

# PARTNERING WITH YOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

At The Leprosy Mission, we are passionate about helping children understand more about leprosy. We want them to know that they can make a positive difference to people who are affected by this disease. A simple school fundraiser will change lives! We partner with schools to offer the following:

## SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Your special school assembly lasts approximately 20 minutes and explains all about leprosy in a fun and interactive way.

Children are invited to take part in a quiz. Four children are invited to the front to join in an activity showing the importance of feeling in their hands. A video uses a real-life story about two children who caught leprosy at any early age. Together, we explore the challenges they face at school and in their community.

We introduce the Bela story and accompanying resources. The assembly ends by launching your preferred fundraising activity.



## BELA RESOURCES



Our free resources are based on the beautifully illustrated children's book 'Bela'. She is a young girl in India who is diagnosed with leprosy. **It covers issues such as friendship, bullying, and inclusion.**

Lesson plans are tailored for EYFS, Key Stage One, and Key Stage Two. You'll find plenty of ideas for activities across the whole curriculum, plus a digital version of the book to download.

Find the resources at:

[leprosymission.org.uk/get-involved/bela-resources](https://leprosymission.org.uk/get-involved/bela-resources)

## LEADING A LESSON

We provide an engaging and interactive class lesson using the Bela teaching resources. This gives your children the opportunity to learn about leprosy with space for discussion and questions. **Lessons are cross-curricular, and there are different activities for children in all the key stages.**

See how you can book a visit and get involved 

## BOOK A SPEAKER

Visit [leprosymission.org.uk/book-a-primary-school-visit](https://leprosymission.org.uk/book-a-primary-school-visit) and complete the form. We'll then get in touch to discuss your requirements and a date. All our speakers are DBS checked.

**We don't charge a fee for coming into your school, but we would like you to commit to holding a fundraising event.** We believe that children benefit most when they are invested and taking action themselves, rather than just being passive listeners.

## CHOOSE YOUR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

We have two fundraising activities that are easy to organise and fun for children to do. You can also choose your own fundraising event. We recommend a suggested minimum donation of £1 per child, but any donation is gratefully received. **All children are welcome to participate regardless of whether they can donate or not.**

### ODD SHOES DAY TUESDAY

**How it works:** Children come to school wearing different shoes for a day.

**Why:** Leprosy takes away feeling in feet, which means it's easy to injure them. Treating foot ulcers is a key part of our work because it prevents disability.

### GLOVES TO SHOW LOVE

**How it works:** Children bring a pair of gloves to school to wear during lessons.

**Why:** If leprosy isn't cured quickly, fingers curl in to palms and won't grip or straighten. This makes it very hard for children to hold a pen at school. It shows how important our hands and fingers are.

- ★ Every child takes home an information leaflet and a Leprosy Mission toy bug.
- ★ Raise £5 or more to also receive a wristband.
- ★ Raise £10 or more to also receive a leprosy sandal keyring.

**If you have any questions, please get in touch!**

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