

# BAKING A DIFFERENCE

## A NEWSLETTER FROM FREE CAKES FOR KIDS SWINDON

**2 years, 44 bakers, 184 cakes - now baking in Swindon, Chippenham, Devizes & Wootton Bassett!**

### FEEDBACK

#### A local school:

"The cake was perfection personified. She was absolutely speechless and her face shone with delight. She couldn't have been more pleased!"

#### Swindon Borough Council:

"Just a quick message to ask if you can pass on mummy's gratitude to the lady who made the Thomas cake. It was beautiful and made his day. The work you and your team do is incredible, thank you very much."

#### Swindon Women's Aid:

"FCFK has been a massive help to us at the Refuge. Many families who come to us will be financially deprived as a result of fleeing domestic violence or abuse, and it often takes a while for them to get back on their feet. The cakes are always brilliantly decorated and gratefully received by the children who we surprise! On behalf of all at the Refuge, thank you for giving up your time to help to make a child's birthday the best it can be in less than ideal circumstances."



### FCFK Swindon on the BBC

As the country was settling down to enjoy a new season of The Great British Bake Off, Free Cakes for Kids Swindon founder Laura and volunteers Steve and Suzy were being filmed for BBC Points West.

A lovely family who we helped also appeared, with the gorgeous 5 year old Daniel (below) telling the presenters all about his Star Wars birthday cake.

Following the coverage on bank holiday Monday, we received an overwhelming level of support from keen bakers across Wiltshire offering to help (and even the world - I had an email from a baker in Australia!). It's meant we now have lots of additional bakers in Swindon, and new bakers in Chippenham, Devizes & Royal Wootton Bassett. An exciting new chapter in our history!



## It's easy to make a referral:

- Contact us on the details below
- We'll need the date the cake is needed for, age and name of the child, any special dietary requirements, any themes or things the child likes and delivery details
- At least 2 weeks' notice is ideal to give us the highest chance of a volunteer being available, but we've turned them around much quicker, so always ask!
- We find a volunteer baker who's able to help and they'll get in touch with you or the family (as per your instructions) to arrange delivery
- The cake is baked and delivered!

It's that simple. No charges, no catches and we'll treat all referrals with complete confidentiality.

If you or your organisation are likely to make multiple referrals, we have a form you can just fill in and send to us each time.

### Contact us on:

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[freecakes-swindon.org](http://freecakes-swindon.org)

Whether you want to request a cake, find out more about what we do or see if we can help your organisation, we look forward to hearing from you!

## Could we help any families you support?

We are happy to provide birthday cakes for any children in the Swindon, Chippenham, Devizes and Royal Wootton Bassett areas who wouldn't receive one. This could be because of financial difficulties, illness, or any other scenario. Simply contact us following the easy steps on the left!

## The team behind the cakes

We're very lucky to have an incredible group of dedicated volunteers supporting Free Cakes For Kids Swindon. From enthusiastic home bakers, to those who make professional quality cakes, each and every one gives their own time to make the perfect cake for children who would otherwise go without.

Aside from any donations of equipment we receive, they pay for the ingredients, decoration, packaging and delivery of the cakes from their own pocket.

So, to Aveen, Candice, Charlotte, Christine, Debbi, Debs, Emily, Estelle, Gail, Hannah, Helen, Jacqui, Jane, Janice, Janine, Jean, Jenni, Jess, Juliet, Karen, Kate, Kirsty, Laura C, Laura O, Liz H, Liz L, Liz W, Louise, Lucy, Paula, Pauline, Pippa, Rachael, Rebecca, Ria, Sarah D, Sarah M, Steve, Sue, Suzy, Tory, Tracy, Vicky and Zoe...

THANK YOU!

