



Free Easter eggs for Sheffield children



Scentsy buddies donated



#PRIDE & recruitment



First education video chat
Kate & Lauren - talk EHCP's



Northwest carers Christmas



FCC Cap Challenge
fun holiday snaps!



Midlands carers support /Christmas



SW & Panel
Training day



Christmas tree festivals -
Beverley Minster, Malvern Priory,
Sheffield & Worcester Cathedrals



Fundraising Update!

Donations Received!

£9,032.19

As a charity our aim is to transform the lives of even more children and young people through our fostering services.

Your support for our fundraising and promotion activities is truly valued. By raising funds and donating to FCC you are helping us to provide more care, well-being and support activities for you, our foster carers and the children we look after.

Thank you to everyone who has supported FCC and helped in our fundraising



Your holiday could raise £50 for us!



Scan QR to get started



You can raise FREE donations for us EVERY time you shop online using #easyfundraising! Over 8,000 retailers will donate, including all the big names like John Lewis & Partners, BT, Expedia, Argos, ASOS, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more!



Our Young Fundraising Stars!

Huge thanks to five inspiring Year 5 girls in Yorkshire —**Olivia, Grace, Scarlett, Emelia and Clementine**—who raised **£494** for our charity.

Feeling inspired? Why not give fundraising a go and join the fun!

Ways you can get involved!

Help us get a £1000 Movement For Good Award

Nominate FCC today online at <https://movementforgood.com/>



RUN, JUMP, SWIM, CYCLE FOR US!

<https://fostercarecharity.org.uk/get-involved/challenge-events/>

Know someone who's an adrenaline junkie, or a likes getting out for a run? How about a fun day out doing something a bit different with all the family? Fun and fundraising at the same time!

TAKE ACTION



Thank YOU Carers

As we move through the Spring months, I want to take a moment to recognise the incredible difference you make every single day.

What you offer children goes far beyond a place to stay – you provide stability, patience, understanding, and a sense of belonging when it matters most.

We know fostering is not always easy. It asks a great deal of you emotionally, mentally, and practically. Yet you show resilience, compassion, and unwavering commitment to *the children in your care*.

Please know we see this, value it, and never take it for granted.

You are at the heart of everything we do, and we are proud to stand alongside you. Many of you already advocate for fostering in your communities, and that support is invaluable in helping children find safe, caring homes.

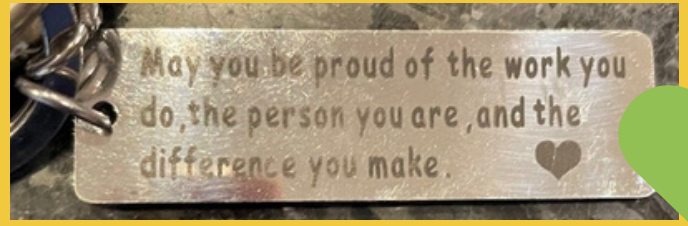
We'd like to gently remind you that **you can play a vital role in helping us grow our fostering family**. Our £1,000 referral bonus remains available for any carer who introduces a friend, colleague, or family member who goes to become an approved foster carer with us. Your recommendations are powerful, and people trust the experiences shared by those already fostering.

If you are able to share your experiences, you help children find the stable, caring homes they need. But above all, this message is of gratitude. **Thank you for everything you do – we couldn't do this without you.**



Steve Field
Director of Childcare

This lovely keyring was given to Graham and Elizabeth by their foster child's mum. What a wonderful message – thank you for all your hard work implementing this child's care plan!



IRO feedback – "Rose and Mick are the absolute gold standard of foster carer and I can't imagine anywhere better for L. They are truly wonderful!"

From virtual school to Laura & Glenn – "We want to acknowledge the exceptional care that K receives from her foster carers – they are amazing. K gets to do all sorts, scouts and paddleboarding, they are so on it with promoting her independence skills. They know they know her challenges but are continuing to help her grow and develop. It is so encouraging to know that our children are experiencing such wonderful care and we really appreciate just how hard carers work."

Thank You

For everything that you do!



Foster carers who've joined us since June 2025

Welcome New Carers!

Carol Hodgkinson
David & Barbara Ryan
Alex & Ellen Carter
Philip Savage
Jennifer Wharrad

Callum & Charlotte Hughes/Cook
Bobby Holder
Renata Symoszyn
Levi Wallace
Claire & Paul Day
John & Christopher Vare/Peters
Chloe & Callum Gough/Knight
Andrea & Gordon Brett

Carer Compliments

Feedback from Mum for S&K who spoke warmly of Pauline and the support she provides for both girls. Mum says her daughters are both happy and are well looked after. Pauline has always been there – Mum has no hard feelings and she feels able to ring Pauline if she has anything she needs to bring up."

Compliment from Alison family time worker to FC Katrina "Katrina is lovely to work with. She is very honest and has brilliant communication with mum Alison. Mum loves Katrina, and wants Katrina to look after her new baby too!"

"Jane and Chris are amazing carers. They provide a high level of care to E & A. They prioritise the girls needs and show them genuine love and affection." AR feedback

IRO commended Tracey and Neil and thanked them for how well they have met the children's needs and how they speak about the children. There have been ups and downs, and they have remained with the children despite how difficult it has been at times.



Education & Training

Kate our Education Specialist is always busy making sure children and young people get the right support at the right time. She shares practical resources on everything from careers and homework to neurodiversity, numeracy, and fun ideas for school holidays – all available on her education page in the Carer Resource Hub!

Kate also offers personalised guidance, whether it's helping apply for an EHCP, or preparing for annual reviews or making sure PEP meetings are effective and schools are providing all the support a child needs. Check out her EHCP video when you can!

Thank you Kate!



TRAINING Diary Dates!

Induction Training with Vicki Wood

(Therapeutic Social Worker)

Introduction to Attachment – Tues 22 & 29 Sept 2026

Impact of Developmental Trauma – Weds 14 & 21 Oct 2026

Intro to Child Development – Thurs 12 & 19 Nov 2026

Principles of Therapeutic Parenting – Tues 12 & 19 Jan 2027

All trainings are from 10am–12 noon on both days



WHAT?
WHEN?
Where?

Share Your Feedback

✉ training@fccharity.org.uk

FOSTER TALK

#SUPPORTINGTHOSEWHOCARE

Please check out the webinars and support information available from your membership with FosterTalk.

- **Fostering Helpline**
- **GP Helpline**
- **24/7 Counselling**
- **Legal & Tax advice**
- **Financial advice**
- **and more...**

www.fostertalk.org

Helping carers to feel safeguarded and ensuring you receive the correct help and training for your role as a foster carer

Foster Carer Mandatory Training Focus 2026

Look out for email updates with dates/ times to book FCC training

- Managing Allegations
- Safer Caring
- Equality & Diversity

eLEARNING

Don't forget you can manage your Mandatory Courses via the eLEARNING portal

Allegations

(updated course) eLEARNING portal training course by fosteringtraining.com



Being the subject of an allegation is a worrying possibility for many foster carers. This updated course explains how allegations are handled across the UK, why safeguarding processes work the way they do, and what carers could expect if allegations are raised. It also outlines the support available to carers, alongside practical steps to reduce risk and prepare for the possibility of an allegation.

Get a copy of the new updated booklet about managing allegations that accompanies this course from FCC Carer Info Hub online.

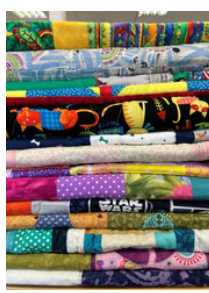


Dear Sarah and Charles
So a snug blanket I
let it be love from
Olivia Tillie Summer.

Thank you
**PROJECT
LINUS UK**

Wrapped in a Hug

Thanks to the incredible volunteers at Project Linus UK, every child in our care now receives a beautiful handmade quilt. More than a snuggle blanket—they're a warm, comforting hug during uncertain times. Interested in getting involved? You can join your local Project Linus group and help create something truly special.



Handmade with Heart:

Katie's Crochet Creatures:

If you or someone you know has a creative talent to share, we'd love to hear from you—your kindness could make a child's day.

Hundreds to compete in beach lifesaving event



Championing Safety at the Seaside: SSW Caroline raised nearly £550 for her local lifesaving club and was featured in a BBC news article – well done!!

In The News! SEND Reform

Your voice matters in SEND reform. Join the national conversation. Every voice will help shape the system our children and young people deserve



The Department for Education has launched a reform programme including the Fostering Innovation Fund, alongside the national call for 10,000 new fostering households across the country.

The aim is to strengthen support, modernise practice, and ensure that every child who needs a family has one. These reforms are an important step forward — and they highlight something we already know: foster carers are at the heart of the entire system. As part of this national effort, your voice and involvement matter more than ever.

In The News! Foster Carer Consultation

Help Us Grow!

**WE NEED MORE
FOSTER CARERS**

Note: You must be a current FCC foster carer to take advantage of this offer. If you refer a couple the fee is £1000. The fee is per new fostering household, not per person referred.



Love to Foster?

Who Do You Know?

YOU can earn up to £1000 when you refer someone

£100 is payable when we receive a completed Application Form AND a Form F Assessment is started. A further £900 is payable when they are approved as a foster carer with us.

Don't forget to make sure YOU are listed on the Registration of Interest form as the person who referred them!

Ellie-May, Larayah & Kia



Levi's Easter Fun

Wow!
AMAZING WORK!



SC turns 10!



SUPER STAR



Go Autumn!
Star of the week!

Go Harper!
Pupil of the Year Award!



Elle



Enjoying the Cadbury's Eggstravaganza!



AWESOME!

Giant Pumpkin Carving Challenge!

Issac - Great Carving!



Lyla Mae - Yummy!

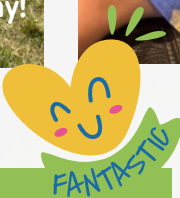


Noah - Sports Day!



Caius World Book Day!

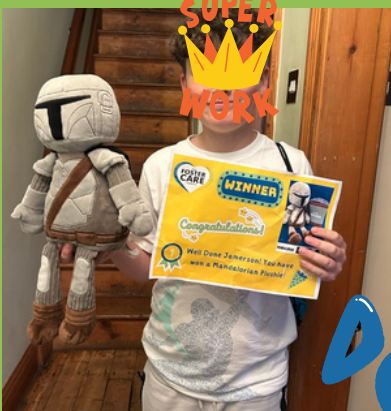
CONGRATS!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Mason, Carter, Reece & Callum



SUPER WORK

Go Jamerson!
Great job on participating in our Mandalorian competition and cooking challenge - yummy burgers!

Delicious



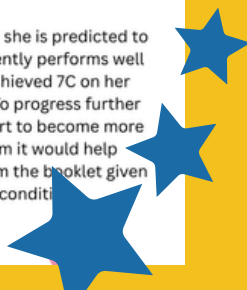
Please see below for an update on Chelsea's progress in English.

Chelsea is a lovely student who is a pleasure to have in class. She is hardworking, polite, engages in the lesson and acts upon her feedback.

Congratulations Chelsea!

Chelsea's target is 8C in English Language and Literature and she is predicted to achieve this based on her current performance. She consistently performs well on knowledge tests achieving 19/20, 30/35 and 19/20. She achieved 7C on her Christmas Carol assessment and 8C on her Inspector Calls. To progress further Chelsea must ensure she explores the writer's intent and start to become more critical in her interpretation. In preparation for her mock exam it would help Chelsea to complete a number of the practice questions from the booklet given in class - particularly having a go at a full paper under timed conditions.

Mrs Clements





Thank you to **Blake & Tyler** for sharing your wonderful cover of in the Ghetto with us on Instagram



Go Reece!
Amazing to see you rocking it up at your school concert!

SuperStars!



Kylah-Maii
Winner of our Christmas snowflake wishes competition



Well done to **Tyler, Chelsea & family** - a top performing family on the EE Christmas 2025 TikTok campaign!

What's Your Favourite food?

Best meal ever???

Can you share a recipe?

We're looking for your help to design our 2027 calendar

1.

Pick a month or a date - tell us about the best food for that time - and why (draw or write about it).

2.

Draw us a picture of YOU with YOUR favourite food - what makes it yummy?.

3.

Make your **best food** or meal. Share photos and the recipe with us - tell us about it

Pick 1 or 2 or 3
Send your drawings, recipes & photos to

kidz@fccharity.org.uk



We're collecting drawings, photos, recipes of food and meals that children in foster care enjoy. These will be put together in a calendar for 2027 that we will use as part of our fundraising activities. Thank you for your support!

