

Introducing

Friday Outdoor Playgroup

Friday Outdoor Playgroup runs every Friday in NSW public school terms from 10am-11.30am at St James Church Croydon. You can find us outside on the grounds (corner of Liverpool Rd and Edwin St). Carpark access is at 2 Highbury St Croydon.

We provide lots of active activities such as outdoor toys, chalk, parachute, water play, construction activities, dress-ups, trucks, cars, balls, puzzles, bubbles, climbing frames, painting, playdough, craft, stories and music suitable for children 0-5 years.

Carers are responsible for their own children including providing food (no nuts please). We also ask that you only film/video your own child as other parents may not be comfortable with you filming their children. So we can all keep healthy please stay home if you or your child are ill.

Tips for enjoying playgroup

- Playgroup can be overwhelming for children (and adults) with lots of new things and faces. It often takes a few weeks to settle in and get to know the group.
- Watch out for your child so you can help them when needed.
- Remember that everyone is responsible for parenting their own children in their own way. Remember too that we all have difficult days, and playgroup is a place where we can support each other.
- Children may get messy, so wear old clothes and use one of our aprons when painting
- Bring along a water bottle and morning tea as little ones get hungry as they play.

Morning Schedule

- 10:00 Free Play
- 11:00 Craft
- 11:15 Pack-up time
- 11:20 Storytime
- 11:25 Music, Game
or Bike time
- 11:30ish Good-Byes



FAQs

Who runs Friday Outdoor Playgroup?

Friday Outdoor Playgroup is run by volunteers who attend St James Anglican Church Croydon as a service to the community (all volunteers have Working with Children Checks). For more information about church activities ask at the welcome desk or check our website: stjamescroydon.org.au/outdoor-playgroup



The Team

How do I know what's happening at playgroup?

We have a WhatsApp group which we use to keep regular contact with families. You can join the group by asking a volunteer or scanning the QR code at the welcome desk. We also send occasional emails typically at the start of every year.



What about the weather?

Playgroup is held outside when the weather is fine. In the event of rain or otherwise unsuitable weather, it will be held indoors in the hall. On hot days we use shaded spaces to keep everyone comfortable. We use the WhatsApp group to notify you about any location changes.

Do we need to pay?

Playgroup is free, but we welcome donations towards our activity costs. You will find a QR Code link for payments at the welcome desk. We do not take cash donations.

Where are the bathrooms/change facilities?

You can access bathrooms at the back of the church hall. Change facilities are provided in the room opposite the men's bathroom. Dirty nappies can be put in the big bin outside the hall.

What if I have a question, problem or feedback?

Please let us know at the welcome desk or by asking a volunteer (we are wearing blue lanyards).

What will you do with my registration information?

We use registration information to keep track of attendance and to contact you directly for labelled lost property. Be aware of any allergies in the group as we serve food on special occasions and send occasional emails about playgroup starting dates and activities.

What happens to lost property?

It is stored for three weeks and you may find items at the welcome desk. After that time items are thrown out or donated.

