



# Bright Horizons FOUNDATION for Children<sup>cc</sup>

## NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

### 2025 IN NUMBERS:

**16 NEW BRIGHT  
SPACES OPENED**

**30 BRIGHT SPACES  
RENEWED**

**MORE THAN £136,000  
RAISED**

**4,782 JUST GIVING  
DONATIONS**

**THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN  
SUPPORTED**



“For families we support, every day can be overshadowed by hospital visits, treatments, and the uncertainty of a child’s illness. **Having a Bright Space here at ellenor means those children now have a place where they can laugh, play, and escape the weight of their diagnosis — where they can simply be children.** For parents, seeing their child smile and relax in this space is a gift. We are deeply grateful to Bright Horizons for helping us create these precious moments of joy in the midst of incredibly difficult times.”

- Ellenor Hospice



### >>>> WELCOME

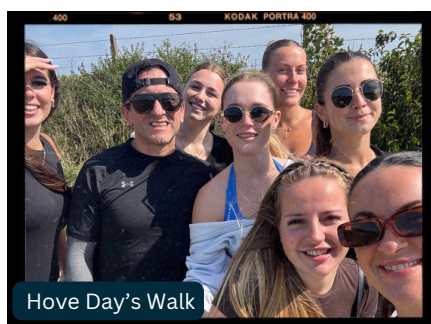
Welcome to the seventh edition of the newsletter from the Bright Horizons Foundation for Children. In this issue we will reflect on the second half of 2025, and look forward to what’s ahead in 2026. Thank you for supporting us and making a difference to the lives of vulnerable children and families.

### >>>> WALKS FOR BRIGHT SPACES

2025 saw exceptional support from Bright Horizons’ nurseries and Support Offices across the UK, many of which organised Walks for Bright Spaces, supporting children and families in need whilst enjoying time outdoors and connecting with others:

- The brilliant team at Hove Day Nursery walked from Foredown Tower to Devil’s Dyke in September. Their efforts raised a phenomenal £510!
- Our South 3 Region came together for a collective challenge and each nursery powered through an incredible 70.1 miles, which is the full length of South 3! Their dedication raised a fantastic £1,070!
- The Golders Green Nursery team conquered a remarkable 28km journey across London in September, travelling from Golders Green to Archway via Hampstead Heath, Muswell Hill, Alexandra Palace, Finsbury Park, Angel, and even completing two laps of the Emirates Stadium. Their incredible effort raised £850!
- Members of the Grove Lodge Nursery team scaled up the heights of Mount Snowdon in August! Jodie climbed to fundraise for resources for a new Bright Space in Brighton at the Young People’s Centre and raised over £2000!

You can find out more about ‘Walks For Bright Spaces’ [here](#).



## >>> NEW OPENINGS

Our **118 Bright Spaces** are located throughout England and Scotland, in areas where Bright Horizons has nurseries and support offices, so that local teams can provide ongoing support to each one. In 2025, we were delighted to **create 16 new Bright Spaces**. Here's a selection of our recent openings:

### St Michael's Hospice, Basingstoke

This Bright Space can be found in the garden of St. Michael's Hospice, an independent charity that supports people across North Hampshire who are facing end-of-life care. This Bright Space offers children and teens a dedicated outdoor area filled with resources for play during their visits. This partnership is especially meaningful as it was created in memory of Gemma Butler, the much-loved Nursery Manager at Bright Horizons Church Crookham Nursery. Thanks to the amazing efforts of Bright Horizons South 2 region, **£5,087** was raised to bring this Bright Space to life, with an indoor Bright Space planned next.

### Canterbury Police Station, Kent

This Bright Space is a welcoming and calming lounge for children, young people and adults to relax in at a very vulnerable time in their lives as they receive support from the Kent Police Services. This Bright Space was generously funded by a grant from the Mark Benevolent Fund and supported by Bright Horizons South 5 region.

### Safer Places Refuge, Essex

This Bright Space playroom was designed with the children's trauma front of mind. We focused on creating a space that is calming, yet fun and engaging, somewhere where children can play, heal, and be children. Our partner for this project is Safer Places Chelmsford, an organisation that provides refuge and support for women and children experiencing domestic abuse. Thank you so much to Bright Horizons London & East Region 3 and Bright Horizons Chelmsford Nursery for their hard work in fundraising almost **£5,000** to create this space, we are so grateful for all your time and effort.

### Impact Initiatives, Brighton

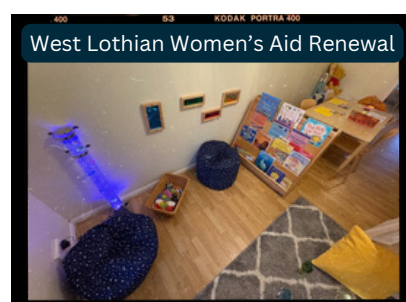
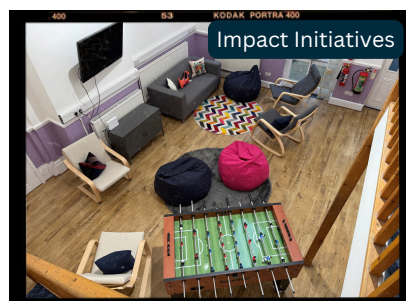
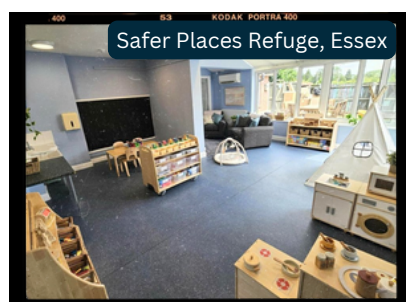
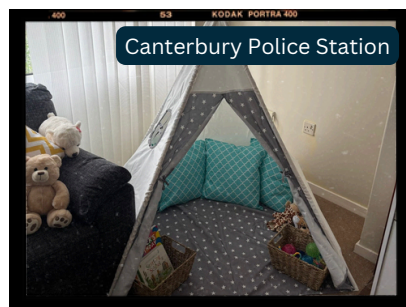
This Bright Space communal room was set up at the Impact Initiative's Young People's Centre, a safe and supportive space for 11–19 year olds who are experiencing anxiety or low self-esteem linked to gender identity or sexual orientation, as well as young carers, refugees, and many others. A huge thank you to Bright Horizons' Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging community and local nurseries in Bright Horizons South Region 4 who raised over **£6,000** for this project. We look forward to the next stages of this partnership!

## >>> BRIGHT SPACE RENEWALS

We are committed to ensuring every child who visits a Bright Space has a positive experience. To support this, we regularly refresh and update resources based on feedback from our partners and the families they work with. This includes furniture, toys, books, equipment, and decorations.

In 2025, we renewed resources in **30 Bright Spaces**. This included a refurbishment at a **Women's Aid Refuge in West Lothian**, Scotland, supported by volunteers from Bright Horizons' Elsie Inglis Nursery. The refreshed space remains a vital part of the refuge, offering children a safe and welcoming environment to play and express themselves. A playroom Bright Space was also refurbished at the **GAIA Centre, run by the domestic abuse charity Refuge**, where it is used for play therapy sessions as well as general relaxation.

**Thank you so much to all the volunteers, donors and connecting teams who have given their time and support, we couldn't do it without you!**





Our 2025 #BH20for20 campaign marked our 20th Anniversary by encouraging our community to fundraise through activities they love. Thanks to the incredible support of Bright Horizons colleagues, clients, suppliers, contractors and partners, over **£136,000** was raised to help children and families facing trauma and adversity across the UK.

This year, supporters took on an amazing variety of challenges from climbing mountains in Peru to raffles, hiking Snowdon, and completing Kiltwalks and Ultra Challenges. What truly stood out was the generosity and shared purpose behind every effort. We're immensely proud of how our Bright Horizons community comes together to brighten the lives of vulnerable children.

In 2025, **133 people** took part in Ultra Challenges and Kiltwalks and raised an incredible **£22,386**, walking a total of **2,329 kilometres** equivalent to the distance between London and Athens!

**Tonje Nordgaard Steele**, Health and Safety Auditor, who completed the Thames Bridges Ultra Challenge in September commented: ***"The walk took us from Oval Cricket Ground, along the Thames, passing many landmarks, crossing several bridges before finishing in Southwark Park. The money we raise makes such a difference to so many people; it spurred us on when our legs started to ache!"***

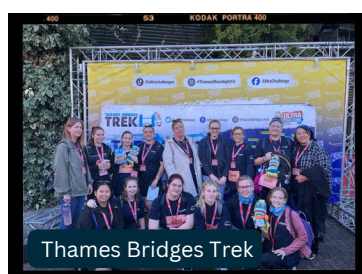
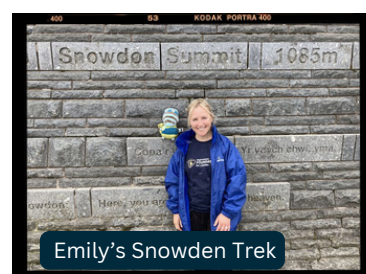
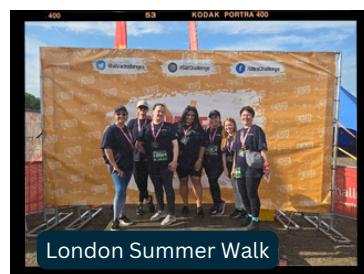
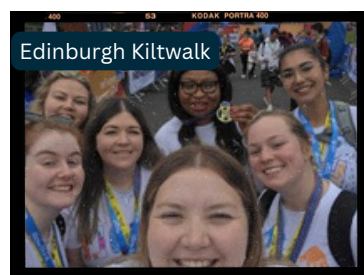
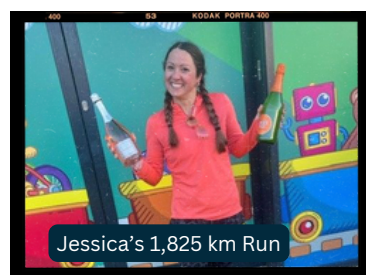
**Jessica Foster**, Senior Contracts and Commercial Manager, who took on an an astounding challenge, running 5K per day for the whole year said: ***"Today marks the last day of my 1,825 km running challenge for 2025! This journey has been full of early mornings, tough runs, and unforgettable moments of determination. Every step was worth it knowing it helps create safe, nurturing spaces for children in need."***

**Cheryl Zanni**, Back Up Care Manager, who completed the Inca Trail shared: ***"I Did It! After days of trekking through the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and summiting Rainbow Mountain at a breath taking 5,036 meters, I'm thrilled to say -challenge completed! This journey was more than just an adventure. I took it on to support the incredible work of the Bright Horizons Foundation, helping vulnerable children and families."***

Thank you to everyone who got involved and supported us in 2025!

Our heartfelt thanks to the following partners who have generously supported us through donations, providing labour, materials, play resources and equipment for our Bright Spaces:

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## >>> GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT

Thanks to our wonderful supporters, we've created **118 Bright Spaces** in the UK, where over 30,000 children experiencing adversity can play and relax in comfort and safety, supporting their resilience and recovery.

This year, our campaign, **Give a Little, Help a Lot**, is about small individual acts of giving, collectively making a big difference. We'd love for you to join us in giving a little, to help a lot! This could include giving a little time, a little money or a little energy!

## >>> HOW TO GET INVOLVED:



### SIGN UP TO REGULAR GIVING

- Sign-up [here](#) to donate monthly via Just Giving. Eligible donations are boosted by 25% with Gift Aid!
- Or, you can donate directly from your salary through Payroll Giving, tax free via your employer
- Bright Horizons colleague can sign-up to Payroll Giving [here](#)
- Donations can be stopped or changed at any time



### REGISTER FOR A WALK

- Join one of our 5 Ultra Challenges in [England](#) or 4 Kiltwalks in [Scotland](#)
- Entry fees are discounted and the fundraising goal are modest
- Or organise your own sponsored walk in your community



### RAISE FREE DONATIONS WHEN YOU SHOP

- When you shop online via [Give as you Live](#), your chosen retailer will donate a percentage of your spend to us
- With over 6,000 retailers to choose from, raising funds for the Foundation as never been easier!
- Click [here](#) to sign up or to find out more!



### REGISTER TO VOLUNTEER

- Bright Horizons colleagues can register interest in volunteering [here](#)
- If you don't work for Bright Horizons but would like to donate goods or services, please email [getinvolved@brighthorizons.com](mailto:getinvolved@brighthorizons.com)

## >>> ULTRA CHALLENGES AND KILTWALKS: REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Whether you're up for a gentle scenic walk or a serious endurance challenge, this is your chance to get involved in a team, with your family or as a solo adventure! With distances from 5K to 25K and discounted entry fees, there's something for everyone.

**18th April** | Ultra Challenge | Windsor  
**25th-26th April** | Kiltwalk | Glasgow  
**7th June** | Kiltwalk | Aberdeen  
**4th July** | Ultra Challenge | Peak District  
**22nd August** | Ultra Challenge | London Summer Walk  
**12th September** | Ultra Challenge | Thames Bridges Trek  
**13th September** | Kiltwalk | Edinburgh  
**10th October** | Ultra Challenge | Kent Downs 50



To find out more and register you can do so [here](#) for the Ultra Challenges and [here](#) for the Kiltwalk.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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