

<u>Important dates for your Girls Brigade diary 2025/25</u>	
Spring Term	Start : Week of 5 <sup>th</sup> January Half term: Week of 16th February End of term : Week of 23rd March
Summer Term	Start: Week of 13th April Half term : Week of 25th May End of term : Week of 6 <sup>th</sup> July
Parade dates	Sunday 8th February Sunday 8th March Sunday 14th June GB leading the service
Important dates	Young leader training— 21st February 2026 District Clip and Climb sleep over for Seniors and Brigaders— 27th March 2026

## 1st St MARY CRAY GIRLS BRIGADE

### Captains comment:

Happy New Year to you and your families. I hope the holiday season brought rest, joy, and moments of togetherness. As we step into this new year, I'm delighted to welcome all our girls back to Girls' Brigade. A new year always brings a sense of fresh beginnings, and here at Girls' Brigade we're embracing that spirit with enthusiasm. We're looking forward to a year filled with fun, friendship, and opportunities to grow in faith and character.. Wishing you all a hopeful and inspiring start to the year. Here's to new beginnings and all the possibilities ahead.

### Support from your camp donations

This year our combined camp charity was Smile International—our donations were used to buy Christmas presents for the children Smile supports in their pre school and school. Sharing a gift bringing a smile using our gift of money has a positive impact and you can see from the image some of the children who received a Christmas gift.

Smile International runs a center in Sri Lanka providing pre-school, after-school care, and vocational training (cooking, tailoring, IT) for women to gain income, supporting families through their [FEED programs](#) (Feeding, Educating, Empowering, Developing) by building infrastructure, providing water, and helping vulnerable populations escape poverty with skills for self-sufficiency. They focus on long-term development for children and adults, regardless of religion, giving hope and life skills.



### New badges

GB has been using the monies we raised in the cake sales last year to develop new badge work for us to follow, in our Senior and Brigader section so far this session we have looked at GB heritage and learnt both about the history of GB nationally as well as more about our own company and also we looked at climate change and environmental justice where one of the activities involved us repurposing an old T shirt into a bag

### Bromley Brighter Beginnings

Thank you to everyone who supported us in our appeal to support Bromley Brighter Beginnings—we were able to donate so many items to the appeal and these were shared with those in need in our borough to brighten their Christmas—what a positive contribution to our community.

### Thank you and Subs

Many thanks to all who have either paid their annual subs or set up the monthly standing order, if you still have outstanding subs we would appreciate the remaining monies being paid as soon as possible and we will soon need to pay our subscriptions to GB England and Wales for our insurance cover and this is a significant sum for us to cover.

The monthly subs would be Explorers £7.50 and Juniors, Seniors, Brigaders £8.50.

**For monthly payments: Standing orders for 10 months can be set up using our account details and the account is held at the Orpington branch of Natwest**

#### Explorers:

Monthly 10 months £ 7.50 per month Annual Total: £75

#### Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders:

Monthly 10 months £8.50 per month Annual Total: £85

**Payments are to be made to: Sort Code: 60 16 03 Account number: 73778710**

**Account name: 1st St Mary Cray GB**

**Reference: Section initial and the daughters name**