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# ECHO EXPLORERS (Summer Sessions 2025): Info Sheet

# **Introducing ECHO EXPLORERS**

ECHO EXPLORERS is an exciting opportunity for primary school youngsters to get active, have fun, and explore life and faith!

During the summer this will be happening through a series of **free activity sessions**, focused on the theme: **'A Story of Two Kings'**. This will feature the opportunity to hear and explore stories from the Bible - looking at how King David points us towards God's greatest King, King Jesus. There'll be e.g., arts and crafts, games, challenges, prayer activities, songs, and lots of fun!

These free activity sessions will be happening at Didcot Baptist Church, at the new time of <u>6:00 pm - 7:30 pm</u>, on the following days:

- Thursday 21 August
- Tuesday 26 August
- Thursday 28 August

#### **ECHO EXPLORERS Summer Sessions**

Who? These ECHO EXPLORERS summer sessions are for youngsters who are in <u>Primary School Years 3-6 (aged 7-11 years</u> old, during 2024-25 Academic Year).

<u>Due to limited spaces, participants will need to be booked in prior to attending.</u> This can be done via the following link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/gwSvaCiwrb">https://forms.office.com/e/gwSvaCiwrb</a> which we'll keep open until spaces are full (allowing people to join us at a later date if required).

When? The Summer Sessions are planned to take place at 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm on the following dates:

• Thursday 21 August, Tuesday 26 August, Thursday 28 August

Once you've booked your youngster in for ECHO EXPLORERS, they're welcome to come along to all / any of these sessions.

Where? Sessions will be taking place at Didcot Baptist Church, 43 Wantage Road, Didcot, OX11 OBS.

<u>Please arrive promptly when dropping off and collecting your child</u>, so that the youngsters can get the most out of their session activities - thank you!

ECHO EXPLORERS will be taking place indoors, so please ensure your youngster wears suitable clothes/trainers for this, which will enable them to safely participate in the activities / games that could involve e.g., running around.

These sessions are **free** for your youngsters to attend, although there'll be the **opportunity for people to give during / after the sessions**, to help cover costs, and in order to help support the work of the Greater Didcot Christian Children and Youthwork Trust (Registered Charity, Number: 1194345) who bring to you ECHO (ECHO EXPLORERS is an initiative of ECHO). To find out more about **opportunities to give** please visit: <a href="mailto:echoyp.org/give">echoyp.org/give</a>.

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# **General Info**

- Those youngsters who are booked in for ECHO EXPLORERS (Summer Sessions, 2025) are welcome to come along to all / any of their age group's sessions.
- When signing in your young person at the registration point, please let the team member know how your young person is to be collected.
- ECHO EXPLORERS will be taking place indoors, so please ensure that your youngsters arrive wearing suitable clothes and trainers.
- People are asked not to bring snacks with them to ECHO EXPLORERS, and not to bring nuts or nut-based products to the sessions in any form.
- Participants are asked to bring their own labelled bottled drink (water would be great).
- Participants are also asked to tie back their hair, and to remove / tape up jewellery as appropriate, so as to help enable safe participation in the games / activities.
- It is the young people's responsibility to look after their own belongings, therefore it's a good idea not to bring anything along that is of high value etc.
- Anyone who has had sickness and / or diarrhoea should avoid ECHO EXPLORERS for 48 hours after the last episode.
  We also ask that anyone who feels unwell, not to attend.
- Due to safeguarding purposes, apart from those taken by authorised people, **no other photographs, video, or audio recordings, are to be taken at ECHO EXPLORERS.** Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this.
- Parents/carers of participants will need to complete an 'ECHO Consent Form Photo, Video, and Audio' for their youngsters (as appropriate), and bring it with them to give to the ECHO team on registration. Those people who have already completed an 'ECHO Consent Form Photo, Video, and Audio' do not need to complete / bring them again, unless they would like to / their information has changed. This form is available via the following link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tjppnU4Piqq3V0sqgKAiUVL5df35scMj/view?usp=sharing
- During the sessions the intention is to use both **flashing and UV Lights** (please dress accordingly in light of this). Please also ensure that you have let the ECHO team know if either of these may cause difficulties / your young person has epilepsy or other photosensitive conditions.
- Limited parking and cycle racks are available at the church. Where possible, we ask that people reduce the number of cars used.

### **Contact Details**

If parents/carers/young people's leaders have any questions, they are welcome to contact:

Hannah Field (part-time ECHO & part-time Didcot Baptist Church): hannah.field@didcotbaptist.org.uk

On the day, the team can be contacted by **parents/carers/young people's leaders** on the activity mobile number which is: **07830 544 022** 

We look forward to hopefully seeing your youngsters join with us!

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ECHO EXPLORERS is an initiative of ECHO. ECHO is brought to you by the Greater Didcot Christian Children and Youthwork Trust (GDCCYT) (Registered Charity, Number: 1194345). With and alongside local churches, we're passionate about seeing young people discovering and sharing life in all its fullness!

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