



BARNARDOS

**THE
BIG
TODDLE**

9-15 June 2025

**CHANGING CHILDHOODS.
CHANGING LIVES.**

**THE BIG TODDLE
IS BACK AND WE'RE
GOING ON A SAFARI!**

HOW TO ORGANISE YOUR BIG TODDLE

There's nothing more incredible than children supporting other children who need their help.

This is why we are so grateful that you and your little ones have chosen to be part of the UK's most roar-some adventure.

Organising your little sponsored walk is easy peasy.

Check out our handy [guidelines](#) to help make sure your event is safe, legal and everyone has a roaring time.

STEP ONE PICK A DATE

This year's Toddle Week is 9th to 15th June. Don't worry if you can't host yours within Toddle Week you can host it at a time that suits you, just let us know!

STEP TWO MAP OUT THE SAFARI ROUTE

It's good to pick somewhere full of natural sights and sounds like a park or woods. You could even hold your Toddle at your nursery or school. There's so many ways to have an elephant-astic time. You could...

Toddle in the garden

Challenge your little ones to take a Toddle around the garden.

Animal-themed scavenger hunt

Bring your Toddle indoors. Why not hold an animal-themed scavenger hunt around the class or the house for your cheeky little monkeys?

Take a Toddle on the wild side

Indoors or outdoors, get children taking part to walk a set distance in the style of various animals. They could hold their arm to the side of their nose as if they were an elephant, open and shut their arms in front of their face like a snapping crocodile or waddle like a penguin with their hands by their sides.

STEP THREE SET THE DISTANCE

Indoors or out, a half mile walk is usually about right.

STEP FOUR RAISE MONEY

Every single penny you raise can make a huge difference. Our fabulous fundraising ideas on page 4 is full of fun ways you can get involved.

STEP FIVE IT'S ALL ABOUT FUN

Download our roar-some resources, [barnardos.org.uk/big-toddle-resources](https://www.barnardos.org.uk/big-toddle-resources) to make sure your little ones have a fantastic time – remember they link to the Early Years Foundation Stage framework so will help your little ones learn!

STEP SIX SEND IN YOUR FUNDRAISING

Check out our Paying in your money on page 6 to find out how.

FANCY DRESSING UP? LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD!

Joining in with The Big Toddle's Safari theme will help your little ones feel...



...AS BRAVE AS
A ROARING LION



...AS CONFIDENT AS
A CHEEKY MONKEY



...AS FEARLESS AS
A GREAT WHITE SHARK

You can bring the Safari theme to life with a chance for inventive, creative and crazy dressing up. If you need a little extra inspiration, we have a few ideas below to get you started!

CALLING ALL LITTLE EXPLORERS

Discover new adventures and bring to life their wild imaginations as your little explorers discover new worlds on their Toddle! Think cargo vests, safari hats and walking boots.

GET COLOUR CREATIVE

The vast savanna is bursting with beautiful colours, perfect for a standout outfit. Picture gorgeous green grass, beautiful sky blue, or brilliant berry red.

GO WILD

How about a lion with a big crazy mane or an elephant with a long swinging trunk? Think stripy zebras, spotty giraffes and pink fluffy flamingos.



FABULOUS FUNDRAISING IDEAS

The Big Toddle is a great way for little ones to learn about helping others by raising vital funds to help children who need it most.

There are lots of ways to put the fun in fundraising. We've got some inspiration and ideas below, but be as imaginative as you like in coming up with your own.



SPONSORSHIP

The children can ask friends and family members to sponsor them for their Toddling achievements. You can either use our special [sponsorship forms](#) or set up a JustGiving account at www.justgiving.com/campaign/thebigtoddle2025



COLOUR-TASTIC

Nurseries and playgroups could offer face-painting on the day or download the colourful [animal mask activity](#) from our website for little ones to colour in and take home, with a suggested donation from parents, carers or guardians.

KEEPING IT LEGAL

We've put together these handy guidelines to help you ensure your event is safe, legal and everyone has an amazing time. You can find this at www.barnardos.org.uk/keep-it-legal



BRING EVERYONE TOGETHER

A Toddle is the perfect way to be a force for good by bringing the local community together. Why not get the party hats on and organise A Big Toddle party? Share your stories on social media and don't forget to tag us [@Barnardos](#) and use our hashtag [#BigToddle2025](#). Or you can get creative with a stall selling themed gift bags or Safari-themed snacks?

A FURRY FEAST

Everyone loves a tasty treat, so why not add a delicious extra touch to your Toddle with a Safari-themed picnic or a cake sale for parents, friends and family members to enjoy?



MORE FUN ACTIVITIES

By signing up to the Big Toddle, you will be sent a link to access our exclusive Safari-themed activity resources which directly link to the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

YOUR SUPPORT CHANGES LIVES

Our handy guide to show how the money you raise through your Safari raises could help children, young people and families feel safer, happier, healthier, and more hopeful.

£240

could help keep a family well-fed for a whole month, and make sure children have a breakfast before they go to school.

£25

could cover school essentials or activities to promote mental and physical wellbeing.

£800

could treat a group of 40 children to a trip out to see what other opportunities and activities exist beyond their day-to-day world, so that they can enjoy being children.

£50

could provide specialist support for a family struggling to make ends meet to access longer term financial advice.

In everything we do, we'll be working with children and young people to make sure they feel like they belong. To find out more about our life-changing work, visit:

[barnardos.org.uk](https://www.barnardos.org.uk)

PAYING IN YOUR MONEY

There are several easy peasy ways to pay donations in after your Big Toddle:

JustGiving

You can fundraise or pay in online with JustGiving – for more details, visit www.justgiving.com/campaign/TheBigToddle2025



Pay by phone

Call **0300 003 2025** to make a payment using a credit or debit card. **Please have your Barnardo's reference number (starting ORN or SRN) handy.**



Pay by post

Send in your cheque(s), made payable to Barnardo's to:
**Barnardo's Big Toddle,
Tanners Lane, Barkingside,
Ilford, Essex IG6 1QG**
Please do not send cash through the post.



Pay online

To pay via BACS, please use these details: Big Toddle, Account number: **60479500** Sort Code: **20-57-30** Or, to pay via our website, please visit <https://donate.barnardos.org.uk/>



DON'T FORGET

Help us claim an extra **25%**

Please send any completed sponsorship forms to:
**Barnardo's Big Toddle
Gift Aid Reclaim,
Tanners Lane, Barkingside,
Ilford, Essex IG6 1QG**
This enables us to claim an extra 25% on donations from UK tax payers at no extra cost to you or them.

Remember, please write your name as well as your nursery, school or groups name (if applicable) and reference number (starting with ORN or SRN) and postcode on the back of any cheques and do not post cash.

You can find your SRN/ORN reference number on Big Toddle correspondences including your postcard and emails. We need this so we can send your well deserved fundraising certificate.

Please send in your amazing fundraising to us 30 days after your event.