

A guide to CAFOD clubs



St Francis Catholic Primary, Goosnargh



St Antony's Catholic Primary, Woodford Green

What are CAFOD clubs?

CAFOD clubs are a great way to join with other Catholic primary schools, and together with CAFOD, become part of the global church network working to build a brighter world.

CAFOD clubs will give primary school pupils the chance to get together, at lunchtime or after school. Through games and mini projects, children will learn about the wider world as well as ways they can reach people who urgently need our help.

Right now, a child is going hungry because crops have failed in his village. A family doesn't have clean, safe water to drink, and a girl is missing school because she's sick from a preventable disease. It doesn't have to be this way. Through CAFOD clubs, children can help to change this, so every person in our world has the chance to flourish.

Because CAFOD is part of a global Church network, together we have the potential to reach those that others can't reach.

Why should our school set up a CAFOD club?

Because it's fun! There are loads of interactive games, activities and projects for children to enjoy which will widen their understanding of the world and help them to develop an excellent range of skills. Children will have their own special CAFOD club prayer, sign and badge.

Importantly, CAFOD clubs will help your pupils to live out their faith and will strongly support the Catholic life of your school.

It is a great way of joining with other Catholic schools. Together with CAFOD, your school will join with the global church network to build a brighter world where every person in our global family has the chance to flourish and reach their potential.

Children say:

"I like being part of CAFOD and taking part in helping others. It's hard by yourself but we are working together as a team."

Pupil from St Antony's Catholic Primary, Woodford Green

"It makes you feel proud you are helping and making the world a better place"

Pupil from St Francis Catholic Primary, Goosnargh

How do I get started?

It's easy!

Simply email schools@cafod.org.uk to register. We will send you out a CAFOD club starter kit, with resources to get you going.

Top tips for setting up your CAFOD club

CAFOD clubs are designed to be flexible and easy to set up. If necessary, you could combine your CAFOD club with an existing club in your school. e.g. chaplaincy team or eco club.

For your CAFOD club, think about:

1. When to run the sessions – at lunchtime or after school? What day of the week?
2. Who to invite – Key Stage 1 or 2? A chosen year group?
3. What information to send out – use the information paragraphs for children and parents to help (see below).
4. Where to meet – set up a CAFOD club display area to showcase activities and achievements.

Information for children

We are setting up a CAFOD club. There will be lots of fun global games, activities and mini projects you can do to find out about the world and help make it a brighter place.

When you join, you will be given a special badge. Your mission will be to find different ways to reach people around the world who need help! Whether you are helping another child to have enough food to eat or asking for change to build a fair world, you will be helping everyone in our global family to become the best person they can be.

CAFOD club will take place on *[insert details of what day, where, etc]*.

Information for parents

We are setting up a CAFOD club. It will give your child the opportunity to come together with other children to learn about the wider world. There will be global games, activities and projects for the children to enjoy, which will widen their understanding of the world and help them to develop an excellent range of skills.

In the club, children will explore ways they can brighten up the world and reach people who urgently need our help.

Because CAFOD is part of a global Church network, it has the potential to reach those that others can't reach. From helping a child to have enough food to eat, to campaigning for justice, children in the CAFOD club will be supporting members of our global family to flourish and reach their potential.

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