



Dear families,

Following on from the introduction of Rainbows for girls in Key Stage 1 during Golden Time last year, we are now starting 1st St Edmund's Brownies for our Key Stage 2 girls as an after-school club from 3.15pm to 4.15pm on Mondays. All girls aged 7-11 are welcome to join and become part of Girlguiding UK, being able to enjoy sessions at school on Monday afternoons but also be invited along to additional events such as sleepovers and days out with the wider Girlguiding community.



Brownies is a club exclusively for girls and, as the second youngest section Girlguiding, aims to help them have fun, friendship and adventures while discovering their full potential. They take part in a range of activities, earn badges, build their self-confidence and develop skills like communication and leadership through games, crafts and adventures. At the heart of Brownies is the Promise, encouraging girls to do their best, find out more about themselves and empower them to become kind and helpful members of their communities.

Every week at Brownies is different with the ideas for each week coming from the girls' suggestions and these are outlined below.

Date	Planned activity	Further information
Monday 21 st September	Welcome to Brownies	
Monday 28 th September	What Matters to Us	
Monday 5 th October	Environmental Action	
Monday 12 th October	Baking and Bubbles	
Monday 19 th October	Guiding for Good 	Girls who are ready to make their Promise can do so at this meeting – parents are welcome to join us at 4pm to watch.
Monday 26th October	Half term – no meeting	
Monday 2 nd November	Fiery Fun and Painting	
Friday 6th November 	*Sleepover at Clip n Climb Tonbridge	<i>Please let us know as soon as possible if your Brownie would like to come and we will send you full details. £37 per Brownie, including dinner, movie, climbing in the evening and morning, breakfast and badges!</i>
Sunday 8th November	*Remembrance Day service, 10.30am, St Mary Magdalene Church, Longfield 	<i>If your Brownie would like to come along and take part in the special service Remembrance Day, you will either need to complete a consent form or remain at the church. There will be a badge for all Brownies attending.</i>
Monday 9 th November	Communicate Badge part 1	



Monday 16 th November	Communicate Badge part 1		
Monday 23 rd November	Parliament Week Activities		
Monday 30 th November	Brownie Challenges		
Monday 7 th December	Exploring Outside		
Sunday 13 th December	*Cinema trip to Hexed, Odeon Cinema, Chatham, time likely around 9am – 11am		<i>This is a national event with Odeon cinemas across the UK holding screenings exclusively for Girlguiding members. £7 each including a limited-edition badge.</i> <i>Please let us know as soon as possible if your Brownie would like to attend.</i>
Monday 14 th December	Christmas-themed Fun		

* All activities marked with * require a consent form to be completed before girls are able to take part.

Next term ideas: Watch out for cinema trip

Subs payments (optional – for those wanting to become official members through GirlguidingUK)

In order to be a part of GirlguidingUK, each member needs to pay towards an annual fee which covers insurance, national and more local projects (such as developing new badges or activities). Money is also needed to pay for the girls' badges and resources for our meetings. The payments we ask from parents to cover these costs are known as 'subs'.

Subs costs £25 each term (or £6.25 per month) and payments can be made through the Brownie 'basket' on Arbor.

If you ever find it difficult to pay subs or for any event your daughter is invited to, please do let us know and we will always try to find a way to help.

Uniform

Uniform can be bought new from the Girlguiding website or pre-loved. It is not essential for meetings at school but does help the girls feel part of the group and gives them a place to display their badges. Please ask if you would like help getting hold of uniform.

Badges

While we work on some badges at Brownies, the girls can also work on interest badges at home. Full details are in the Brownie Big Badge Book (available online for £8).



Joining Brownies

	Becoming an official GirlguidingUK member of Brownies:
Cost	£25 per term (3 x per year) – to be paid through Arbor
Activities	After school on Mondays plus invitations to additional events
Badges	Official GirlguidingUK cloth and metal badges
How to sign up	See instructions below.

If you would like your daughter to **join Girlguiding UK as a Brownie** and attend out after school Brownies group, please:

- 1) Head to www.girlguiding.org.uk and click on 'Register a child'. To join our new school Brownies group, select **1st St Edmund's Brownies**. If you have other children interested in joining Rainbows or Guides or are interested in other Girlguiding groups, you can register your interest with them through this website too.
- 2) Sign up for our Brownies after school club on Arbor.
- 3) Pay the £25 termly fee, also through Arbor.

Please ask if you have any other questions. We plan to begin our Winter to Spring term on Monday 11th January.

Mrs Daniel and Miss Elvidge