



Campus Newsletter Feb 2026

Winter Project Report 2025

By Matt Cowie

This year, Campus was delighted to take 64 children and six Young Helpers away as part of our Winter Project. This was a smaller group than in previous years (for comparison, over 80 children attended WP 2024) due to the limited size of our volunteer team. With 17 helpers overall - between 10 and 13 supporting on each day - we were unable to invite more children as we are dedicated to maintaining our high adult to child ratio, that ensures each child gets the individual care, support and attention that they need.

We are especially thankful to those helpers that gave up five days of their holidays to help across the entire project and we hope to welcome more helpers next year, allowing us to extend the opportunity to more children.

The kids that were able to attend enjoyed action-packed days filled with arts and crafts, swimming, laser tag, bowling, and trips to Flip Out Liverpool! In a welcome change from previous years, where Hippo kids stayed on site for a Christmas party, this year the younger kids were able to join their older counterparts on all these activities, making the experience more special and cohesive for all!

Campus' stock of coordinators has also grown! We have welcomed one first-time coordinator alongside a returning Winter Project Day Coordinator to the team, both of whom have brought new ideas to the table and helped bring the project to a successful conclusion. We hope the Campus family will continue to grow year on year, allowing us to invite next summer's helpers to take part in Winter Project 2026.



Campus Goals for 2026



Finding a garage 🚗



Growing our Summer with an additional week of Res ☀️



New site for Hippo? 🐘



Planning for our Diamond Jubilee in 2027!! 💎



Fundraising Updates

By Oli Gould

Each year, Campus spends around £40,000 running our Residential, Hippocampus, Winter and Young Helper projects. These weeks change lives, but most of that funding has to be raised again from scratch, every single year.

After a drop in fundraising in 2023, the last two years have thankfully kept pace with our costs. Because of this stability, we're excited to aim higher in 2026: we hope to run an additional week of either Residential or our new Hypnocampus project.

Hypnocampus adds one night's sleeper to the end of a Hippocampus week. It's designed for children who aren't quite ready for a full week away from home, giving them the confidence to take on Residential the following year.

**Even a
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To make extra projects like this sustainable, we're asking for regular donations.

- £15 a month covers the full cost of one child attending a Hippocampus week
- £30 a month covers the full cost of one child attending Residential

Regular giving helps us plan ahead, run more weeks, and to say yes to more children. Even a small monthly donation can make a lasting difference, and can help us achieve our goals above. To make a donation please follow [this link](#).



This is the second year we have hosted a Ceilidh in Cambridge, and to great success! Tickets went towards supporting Campus in this fundraising endeavour, and we collaborated with the University Ceilidh band to deliver a fun (and quite sweaty) afternoon of dancing. We managed to raise £170.90 from tickets for our charity!

A Ceilidh Success!

By Aarushi Malik

Keep up to date with the Campus group chat, the Instagram and emails to hear more about events like this that are happening!

Summer-y

By Oli Gould

2026 was another great year for Campus! We were able to run six weeks of summer projects to full capacity, providing 125 disadvantaged children from Liverpool and Merseyside with a much-needed break from challenging home circumstances.

Some stats for the summer summary:

- **97% of children who attended keen to come back next year.**
- **77 adult volunteers** gave their time, energy and care,

totalling around **20,000 volunteer hours.**

- **100% of families** said Campus increased their child's confidence and helped them make new friends.

This year also saw the successful launch of our new **Hypnocampus project**, a hybrid between Hippocampus and Residential, combining day trips with a final-night sleepover. Feedback from families was really positive (names have been changed):

"Daisy loved her first sleepover with Campus... She made new friends and looked forward to seeing old ones. Daisy looks forward to every summer now knowing that she is going to be part of Campus. She has even told me that she would like to volunteer there as a teenager and help out."
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This new model proved to be an ideal stepping-stone for children who aren't yet ready for a full residential week, and we're keen to continue it next year.

More From Campus Children's Holidays

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