

Annual Report 2025-26

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Early support, lasting impact: Our year supporting families

This year, Home-Start Oxford supported over **1,500 individuals** across central and west Oxfordshire. Through our volunteer home-visiting service and our free baby and toddler groups, we have continued to stand alongside families at some of the most challenging points in their lives, offering practical help, emotional encouragement and trusted relationships when they are needed most.

The needs our home-visited families are facing have continued to deepen. This year, **15% of families were coping with unsuitable housing**, up from 8% last year. We also saw an increase in families needing support around their child's speech and language skills, rising to 19%. Most strikingly, **30% of families were coping with disabilities**, compared with 13% last year, while **66% of all families were coping with mental health issues**. These figures show the complexity of life for many local families, and why flexible, trusted support in the earliest years matters so deeply.

Families with multiple needs remain a significant part of our work – some **40%** of all our home-visiting families. For these families, the power of Home-Start lies in the way our services can wrap around them. Some families begin in one of our free groups and then move into one-to-one home-visiting when they need more intensive support. Others begin with a volunteer at home and later build confidence and connection through our groups. In some cases, families benefit from both at the same time, receiving support that reflects their circumstances rather than expecting them to fit a single model. As Oxfordshire's Marmot Place initiative develops, with a focus on reducing inequalities, we want Home-Start Oxford to be at the centre of this work.

It has been a year of achievement, growth and powerful moments of recognition - including the memorable royal visit from HRH Catherine, Princess of Wales. But there is still more to do. For every one family we support through our one-to-one home-visiting work, there is still another family we have to turn away. That reality drives our commitment to grow, adapt and keep making the case for early help — because the need is real, the impact is clear, and childhood cannot wait.





Our work in numbers



795

children nurtured

661

families supported

287

group sessions took
place

80

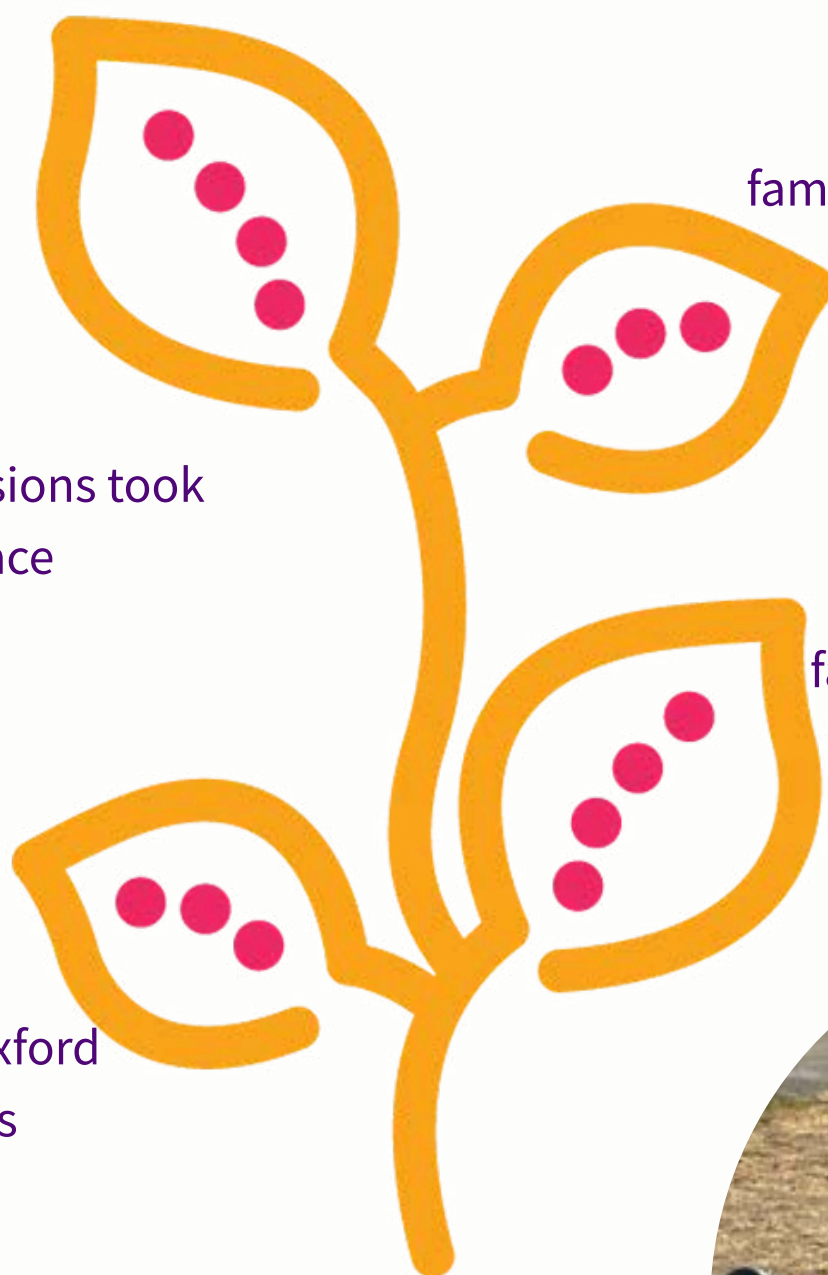
families received
home-visiting
support

68

Home-Start Oxford
volunteers

10k+

volunteer hours given



Impact: Something to shout about



Home-visiting families told us...



93%

saw improved parental self-esteem

100%

felt less isolated

100%

felt better able to meet their child's needs

While at our groups, families told us...

78%

increased their access to services and support

95%

saw a positive change in their child

100%

would recommend our groups

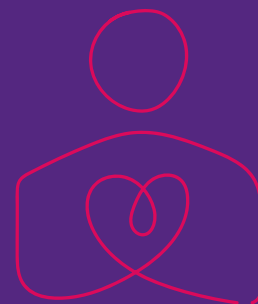


"Having an adult to talk to, to run things past, be encouraging and is genuinely interested in me has already built my confidence. The whole week feels better knowing she is coming."

A mum who had home-visiting support

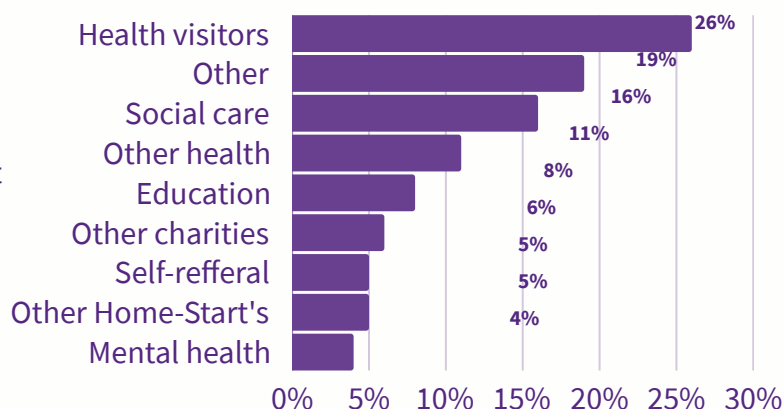


Our families

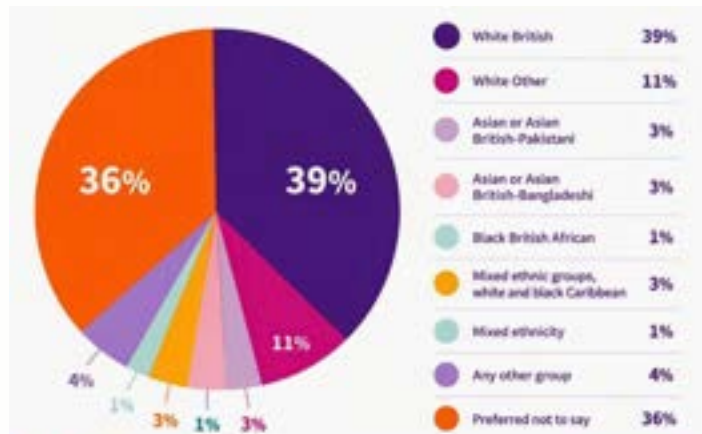


This year's referral data shows just how closely our work is connected with the wider network of support around families. While families continue to find their way to Home-Start Oxford through a variety of routes, including self-referrals, Health Visitors remain our largest referral pathway at 26%, followed by social services at 16%.

How families came to Home-Start 2025-26



Of those home-visited families that told us their ethnicity, families in 2025-26...



Every family's story is different, and this year we continued to support parents and children from a wide range of backgrounds, experiences and communities. We are proud to offer a place where families feel understood, included and connected, and where the support around them can grow.

The needs of families in 2025-26...

As we have seen this year, the needs our families are facing continue to deepen and are often multiple. These needs range from coping with mental health to help with the day to day running of the home.



Hearing from the families: Donna's story



When I had my daughter, I wasn't doing too brilliantly. I had some PTSD and anxiety from my previous pregnancy with my son with my ex-partner and I was sort of struggling with my mental health a bit. It was quite hard to keep on top of basic daily life. The house was slowly getting out of hand. I was lonely. The kids were always in clean clothes and washed, but I was leaving myself out. I was wearing dirty clothes, wasn't showering and not doing anything for myself.

Having Katie (my Home-Start Early Years worker) come round every week was everything that I needed, if I'm honest. It felt like I was talking to a friend. It was having an adult conversation not just because she was there, but because she wanted to be. I was never just a number to her or just part of the job. I wasn't just being seen, I was being heard. And with my daughter, her face would light up when Katie walked in. She'd come in as if she was her auntie and my daughter would run up to her and be really happy. Katie would be singing with my daughter, or be down on the floor playing games or showing her things, reading and giggling.

On our last day with Katie, I almost cried. I was going to miss her, not because of the help, but the way she made me feel, like I was a human. I just felt really supported. I had somebody who had my back, no matter what I said, no matter how I felt, no matter how the house looked. She'd come in with absolutely zero judgement.

Honestly, the changes for us have been like night and day. Now I feel like my confidence has come back. I'm able to actually be present a bit more, because I'm not as mentally strained, I'm able to have fun with the kids and my relationship with them has got better and they've got calmer. I struggled to connect with my daughter for the first couple of months because I was just so stressed. Now me and her are best mates, and she's the silliest little girl ever, and I love it.

I'm never now going to get stressed about things like the house, because I was told by Katie that I'm alright, that I'm a normal parent, I'm doing great, and everything's fine. I just see that the only way is up now. I feel like I can do anything. I can do whatever I set my mind to, I can get it done.



The volunteers who make Home-Start possible



This year, we were privileged to have the support of **68 volunteers**, giving an extraordinary **10,485 hours** of their time to Home-Start Oxford. This is equivalent to around **£138,000** in value — but the true value of our volunteers cannot be measured in numbers alone. Their time, compassion and commitment sit at the very heart of our work with families.



Our Volunteer Survey showed that making a difference to the lives of others remains the number one reason people choose to volunteer with us. Feedback from volunteers was overwhelmingly positive, with **100%** of respondents saying they would recommend volunteering for Home-Start Oxford. Volunteers also reported feeling valued, supported and highly satisfied in their roles, reflecting the strength of the relationships they build with families, staff and one another.

When asked what they found most satisfying, volunteers spoke about the small but powerful moments that make this work so meaningful: connecting with children and their carers, noticing small achievements, seeing how a child grows, watching the enjoyment on babies' faces, and being able to give back to society. These reflections capture the essence of volunteering with Home-Start — ordinary moments of connection that can make an extraordinary difference to family life.

At a time when many people are increasingly time poor, we appreciate our volunteers more than ever. We simply could not do what we do without them. They bring patience, warmth, skill and kindness into homes, groups and communities across Oxfordshire, helping parents feel less alone and children feel more connected, confident and supported.

To every Home-Start Oxford volunteer: thank you. Thank you for your commitment, your dedication and the care you give so generously to local families. You are not just part of Home-Start Oxford — you are Home-Start.



We would like to thank all our volunteers including....

Alison, Alison, Alison, Amanda, Andrew, Araminta, Bee, Beth, Bob, Carolyn, Charlotte, Chloe, Claire, David, Dawn, Deborah, Douglas, Ella, Emma, Estelle, Frances, Frida, Gail, Hannah, Helen, Iryna, Jackie, Jayne, Jes, Julia, Karen, Karen, Katharina, Katharine, Katie, Leanne, Lucy, Mariam, Marion, Mark, Natalie, Pat, Paula, Paula, Pearl, Prue, Rachel, Rosalind, Ruth, Sahar, Sally, Sam, Sarah, Susan, Susan, Tasha, Victoria and Yuvani.





Growing Minds: Building brighter futures from birth



As we approach the end of the seven-year pilot stage of Growing Minds pilot, the project continues to demonstrate the value of investing in families from the very earliest stages of a child's life. Growing Minds has now registered over 850 children. These numbers - which have exceeded our targets - give a glimpse of the project's impressive reach.

Growing Minds was established to support children from birth through to starting school, helping to strengthen early learning, confidence and school readiness while addressing the inequalities that can begin long before a child enters the classroom. Working across two areas of Oxfordshire, the project brings together practical, emotional and community-based support through three connected strands:

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library: children receive a free, high-quality book delivered to their home each month from birth to five, encouraging early literacy, shared reading and a love of stories.

Peep Groups: parents and young children come together in welcoming group sessions that support child development, strengthen parent-child relationships and build confidence in home learning.

Home-visiting support: families receive tailored weekly support at home, helping them navigate challenges such as housing pressures, poverty, mental health and emotional wellbeing.



The project is delivered in partnership by **Home-Start Oxford, Peeples and The Berin Centre**, alongside wider community and statutory partners. This collaborative approach has enabled families to access joined-up support that responds to their individual circumstances and grows with them over time.

A consistent lesson has been the importance of reaching families as early as possible, ideally during pregnancy or in the first months of a baby's life, when support can have the greatest impact. That was why we set up our **Baby Book Club** which has successfully opened up another route for families to connect with the support on offer.

The pilot phase of Growing Minds has been a tremendous success, and we are excited to build on this strong foundation as we move forward. We are now embedding Growing Minds into our wider programme of work, taking forward what we have learned and exploring new ways to support even more families across Oxfordshire. This is an exciting time for Growing Minds, and we look forward to sharing the project's progress in the future. Watch this space.



Growing Minds. Hearing from the families: Amy's story



“ At the time I had newborn twins and it was a lot for me to handle. It's my first time being a parent and I had two! So, I'd started going to the Growing Minds stay and play group to help me get out. While I was there someone introduced me to Kylie, and she explained to me that there was extra support available through Home-Start if I needed it, and I really, really needed help.

So Kylie started coming over once a week. Oh my gosh, Kylie has been so helpful. Sometimes when she comes, I'm trying to make food for the twins, I've got one crying saying mummy, mummy and holding my hand and the other one is holding my leg, and I'm fighting with the pot trying to carry on cooking. Kylie just jumps in and plays with the twins to keep them occupied so I can cook.

There's so many things that Kylie's been able to help with. Like, half of the toys in my house are educational stuff from Kylie. She introduced that to the twins, so they were able to do those things that I wouldn't have thought about doing personally because I'm trying to sort both of them out at the same time. And she did things to help them learn, like, she sings the alphabet with them. And they started talking early as well, because Kylie communicates with them. And she does things like offer them choices. Like she brings over toys and she allows them to make a choice of what they want to play with. They learn from her.

You know, when I look back, it's really helped me too, like, oh my god, I don't even know how I was doing things. Having Kylie to support me picked up the pressure from me and it's helped me settle. That means a lot to me. It gave me time to do things like go and eat or do something for myself. Or sometimes I'd just chat to her. If something was upsetting me, having Kylie there just to talk about it, to be able to say it out loud to someone. To know there's someone just definitely listening, it's brilliant. Like it relaxed my mind.

All the emotions I was going through, being a new mum, no sleep, the baby blues, my hormones all over the place, knowing that there was someone here to help me, someone to talk to, someone to have a cup of tea with... Just Kylie being there really helped me, because, I would say at the time I had one percent of emotion available, and I wasn't able to pretend any more. Things were just not okay. So when she came it helped with everything.



Creating connection through our family groups

This year, our free baby and toddler groups continued to provide a warm, welcoming space for families across Witney, Rose Hill and Littlemore, with groups running every day of the week. Over the year, we delivered **248 group sessions** and supported over **580 families** through group-based activities, showing the growing importance of these spaces within our wider support for local families.

Our group surveys have shown just how impactful this support can be. Parents told us that attending groups helped them connect with other parents, with an **83%** increase when comparing responses before and after attending. Families also reported improvements in their child's learning and development, with a **58%** improvement, and a **63%** increase in parents' and carers' confidence in going out into the community, showing the positive role our groups play in reducing isolation, building social connection and helping families feel more confident.

Our groups are also proving to be an important gateway to wider support, helping them find the right support at the right time with over **78%** of survey respondents said they had accessed other services as a result of attending a Home-Start group. These ranged from days out, parks and group visits to food banks, health visitors, mental health services, housing support and other community resources.

Perhaps most importantly, **97%** of respondents said they had seen a positive change in themselves, and **95%** said they had seen a positive change in their child. Parents told us repeatedly that their children had become more confident, outgoing and sociable, and better able to share and interact with other children. The strength of the feedback is clear: **100%** of respondents said they would recommend Home-Start groups.

More than anything, our groups show the importance and power of providing welcoming support in the heart of our communities. They help parents feel less alone, give children opportunities to grow in confidence and connection, and often become the first step into wider Home-Start support. Alongside our volunteer home-visiting service, they are a vital part of how we meet families where they are, offering support that can flex, grow and change as each family's needs change.



"For me, coming to the group, I've gained a family of friends and my son is now very social and confident. Thank you!"

Mum who attends group

Hearing from the families: Shauna's story



When my youngest wasn't hitting her developmental milestones, we started going down the route of having her assessed for autism. My health visitor asked me, "What support have you got for her?" and I said, basically, nothing. It was just us. She told me about Daisies, the Home-Start SEND group, and put in a referral for me.

We'd been to other groups before, but they were really loud and boisterous - it just wasn't what I needed from a SEND environment, if that makes sense. For my daughter, it was too loud, too crazy and too unpredictable. She would literally just shut down when she was there.

I think what's so good about Daisies is they meet my daughter exactly where she is. If she doesn't want to speak, they're just like, "That's fine. We'll sit near you and do our thing." They might quietly pass her a puzzle or something, and then when she's ready to engage, they'll follow her lead. They've gently encouraged her too. They might ask, "Do you want to come and join us for a story?" If she says no, it's simply, "OK, that's fine. We're here if you want us." They're so in tune with her. They know my child and they know what she needs, and that's what makes it so amazing.

We started going to Daisies in about March last year. I remember sitting down and working it out, that after around six months there had been a total turnaround in my daughter. Now, if we go to a soft play during a normal session, she'll interact with other children. That is such a huge thing for her. We have playdates with one of the boys from the group now, and honestly, it's amazing. Another huge change is that we never used to go out during the school holidays. Ever. That was our time to shut everything down and stay at home. If we did go to the park, we'd go late in the evening when most children were going home for dinner or getting ready for bed, because otherwise it was just too much, too busy and too noisy. But this year is the first time we've actually done big days out.

She did the whole day at 4 Kingdoms, on a trip organised by Home-Start, without her headphones, which is incredible for her. We also went away last week and spent a day at a safari park. It was really busy, but she loved it. She was absolutely fine.

There are just so many things she does now that she simply wouldn't have done before. It's got to the point where I'm thinking, "Right, OK... could we potentially put her in school? Would she be ready?" At the moment I'm home educating her, but the change in her has been so significant that it's actually made me consider whether school could become an option for her. That's the turnaround. It's crazy.



Partnerships that help families thrive



Partnership work is central to how we support families. By working alongside trusted organisations across Oxfordshire, we can offer families a wider range of opportunities, strengthen our own practice and create support that is joined-up, inclusive and rooted in community. Our aim through all our partnerships remains the same: to create long-term positive impact for families.

This is the second year of our partnership with Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, as part of the 0-19 service. This contract helps fund our volunteer home-visiting support, and has been transformational in increasing practical collaboration. Our support for families has been strengthened by having access to Language Line (enabling us to support a greater diversity of families in their first language, facilitating the ‘match’ process after which support is provided by a multi-lingual volunteer). We have valued access to training and safeguarding support, and have planned together how to meet family needs. Our new Daisies SEND group is one way in which Home-Start has responded to a gap identified jointly with Health Visitors.

Another example is in our relationship with Active Oxfordshire and the YouMove programme. This funded partnership has really encouraged us to think more intentionally about movement, not just in group settings but in home-visiting too. The partnership has supercharged how we plan resources, rooms, outdoor spaces and everyday activities that help children move, explore, balance, build, climb, carry and engage physically with their environment.

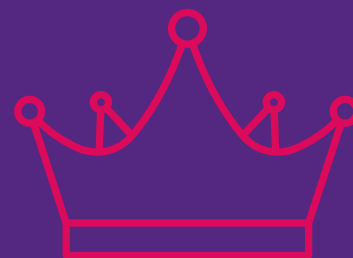
Our wider partnerships have also helped us offer memorable, active and confidence-building experiences for families. This year we once again worked with partners such as Little City, Fam Jam and Hill End, alongside visits to The Story Museum and Pegasus Theatre and a circus trip for 80 families. Funding from the National Lottery and Cash for Kids enabled us to provide two day trips to 4Kingdoms, which were incredibly well received by families, many of whom had not visited before.

Through the Home-Start Oxfordshire Consortium, alongside Home-Start Banbury, Bicester and Chipping Norton and Home-Start Southern Oxfordshire, our partnership work across the county continues to go from strength to strength. Together, we are building a stronger countywide offer for families, rooted in shared learning, collaboration and a commitment to reaching as many families as possible through our connected charities.

“Our whole family uses our YouMove card. My teen son uses it for a SEN session, me and the little one, we go to Little City, and we also go swimming as a family.”

A Home-Start family

A royal visit



A very special highlight this year was welcoming HRH The Princess of Wales to Home-Start Oxford, giving us the opportunity to share first-hand how we support families across Oxfordshire. The Princess spent time with families at a special Rose Buds Stay and Play session, speaking with parents about their experiences and the difference Home-Start has made to their lives. She also met with staff and volunteers, speaking to them about new training animations based on The Royal Foundation Centre for Early Childhood Explainer Series. Home-Start Oxford was honoured to collaborate on the animations, which explore the science of early social and emotional development and the lasting impact of everyday moments of connection between parents and young children.

The Princess' genuine passion for children's earliest years shone through in her conversations with families and volunteers, and the response to her visit was incredible. With coverage across television, radio, print and social media - both locally and nationally - the event truly helped put early childhood in the spotlight.

For the families involved, the visit was a memorable and meaningful experience. One mum, Jasmine, described it as "an amazing experience" and said that Home-Start had "re-lit a spark" in her, encouraging her every step of the way. Another mum, Lisa, reflected on how important groups like Rose Buds are, saying they are something families look forward to each week and a place where both parents and children can grow in confidence and connection.

To have the chance to showcase our work in this way was an incredible experience that we will never forget.



Other highlights



OXBA finalists

We were delighted to be named as finalists in the Oxfordshire Business Awards, recognising the strength and impact of Home-Start Oxford's work with families across the county. Being shortlisted alongside so many brilliant local organisations was a real honour and a lovely moment of recognition for our whole team of staff, volunteers, trustees and supporters.

Summer trip fun

Following the success of last year's trips, this year we were delighted to offer families another opportunity to enjoy a special day out together — this time with visits to 4Kingdoms. For many families, these trips offered the chance to visit somewhere they may not otherwise have been able to access, creating space for lots of fun and shared memories. Once again, the outings proved hugely popular and reflected what our summer activities are all about: giving families free, welcoming opportunities to come together, try something new and enjoy time as a family.



OPA Play days

We love championing play and that's why we were once again delighted to take part in five Oxfordshire Play Association Play Days, joining families and partner organisations at free community events across the county. Supported by our wonderful staff and volunteers, these days gave us the chance to meet families in welcoming, informal settings and offer fun, accessible activities for babies, toddlers and carers. They also helped us strengthen our links within the wider community and raise awareness of the support Home-Start Oxford can offer to families who may need us.



Other highlights



Volunteer training and recruitment

It has been a real joy to meet so many lovely new volunteers as they completed their preparation courses and took their first steps towards supporting families with Home-Start Oxford. This year, we were able to run three in-person preparation courses, alongside additional online sessions, making training more accessible and flexible. Across the year, this meant welcoming many new volunteers into our Home-Start family. Their support helps ensure we can continue to be there for families when they need us most.



Half marathon, full effort!

We were so grateful to our team of 20 runners who took part in the Oxford Half Marathon for us in 2025. Their efforts raised over £7,000 for Home-Start Oxford, helping us to continue to deliver vital support to local families.

Taking on London iconic race

We were over the moon to be awarded a spot in the London Marathon. We now have 2 places each year for 3 years and our first team members Steve and Ed did amazingly well. Not only did they smash the marathon they also raised nearly £5,000 for Home-Start!



Other highlights



More fun for families

Throughout the year, our groups gave families the chance to come together, have fun and celebrate special moments. From Diwali-themed activities to Christmas parties in Witney and Rose Hill, these shared celebrations helped bring families together in a fun way for which everyone could feel a part of. Families enjoyed dancing, games, crafts, party food and time together. These occasions are about far more than marking dates in the calendar; they help families celebrate together, build friendships and enjoy moments of fun and belonging.

Big Give, big impact

We were thrilled to take part once again in the Big Give Christmas Challenge, the UK's largest match-funding campaign, where donations are doubled to help charities make an even bigger impact. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters, we not only reached our ambitious target of £50,000 but exceeded it! Every donation will help us continue providing vital early support to parents and children at a time when many families are facing increasing pressures. We are so grateful to everyone who gave, shared the campaign or helped us spread the word.



Volunteer meet ups

This year, we have continued to create opportunities for volunteers to come together, connect and feel part of the wider Home-Start Oxford community. A highlight has been the introduction of our Volunteer Hubs, offering volunteers the chance to meet one another over a cup of tea or coffee, share experiences and speak informally with Family Coordinators, who are on hand to answer questions, offer guidance and provide support. Whether through hubs, coffee mornings, wellbeing walks, Volunteer parties or training sessions, we are committed to making sure our volunteers feel valued and equipped to provide the best possible support to families.

Other highlights



Three-legged fun

Our CEO, Katharine, joined BBC Radio Oxford for the nationwide Thousand Mile Challenge in support of BBC Children in Need, taking part in a three-legged walk through Blackbird Leys with producer Sophie Rumsby. As a charity supported by Children in Need, we were delighted to be involved in such a fun and memorable event, helping to raise awareness while celebrating the power of community at the heart of Home-Start Oxford.

Baby Week launch

We were delighted to work with Oxford City Council to launch Oxfordshire's first Baby Week, hosting a special Rose Buds session that brought together local services including Health Visitors, Community Dentists, LCSS, Peep, YouMove, More Leisure and the Story Museum. Families had the chance to discover support and activities in their local area while enjoying a fun, welcoming event — a successful celebration we are excited to build on again this November.



Finance Report

For the second year, we enjoyed a remarkable increase in the funding secured by our Development Team, supported by the wider Home-Start team who continuously champion the charity's cause.

Our total income grew by 26% from £415,423 in 24-25 to £521,889 in 25-26, a new high in both nominal- and inflation-adjusted terms. Although all our funders are important to us, we should note the extraordinary success of everyone involved in successfully raising a total of £54,720 unrestricted funds during the Big Give Christmas 2025 'matched funding' appeal.

Our growing income has allowed us to expand the family support team and provide more assistance to our main focus: families with children under 5 years old that need us most.

Overall, our income exceeded our outgoings by £73,221 allowing us to maintain a healthy level of reserves that are important in giving us the confidence to grow in the face of an uncertain fundraising landscape.

Our heartfelt thanks must also go to all the funders and donors who have made our work possible this year. Their support, in many different forms, has helped us continue reaching families during a time of growing need and increasing pressure on charities.

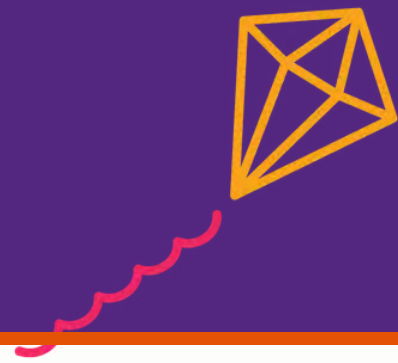
We are especially grateful to those who understand the importance of investing in the early years and who work with us in a thoughtful, flexible and collaborative way. Their generosity enables us to respond to local families, strengthen our support and make a lasting difference in our community.

Home-Start Oxford financial summary 2025-26

INCOME	
Statutory grant funding (restricted)	98,729
Other restricted grants and donations	244,734
Home-Start UK	9,560
Other income & donations	168,866
Total	521,889
EXPENDITURE	
Staff costs	380,467
Volunteer costs	5,031
Family outings, events and direct support	11,943
Rent & insurance	8,389
Fees (incl Home-Start UK)	8,331
IT costs	17,919
General office costs	14,691
Fundraising	10,119
Total	456,891
Surplus / (deficit)	73,221
Net Assets	356,050



Strategy Update



Home-Start's vision is to shape a country where all children have the best possible start in life.

We want to make sure that no parent or family feels alone in the critical task of raising children.

Across Oxford, West and Central Oxfordshire, our focus is on building compassionate communities of support for families, parents and children – because childhood can't wait.

Our strategy for 2024 – 2027 is focused on:

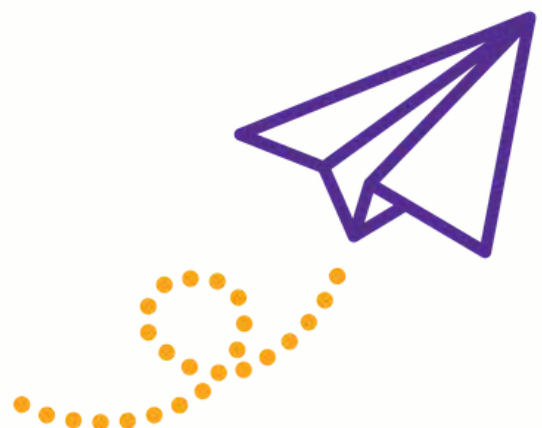
- Deepening our **Impact** – empowering families, our volunteer and staff teams, to have the confidence and skills to make a lasting difference to children's lives.
- Achieving **Growth** – so more parents with young children, in our area, can access support, with a particular focus on home-visiting where demand is especially pressing.
- Advance **Inclusion** – by focusing on families facing the greatest inequalities, and celebrating the diversity of our community, in all that we do.
- Amplify the **Voice** – of local families and partners to inform our service and make the case for preventative support in the earliest years.
- Greater **Financial security** – to sustain our service and fulfil our plans.

Looking forwards, we are:

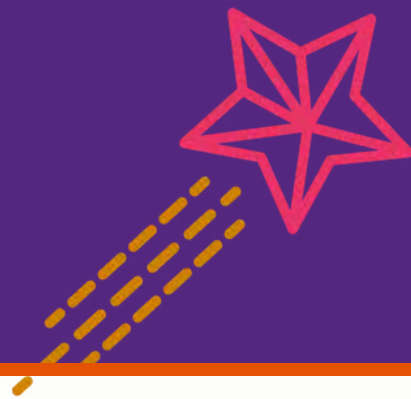
- Preparing to extend our **Growing Minds** school readiness project to a new area - the Leys in Oxford - and continuing our Growing Minds partnership offer in Littlemore, beyond our 7-year pilot.
- **Investing further in volunteer recruitment, training and support**, in recognition of the vital role volunteers play in our service.
- Planning and fundraising for the introduction of **Dad Matters**, to provide dedicated outreach and support to new dads.
- Excited to **involve our Home-Start Oxford community in shaping our future plans**, and the next phase of our strategy.

We will be there for parents when they need us most – because childhood can't wait.

We would love you to join us in our mission!



A thank you



Heartfelt thanks to the many individuals, donors, trusts, foundations, faith groups, councils, Oxford colleges, businesses, and partner organisations who have supported us during the year.

These include but are not limited to....



Thanks also to our wonderful volunteer Gail for creating these beautiful hand-drawn pictures.



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