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WELCOME!

Welcome to the third edition of our schools newsletter!

We're so excited to share this special edition with you as we unveil plans for our new brand! While our service remains the same, we've embraced a bold, fresh look to better reflect the lifesaving work we do and the communities we serve.

Our team have been busier than ever, visiting schools to share information about our services and I'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone - staff, students, and supporters alike - who make our team feel welcome and make our mission possible every day.



This issue is packed with updates and opportunities to get involved. You'll:

- Learn more about our new brand and what you will see and when.
- Meet a vital member of our team, Crew Member, Lonnie.
- Discover ways to join the fun and support our vital service.

Thanks to your continued support, we're able to reach children and babies in urgent need - whenever they need us. Your generosity truly helps save lives.

As always, we'd love to hear from you! Whether it's your ideas, stories, or feedback, please get in touch at schools@theairambulance.org.uk.

Thank you for all you do,

Donna,
Director of Fundraising



MISSION STATS 2025

Nothing is more precious than time and our helicopters complete journeys 4x faster than those taken by road, reducing the risk of further complications and helping to save lives.

1,179 Total Missions

4 x Faster Than Road

11 Clinical Partner Teams

2 Aircraft

2 Airbases

£5,500 Average Mission Cost

*These figures reflect our missions from inception in 2012 - 1 August 2025

LEARN MORE OUR MISSION RE-IMAGINED

A FRESH LOOK, THE SAME LIFE-SAVING MISSION!

We've got exciting news to share - we are rebranding. But this isn't just about a new logo or a splash of colour. It's about making sure we stay relevant, recognisable, and ready to save more lives together

WHY THE CHANGE?

Over the years, we've heard from many of you - our incredible supporters, volunteers, and donors - that our identity wasn't always clear. That confusion made it difficult for people to connect with our cause, so we listened, researched and evolved. Our new brand reflects who we truly are - bold, compassionate, and committed to saving lives across the UK.

WHAT'S NEW? WHY NOW?

You'll start to notice some exciting changes including a bold new logo and visual identity, to help raise awareness in a clearer and more consistent way. The Children's Air Ambulance covers the whole of the UK, therefore our new name will proudly reflect this - National Children's Air Ambulance.

WHAT'S NEXT?

You'll see our new look roll out gradually over the next 12-18 months. From our website and social media to our shops and events, we're making sure the transition is smooth and cost-effective.

THANK YOU!

Your support has brought us to this moment and with your continued help, we'll go even further. We're excited about what's ahead and we hope you are too.

TOGETHER, WE SAVE MORE LIVES



Old Look



Together, we save more lives

New Look

SKY HIGH AND STANDING BY

NAME: Lonnie Brown

JOB TITLE: National Children's Air Ambulance (NCAA)
Crew Member

HOW LONG HAVE YOU WORKED FOR NCAA?

I have worked for NCAA since May 2024 and I have enjoyed every moment so far.

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL DAY LOOK LIKE FOR YOU?

My day begins with preparing the aircraft and the equipment in it, making sure it's all ready for 8am, should we receive a mission call. I attend a morning briefing with the pilots to discuss the upcoming weather, flight planning and aircraft safety throughout the day. If we are tasked, I support the clinical partner teams with safety briefings, any requested care of the patient and I support any parents that travel with us. I am also the communication link between our busy Airdesk and the clinical teams that travel with us. Between missions, I undertake training. I ensure that the airbase and all the equipment is clean and safe to use. I also really enjoy community outreach by visiting schools and our many wonderful charity stores that we have. At the end of the day, along with the pilots, I make sure the aircraft is put to bed, clean, tidy and ready to go again the following day before handing over to the Airdesk.

WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR HIGHLIGHT SO FAR?

The highlight for me has been the grateful parents who travel with us when we transport their child. Seeing their relief and appreciation reminds me how much of a difference we make, not just for the child, but the whole family.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SAY TO OUR SUPPORTERS?

I'd like to say a heartfelt thank you. Even the smallest donation makes a big difference, and ultimately has a powerful impact on a sick child and their family.



TELL US A FUN FACT ABOUT YOURSELF

Although I have worked in the medical field most of my life, my first time at University was to study performing arts. Amazing where life takes you (jazz hands).

GO GREEN together



...and support National
Children's Air Ambulance.

Help us celebrate our new look and get your green on to show your support for our lifesaving work! Whether it's a wear something green day, a themed bake sale or getting quizzical with an air ambulance themed quiz, your fundraising makes a huge difference and keeps our helicopters flying to save lives.

Organising your 'Go Green Together' event couldn't be easier!

Just follow these simple steps to spread the word and raise vital funds:

- 1 **Say yes:** Register your event with us, set up your fundraising page and grab your FREE fundraising pack.
- 2 **Plan it:** Pick your green themed activity and set a date!
- 3 **Invite:** Rally your school community to take part, join the fun, and donate just £1 each.
- 4 **Have fun:** Once the fun is over and the donations are in, let us know. If you collected cash donations, we'll guide you on how to send them to us!



Visit airamb.co/GoGreen or scan here →

So get your green on and let's save lives together!

Want your students to learn more about our service? We'd love to share our story! Contact us to request a copy of our assembly presentation or book a virtual assembly by emailing schools@theairambulance.org.uk

COFFEE BREAK



Sit back and relax with a hot drink and a good puzzle...

STAFFROOM RIDDLES

Five teachers are chatting in the staffroom:
Ms. Green, Mr. Brown, Miss White, Mrs. Black,
and Mr. Blue.

Each teaches a different subject: English, Maths, Science, History, and Art.

Here are the clues:

- The English teacher sits next to Mr. Blue.
- Mr. Brown is not the History or Art teacher.
- Ms. Green teaches neither English nor Science.
- The Science teacher sits between Miss White and Mrs. Black.
- Mr. Blue does not teach Maths.

Question: Who teaches which subject?

There were five men eating bananas. Man A finished his banana before man B. But, man A finished behind man C. Man D finished behind man B, but before man E.
What was the order the men finished eating their bananas?

There is one of me in every corner, but two of me in every room. **What am I?**

WORD LADDER

Change one letter at a time to move from the first word to the last word. Each step must be a real word.

Start: MARK **End:** GOLD

Can you fill in the missing steps in this 6-step ladder?



ANSWERS

Staffroom Riddle: Ms Green – English, Miss White – History, Mrs Black – Maths and Mr Blue – Science.
Word Ladder: MARK → DARN → BARN → BARD → BALD → GOLD
Eating Bananas: CABDE. One in Every Corner: The letter O.

CLASSROOM RESOURCES

Share this air ambulance themed wordsearch with your students. Why not complete this activity during your 'GO GREEN TOGETHER' event to add a little extra sparkle!

A	I	M	B	M	I	O	A	I	R	D	E	S	K
B	E	U	B	D	N	R	Y	S	Y	H	A	A	L
N	T	E	G	N	A	H	C	P	E	S	M	I	S
F	C	L	T	O	L	I	P	M	I	E	B	R	A
U	O	H	P	C	N	H	A	I	G	N	U	I	R
N	M	E	A	H	C	I	I	N	S	A	L	L	R
D	M	L	T	C	H	S	I	L	I	M	A	R	Y
R	U	I	I	E	I	Y	T	A	N	I	N	E	T
A	N	C	E	A	L	E	L	T	I	S	C	F	I
I	I	O	N	F	D	O	T	I	L	S	E	S	R
S	T	P	T	B	R	R	M	P	T	I	L	N	A
I	Y	T	S	S	E	R	I	S	C	O	L	A	H
N	H	E	U	A	N	G	Y	O	W	N	R	R	C
G	I	R	M	C	R	E	W	H	L	A	R	T	N

MISSION
FLYING
AMBULANCE
HOSPITAL

COMMUNITY
TRANSFER
FUNDRAISING
PILOT

CHILDREN
HELICOPTER
AIRDESK
CREW

PATIENTS
CHARITY

FREE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

We have a range of free educational workshops for you to download and use in your classrooms, covering all aspects of charity work and a deeper look into helicopters including:

- What is a charity?
- How do volunteers help charities?
- What makes a good team?
- What impact to charities have?
- How does a helicopter fly?
- Where do helicopters land?
- and more...

Each workshop feeds into the elements of the curriculum.

To view and download the resources, visit:

theairambulance.org.uk/get-involved/school-fundraising-ideas



FABULOUS FUNDRAISERS

A huge thank you to all of our spectacular school supporters.



GET IN TOUCH

Our team would love to hear from you, from helping with fundraising queries, booking assemblies or to give us feedback. Please drop us a line at

schools@theairambulance.org.uk



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