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and Young
People at
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The Rainbows have had a lovely spring and have been as busy as ever doing their usual mix of playing, learning, singing and being creative.

At Easter we said goodbye to some Rainbows who jumped over the Rainbow to



Brownies, and all three had earned their Rainbow Gold Award, a great achievement, which only two of our Rainbows have completed before. We also had a visit from a former Rainbow who came to talk about Brownies as part of her



Thursdays, term time, 5-6pm

Brownie Gold Award. The girls now all want to become Brownies.

All the Rainbows earned their Artist badge in the spring term having completed lots of artworks and they also made some beautiful Mother's Day and Easter crafts.

The Rainbows have been working on a number of themes this spring - Innovate, Communicate and Take Action. They have gained lots of skills, and it's wonderful to see them grow in confidence

over their time in Rainbows.

We have welcomed several new Rainbows who have been learning all about what it means to be a Rainbow and the meaning of the Rainbow promise.

Being helpful is part of our promise and we have been working on the Helper badge with the Rainbows thinking about how to be helpful at home, in their community and in the wider world.



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The 2025 Shoebox Express[©] Bazaar

Saturday 11th October



10am to 4pm

Come and fill a Christmas shoebox for a child.
All welcome

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A Sunday morning
group for teenagers –
join us for games and
chat at 10:30.

Explorers



FOOTSTEPS

Next one ... 21st
June, 3:30–6pm

It was great to
welcome lots of
familiar faces
to our May



Footsteps when we heard the
story of David and Goliath.

The afternoon started in
church with badge making
and the quiz with
some games to play
as well. There was
a pulley to load
with blocks, a dom-
ino trail to construct and
people to find in the lucky dip
box.

Once everyone had finished
playing and quizzing we gath-
ered together to sing and
hear our story. There was

the narrator with some of
the children playing King Saul
and David and others bring-
ing in a giant cut out Goliath.
Everyone else was either an
Israelite or a Philistine de-
pending on which side of
church they were sitting -
having to cheer or boo at the
right moment.

In the story, Goliath, a 3 me-
tre tall giant, chal-
lenged the Israelites
to send out their
bravest soldier to
fight him, but no one
volunteered - they
were too scared.
Then David, who was
only a boy, came to



King Saul and said he would fight the Giant. The King gave him his armour, but it was so big and heavy that David couldn't move in it, so he took it off and just took his sling and five small pebbles. It was one of these that hit Goliath on the head, killing him and giving the Israelites victory over the Philistines. David went on to become a great king, and all because he had trusted in God to protect him and allow him to 'win' in a situation where everything seemed to be stacked against him.

Our minister, then led us in an action prayer before everyone moved through to the Maple Leaf room to make something from the story in the junk challenge.

There were several Goliaths, catapults and a donkey in church for the congregation to see the following morning. Do you think they guessed

what the story was?



Then, it was through to the hall for crafts and games. There were biscuits to ice, a stone and pencil pot to colour, a catapult to make and a fully moving scene with flying stone and collapsing Goliath at the woodwork bench.



There were also more games, including building a tower as tall as Goliath, throwing bean bags up a ladder and rolling

marbles 'through the city gates'.

The afternoon finished as usual with tea - there were lots of sausage rolls, cheese straws, crisps and cakes (plus some fruit if you were being forced to be healthy) - and prizes for the quiz and games. Everyone is welcome

at our next Footsteps on 21st June - why not bring a friend?

WHO LET THE DADS OUT?

- Meet other dads
- Give mum some time off
- Craft activity
- Free snacks and drinks
- Baby corner, toys and games

Free playgroup
for dads and male carers with
children up to 7 years old

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH*
10-11:30AM
Formby Methodist Church Hall
Elbow Lane, Formby L37 4AF

*Check before travelling

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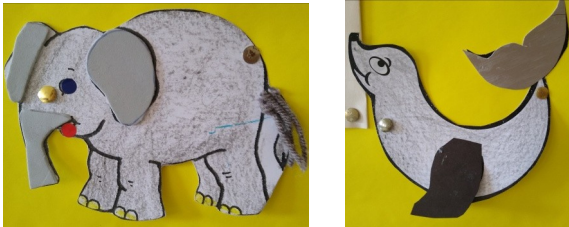
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Toddlers Thursday 9:30-11:30am

This term we have again been delighted to welcome several new babies joining their 'big' brothers and sisters at tod-

dlers. Lots of sympathetic nods about sleepless nights and feeding habits from other mums and grandmas!

Animals have been our theme at the craft table; elephants, sea lions and even a blue whale.




It's amazing what Old MacDonald has on his farm. Who knew a blue whale goes blub? The final few songs of the session are always firm fa-

vourites which include 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' and 'Hokey Cokey'.

We have missed some of our regular helpers and hope to see them again soon. In the meantime we are very grateful to those who have very kindly joined us.

Why not join us?



FOOTSTEPS

Bible-based family fun
and games with tea

Saturday 21st June

3:30pm – 6pm

ADMISSION FREE

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
Email: footsteps_fmc@yahoo.co.uk

Adventurers Every Sunday 10:30-11:30am

Surprise!

On Easter morning it was a lovely **surprise** to welcome visiting friends. We all made

Easter gardens to remember the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

What a **surprise** Barabbas

must have had when he was set free so that Jesus could take his place on the cross!



What a **surprise** Mary had when she found the tomb empty!

What an even bigger **surprise** she had when the gardener she spoke to turned out to be Jesus himself, and then it was her turn to **surprise** the disciples with the news that Jesus was alive.

As we water our gardens the forget-me-not flowers remind us of God's love.



We hope you liked the one in the church porch ... it lasted ages.

Did you have a nice **surprise** over Easter? We did. We went into the village for a treasure hunt and the answers to our clues decoded into a Bible text. When we looked it up Matthew 28 verse 6 read 'He has risen' and that was the key to our chocolate egg prize ... a very nice **surprise**.



The surprises of Easter didn't end there.

The disciples had a **surprise** when Jesus appeared to them when they were hiding in a locked room.

Thomas had a **surprise** when Jesus appeared again so that he could see him for himself.

Peter and the disciples who had gone fishing had a **surprise** when Jesus called to them from the shore, filled their nets with fish and made

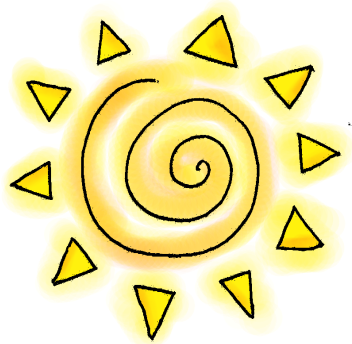
a fire to cook the fish for their breakfast.

That was not just surprising that was A-MAZ-ING.

Our pastry fish was pretty good too.

At Easter winter turned into summer!

Summer means 'Happy Birthday' to some of our



group.

Summer means don't forget the BBQ in June.

Summer also means SATs, end-of-year exams and even GCSEs for our young people.

We send them our love and encouragement as they each try their best and look forward to the excitement of new opportunities and holidays ahead.



Thank you!

A big **THANK YOU** to all those who contributed to the cake and biscuit sale in Christian Aid week and to those who bought the baking.

We managed to raise £183.14 for Christian Aid.

This money will go to families in Guatemala to help them cope with heatwaves and extreme weather.



Thursdays, term
time, 6:15-7:45pm

It's been a whirlwind of singing, crafting and potato-powered chaos here at 6th Formby Brownies!

We started the term with a joyful joint meeting with St Peter's Brownies - an indoor campfire to remember! Picture 50 girls singing their hearts out for a full hour and a half, filling the church hall with energy and joy. We finished off the evening in true celebration style - with build your own ice cream sundaes (some taller than the girls themselves!).

Thinking Day saw us gather with the rest of Formby Division. Our girls toasted marshmallows, gave Scottish dancing a go and rounded off the event with another of our signature sing-songs. You can never have too many

campfire classics!

March brought Mother's Day crafts and this year we tried something new - origami flower bouquets! There were a few paper casualties but the girls showed real determination and created some truly beautiful blooms for their Mums.

Of course, we had to go green for our Irish themed night. The girls learned *Molly Malone* - complete with actions - and ran 'like a shamrock' (yes, it's a thing and yes, it was hilarious).

One of our silliest evenings was our all-potato night. Everything was spud-tacular from the potato obstacle course to dramatic rounds of 'act like a potato'. Who knew there were so many ways to impersonate a tuber?

And we couldn't forget the biggest celebration of all—Brownies' 111th birthday! We marked the occasion with a fantastic trip to Knowsley Safari Park. The animals were a little shy but we had a blast exploring the park - and even convinced the leaders to join us on the fairground rides!

We rounded off the term with a splashy water-themed night - played outside on the

grass, of course! The girls loved 'Soggy Bottoms' (no baking involved), where they soaked sponges, ran across the field and sat on them to squeeze out the water. Then there was 'Your Majesty' - a wonderfully wet game where the chosen 'Queen' was crowned with a cold, dripping sponge squeezed over her head. Squelchy, silly and absolutely brilliant!



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FOOTSTEPS
SUMMER SPECIAL
Thursday 14th August
10:30 – 1pm

**Bible-based, family fun and
games with picnic lunch.**

**All children must be accompanied by
a responsible adult.**