

# Playtime Group

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Playtime Group is a baby and toddler group run by the Sancroft Benefice for children aged 0-5 years and their parents/carers. We meet every Thursday during school term time in the Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield.

Run by 4 mums (Lynette Sheldrake, Tehina Goodwin, Heather Roome and Lisa Ridge), who have children in the local primary school and are fully DBS checked, we aim to provide a friendly, safe and fun environment for children and their families.

Each week the hall is transformed with toys, rideons, craft and sensory play and we provide snacks and a drink not only for the children but also cake and tea/coffee for the adult accompanying.

Over the past year we have worked hard to slowly increase our numbers by increasing our social media presence with a facebook and Instagram page, installing a banner outside the Hall to advertise and distributing flyers and leaflets to local businesses to promote our presence.

As we do not charge an entry fee or have any funding we rely on donations each week and everything else is made by ourselves through fundraising for the group. Our main fundraiser is the village produce market. Last year we ran a stall selling baked and savoury goods during the summer months and then one also at the Christmas Market. We rely on the kindness of our parents/carers that come to our Playtime Group each week for their donations for this and we have found it to be very successful. This enables us to buy new toys, crafts and provide snack each week.

We have had so much fun over the past year with all the families. From celebrating pancake day, making cards and planting seeds for mothers day, Easter egg hunts in the church, summer fun and parties on the green and all topped of with a fantastic christmas party and a visit from Santa Claus himself.

We hope to run a First Aid course this year for our group and the local community to teach everyone the fundamentals for great first aid, which they will obtain a certificate for.

We hope to have even more funtimes with the wonderful children and families in our community this year whilst increasing our presence and working with the local parish Council on fundraising.