



For family or friends who  
step up to raise a child.



**Kinship Care Week**

6-12 October 2025

# Kinship Care Week 2025: Guide for kinship carers

## What is Kinship Care Week?

Kinship Care Week is a national week of awareness, recognition, and celebration of kinship families across England and Wales.

It's a time to shine a light on the vital role of kinship carers, those raising a child of family or a friend, who provide **over 141,000 children in England and Wales** with loving and stable homes. People like you.

The grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and family friends who step up in extraordinary ways to **keep children connected to your family, roots and community**.

As well as being a celebration of all kinship families, Kinship Care Week is an opportunity to **raise awareness of your family's unique needs**.

Kinship carers have to overcome complex systems with limited support, all while ensuring your child feels safe and loved.

Kinship Care Week reminds us that there is a **powerful community of kinship carers** who share their experiences in many different ways to help other kinship carers feel less lonely and isolated.

This Kinship Care Week, we are shining a light on those important connections forged between kinship carers. The conversations, the friendships, and the shared understanding from **being in the same boat**.

## Kinship Care Week digital toolkit - what's inside



This guide for  
making your  
Kinship Care Week  
2025 a success



Kinship Care Week  
poster, social media  
flyers/assets and  
local media press  
release to promote  
Kinship Care Week



Kinship Care  
Week template  
emails to invite  
MPs/ Councillors  
to meet with you

# Celebrating kinship families, love and community

This Kinship Care Week we are celebrating our **Kinship Community** – a strong, supportive national network of over **15,000 kinship carers and their supporters** that helps families heal, grow, and thrive, and make connections that last a lifetime.

**Kinship care communities come in all shapes and sizes**, whether it's meeting for a cup of tea with another kinship carer or a friend or being part of an online group. In hard times community can be the hand on the shoulder that gives you the emotional reassurance you need to keep going.

At Kinship we are made by and for our community. Everything we do and achieve is because we do it together with kinship carers.

Whatever you are planning – from tea parties with your local group to marking the Week with family – **we are raising a teacup to you!** Thank you for supporting Kinship Care Week.

## Get involved in Kinship Care Week



**Host a tea party for kinship carers or kinship families** in your local area. Kinship Care Week tea parties hosted by Kinship support groups are special moments of connection where you can grab a cuppa, some cake, have a chat and celebrate all kinship families.



**Raise awareness by sharing information** about kinship care and local kinship carer support in local libraries, local authority websites, local shops etc. with the help of our **digital toolkit**.



**Follow Kinship's social media** and share the information we post about #KinshipCareWeek



**Engage with your MP or Local Councillor.** Invite them to a support group if you have one or ask them for a meeting. Contact local media about it and any activities you get up to.

**If you have any questions,**  
please contact  
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for Kinship Care Week 2025 by  
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