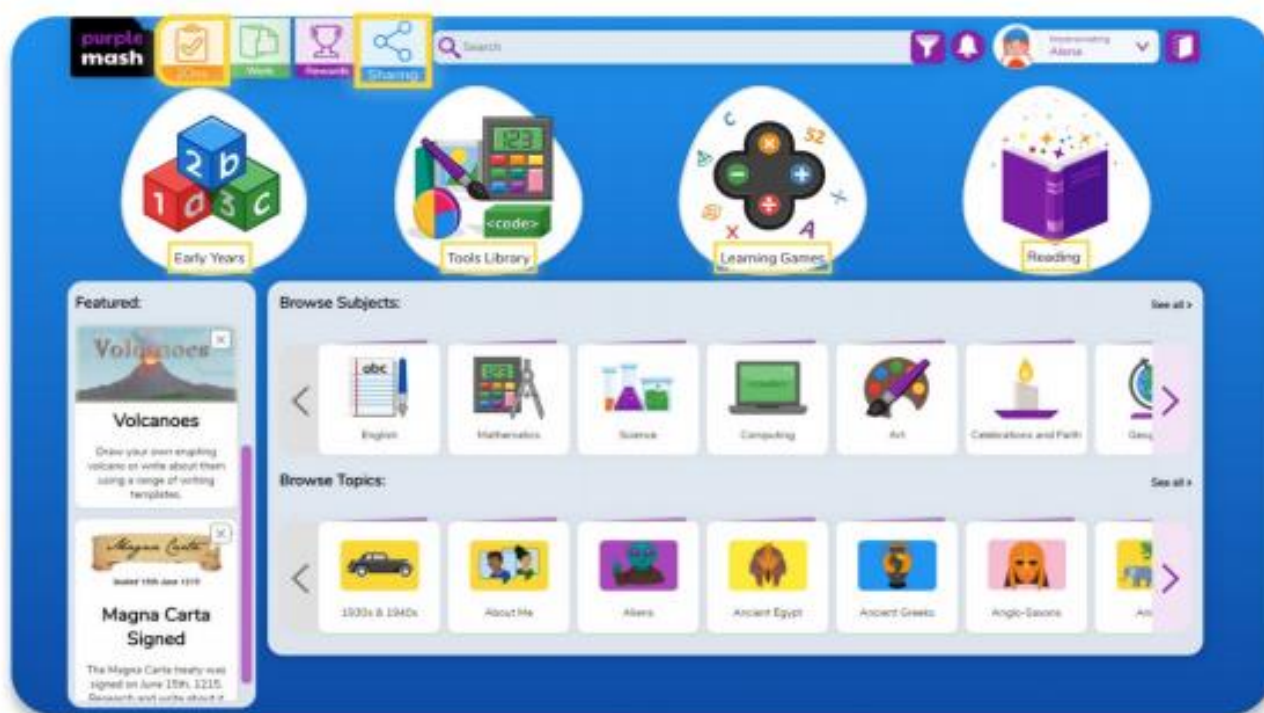
<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes>

Purple Mash

We have just purchased Purple Mash, which is a whole world of fun and exciting learning opportunities in one safe online space, to support our pupils with both learning in school and at home. At some point over the next week, your child will receive a password. Class teachers will also be demonstrating how to navigate the site in class time prior to setting homework.

What is Purple Mash?

Purple Mash is a comprehensive suite of online learning tools and content, designed for children aged 3 to 11 in the classroom and at home. Purple Mash supports learning through its resources, games and creative tools, tailored to the school curriculum; everything from core subjects such as maths, reading, writing and phonics, to all the other topics learnt in school. It will also support us in teaching the computing curriculum.



How you can support your child:

To begin with, it's a good idea to log in to Purple Mash with your child's login and familiarise yourself with the menu icons and key areas of the site. You can also explore our parents' area on the 2Simple website which explains the powerful learning benefits of Purple Mash beyond the classroom all in under 3 minutes, including the parent portal if your school has enabled this.

<https://2simple.com/parents>

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Happy Purple Mashing!

School Council

What does a school council do?

A school council is a formal group of pupils who act as representatives of their classmates in discussing school issues with staff. It's a brilliant way of representing and contributing to Pupil Voice in a school. Students are elected to represent the views of all pupils and help improve the school in way that ensures the pupils views are considered. They help to make decisions about how the school is run and take on projects that support the children's learning, wellbeing, and development, such as organising charity events, representing the school at outside events or ensuring the school is environmentally friendly. Each year, every class from year 2 up will elect two representatives to be members of the school council. The council will then meet to elect officers such as Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Meetings take place regularly throughout the term.

Why have a school council?

There are lots of reasons to have a school council. To begin with, Article 12 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) says that children and young people should have a say in decisions that affect their lives. A school council can provide a meaningful way in which pupils can voice their opinions and have their views taken into account in decisions that impact upon them. Evidence and experience from schools all over the country shows that a school council that is supported and nurtured helps to improve many aspects of school life. It's an important and useful way for schools to provide leadership and development opportunities for pupils.

Our school council reps for this academic year are:

	Pupils Name	Pupils Name
Year 2 Cosmic Comets (Miss Newton)	Eilidh	Oliver
Year 2 Racing Rockets (Mrs Martin)	Gruff	Rubie
Year 2 Shooting Stars (Miss Le Brun)	Esha	Tylor
Year 3/4 Skyfliers (Mrs Evans)	Amber	Sebastian
Year 3/4 Starships (Miss Evans)	Alexander	Gwen
Year 3/4 Stargazers (Mrs Short)	Louisa	Rylie
Year 5/6 Explorers (Mrs Wilson)	Poppie	Lyndon
Year 5/6 Aeronauts (Mrs Wilkinson)	Lily-Rae	Leo

What We've Been Learning in...



English



At Albrighton, our English lessons encompass lots of different engaging and exciting activities which are always led by the knowledge and skills that children need to learn.

Here is a snapshot of what we have been doing...



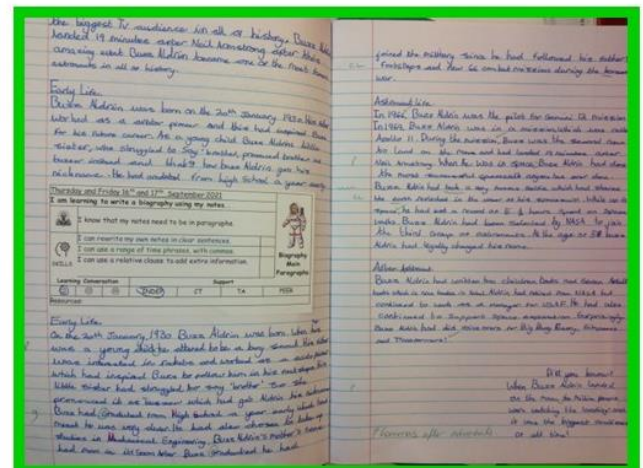
In Reception, we have been dressing up as our favourite story book characters and exploring lots of traditional tales.

In Years One and Two, we have been thinking of adventurous adjectives to describe Paddington Bear which helped us to write a description of him for a 'missing poster'. This fits into our topic of Bright Lights Big City, which is all about London.



In Years Three and Four, we have been focussing on the text Charlie and the Chocolate factory. We are writing a diary entry as Charlie so have been reading extracts from the book in detail and inferring how the character feels.

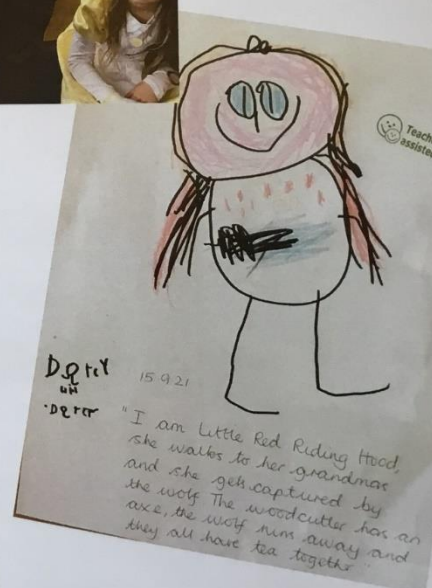
In Years Five and Six, our topic is Stargazers. We have been learning about the astronaut Buzz Aldrin and writing a biography about his life.

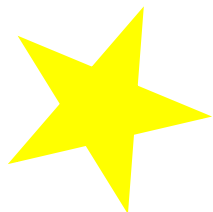


Memorable Experiences for Reception Rangers

Reception Rangers had lots of fun dressing up as our favourite book characters.

We enjoyed sharing our favourite stories with our friends.





**A happy nurturing environment, where the
individuality and uniqueness of every child matters**

Our Nursery

What do we believe?



Within the nursery, we are passionate about early years. In particular, the children's wellbeing and their meaningful experiences and deep exploration while in our care. Self-regulation theory and nurture is our driving force and I have attached some information for your perusal to further understand what we mean by this.

How do we work?

As with the Reggio approach, we firmly believe that everyone learns from each other, working together, listening to each other and involving everyone – children, parents/family/carers and educators – as equal partners in the learning process. This process enables children to have a voice with the adults and children working and playing together to create meaning. Tapestry communication, handovers and discussions between us, are an important part of your child's journey with us. We allow the children time to settle before key workers are allocated, this is because it takes time for these natural bonds to form.

We believe that by providing a sense of awe and wonder in our environments, we pave the foundations for future learning. To nurture and instil awe and wonder (curiosity), helping to create "thinkers and doers" of the future. Curiosity is a powerful tool for all future learning. Leading to imagination, creativity and beyond.



Why do we do what we do?

We are passionate about Early years and want everyone to understand that we are much more than a beautiful play space. Taking inspiration from Reggio, Steiner, Margaret McMillan and Montessori, we form our own unique approach which is underpinned by the Early Years Foundation Stage.

We believe in authentic resources, loose parts and recycled materials. which encourage creativity, imagination and those ever-important skills for life. Children are at the heart of our practice, and we strive to create a sense of belonging for children and staff (our "family" as we like to refer to them).

Email: nursery@albrightonprimary.com



Information and Reminders

Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on 7th October and would like children to bring in non-perishable produce. We will be donating the produce to support our local community. Further details will be sent to parents next week.

Home Learning

We are updating our home learning class pages in case your child needs to self-isolate. Work will be updated on a weekly basis. If you require any further support with this work, then please email your child's class teacher. Email addresses can also be found on the class page.

We have published a document that is on our website which gives details of resources to support reading and book related activities at home. It can be found at:

<https://www.albrightonprimary.com/homelearning/websites-and-resources>

Just click on the book worm picture for the latest document.

COVID 19 - LFT and PCR Tests

Lateral flow tests can be ordered online following this link and are usually delivered the next day.

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

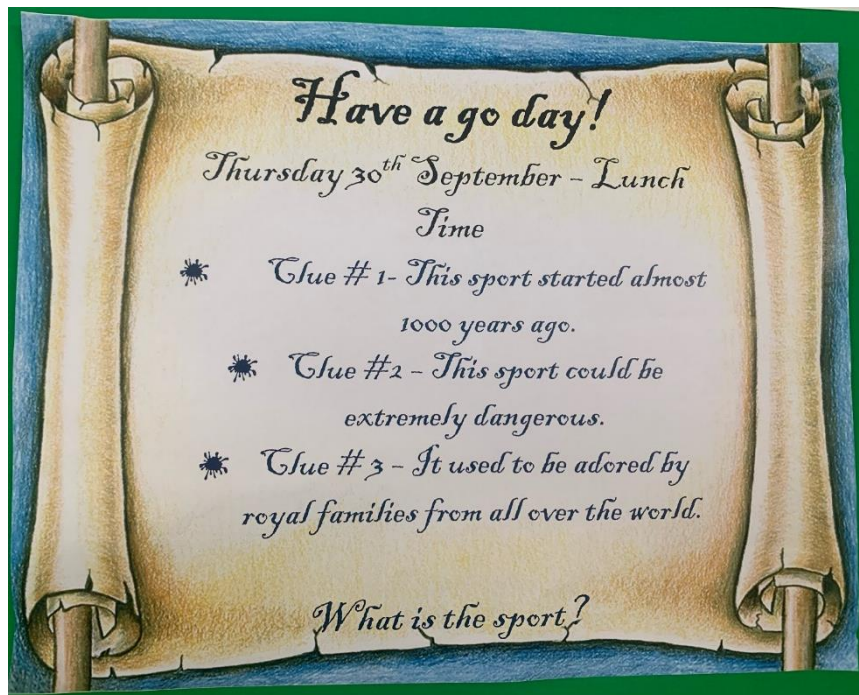
To book a PCR test follow this link <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Lunchtime Supervisors

If you would like to register an interest in joining our dedicated team in ensuring the safety, welfare and enjoyment of our children during lunchtime, please contact Hayley Mason in the school office. We are seeking people, who are enthusiastic, caring and self-motivated for relief position and for when vacancies occur. The role involves supervising the children both in the dining room and outdoors, encouraging independence and promoting positive behaviour.

2021 Save our Wildlife Schools Arts Competition!

Vegan Organic Network are pleased to announce that their first Save our Wildlife arts competition is open to all schools, home educators and youth groups. Submissions are accepted in most art forms (e.g, art, film, animation, poetry, photography, dance, music etc.) - let your imagination run WILD! Full details are available on their website: <https://veganorganic.net/2021/06/save-our-wildlife-schools-competition/>



New Sports

Every half term Mr Mountford is going to do a new 'wacky' sport that might be an old sport or a foreign sport for the children to try and there are clues up on the PE board to work out what it is before the day.

These are the clues to the first sport, which will take place on Thursday 30th September. Please encourage your child to try it.



Wings Club

The club meets on a Tuesday lunchtime at 12:30pm.

The club is specifically designed for children from military families to come along, meet new friends and have a play.

Fundraising - Please Help

As I'm sure you're all aware due to the pandemic we haven't been able to have some of our usual fundraising events at school. We rely on our fundraising to raise funds for some of the lovely things that help to make Albrighton Primary School the best and most exciting place it can be for our pupils, as funds are used for playground equipment, books for our library, games and IT equipment etc.



Easyfundraising is a great way that you as parents, grandparents and friends of the school can raise money without it costing you anything.

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into free donations for your favourite cause. Just start your online shopping first at easyfundraising, then shop as normal. Retailers will then make a small donation to say "thank you".

There are over 6,039 retailers to choose from and so far we've raised £366.04 with our 52 supporters. It would be fantastic if we can get to over 100 supporters.

All you need to do is follow the link to the easyfundraising website and either sign up and start shopping straight away or download the app. Every time you are buying items online go through the website or app and we get a percentage donation from the retailer.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/albrightonpschlnursery/>

Thank you



Bag2School

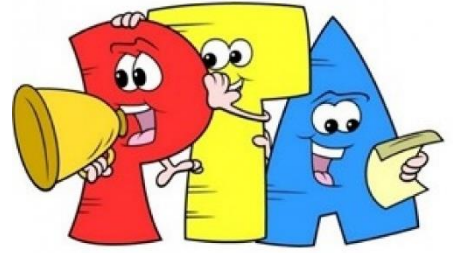
Following the success of our collection in the summer term, we will gain be doing a 'bag2school' collection in November. The more bags of clothing we get; the more money we raise as payment is based upon weight.

Children grow out of clothes so fast that they are still in good condition when they no longer fit. We all have clothing in our wardrobes that we haven't worn in ages! In a world of fast fashion, we now have a lot of stuff - but when it comes to a clear out what do you do to make sure the environment comes off best?

Bag2School accept the following 'good quality' items for RE-USE

Further details in next week's newsletter. Get sorting!

Calling All Parents - Albrighton Primary School & Nursery Needs You



We would like to set up our Friends of Albrighton Primary School group again, to support us in our fundraising efforts. If you have an hour to spare here or there or you would really like to make a difference to our school community then we need your help.

Mrs Tearle would like to invite willing parents, grandparents etc. to support her to form a committee that would arrange various fundraising events across the year, such as Christmas and summer Fairs, raffles, bake offs, discos, Mother's and Father's Day shops etc. If you do feel you have some time to spare either during the school day or after school, please get in touch with Mrs Tearle via the school office.

If you feel you don't want to be part of the committee, but you could support us at our events then please look out for further information in the future.

We can only hold these events and raise the funds that will support us in our endeavour to make our school the best and most exciting learning environment it can be, if we get enough volunteers.

What do PTAs do?

A PTA (or Friends group) is a Parent Teacher Association, an organisation with a mission to make the school a better place for children to learn. It brings together parents, teachers, and children to raise funds and strengthen the school community. Money raised is usually spent on things that the school budget does not cover. Our school income has greatly suffered because of the pandemic. We have many projects that we want to create as they would really benefit the children, but due to funding can't afford.

Why should I join one?

There are many reasons why you should join our PTA. From making new friends and getting to know the school environment, through to helping raise much needed funds and making a difference to the children and school community. All of these things help you grow in confidence as a parent and it feels good to know you are making a difference for your children and for generations to come.

Our Community

A Message from Albrighton & District Swimming Club



Thank you to everyone who has already shared their views about the pool - we really appreciate your feedback and suggestions which will be used to inform plans for next season ... and beyond! If you haven't already, please complete the short survey here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/TDrPeFwzJw>

Don't miss the chance to have your say!

[#StaySafe](#) [#BeKind](#) [#JustKeepSwimming](#)

Albrighton Brownies and Guides

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

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

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

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

Join us today
girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
or call 0800 169 5901

Volunteer with us

"I enjoy it so much. The girls are lovely and I feel I'm doing something worthwhile. It's amazing!"

Tayba, leader



Girlguiding is the leading charity for girls and young women in the UK. Join over 100,000 volunteers and inspire girls in your area by just being you!

It's totally flexible

We know you're busy. But any help you can give will make a big difference. There's no commitment too small. You can volunteer in a group or use your skills behind the scenes. You don't need any guiding experience and men are welcome too!

Where we meet:

City/Town:

Albrighton / Cosford

Day:

Monday / Tuesday

Be inspiring. Be you.

at girlguiding.org.uk/interested
or call 0800 169 5901.





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