be a star Christmas Appeal 2026

Schools Fundraising Pack

Making Christmas a little brighter for local people this year

st elizabeth hospice

Could your school help make Christmas a little brighter for local people and families this year?

By bringing students, staff and families together for a festive fundraiser, you can help our teams provide vital care for people living with life-limiting and progressive illnesses, both at the hospice and at home.

Your support this Christmas will help patients and families spend precious time together and create lasting memories.

Alongside our hospice care, we also support local children and families facing grief, bereavement and serious family illness through our **LivingGrief** and **565 Service**.



Carla's hospice story

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One person who knows the difference our care can make at Christmas is Carla Harris, whose mum, Tina Tye, received our support during Christmas 2024.

"From the moment we were told there was nothing more the doctors could do, we knew it would be our last Christmas together with Mum," explained Carla.

"The hospice helped make our Christmas so special and enabled us to be together as a family beside Mum.

"She even had her own decorations in her room, just as she would at home, creating a little festive grotto.

"St Elizabeth Hospice helped our family create so many positive Christmas memories. I cannot thank the hospice enough for that.

"Christmas is a very hard time of year when you have lost someone. That is why it feels even more important that our community continues to support St Elizabeth Hospice in whatever way they can over the festive period."

Carla's mum, Tina, with our hospice team



Upcoming fundraising events



christmas jumper day

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 10 December

or any December date that works best for your school.

Dig out your jazziest Christmas jumper and wear it to work. How many students and staff members can you bring together in their finest Christmas get-up?!

Make a donation to help our team care for patients and families this Christmas.

Suggested donation: £2 for adults and £1 for children to take part.



christmas carols for st elizabeth hospice

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If you hold an annual Christmas Carol concert for students and their families, could you consider donating the ticket sales to St Elizabeth Hospice to help families be together this Christmas time?

Suggested donation: £3 - £5 per ticket.

More fundraising events

Rudolph Reindeer Run

Choose a date that suits you

Don your antlers and sparkle and encourage staff and students to complete your very own running race, gallop or trot around your school.

You choose an appropriate time, date and distance that works for your school.

Suggested donation: £2 for children to take part.



Set up a JustGiving™ page

Setting up a JustGiving page is a simple way to collect donations, share progress and encourage friends and family to sponsor the children taking part in your challenge, to help us fundraise even more.

Visit JustGiving to set up your page, select St Elizabeth Hospice as your chosen cause, add your details and personalise your page. All funds raised will be sent directly to the hospice.

More ways for schools to get involved

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The Larch Project links school pupils with hospice patients to work together on a shared creative project.

Through this programme, we dispel myths and provide young people with information to prepare them for their own life experiences.

This project forms part of our Compassionate Communities offering.

The Larch Project is available to schools in the Ipswich and East Suffolk area, and within Great Yarmouth and Waveney.

It is offered to children between 10 and 13 years old in Years 5, 6, 7 & 8.







How can we help?

If you need any support with your event, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We can provide collection buckets, poster templates or support you with setting up a JustGiving page.

Celebrate your fundraising!

If your school raises £1000 or more, we can come to your school to do an assembly or a cheque presentation and present a Be a Star certificate.

If you have any questions about anything in this pack, please contact us and we will be happy to help.

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