

# About Macmillan

## Presentation script for primary schools

Use this presentation to introduce pupils to Macmillan and how we help people affected by cancer. The presentation slide numbers and titles are given below, with the corresponding script in **bold**.

If you have any questions about fundraising or want to find out more about our work with schools and young people check out [macmillan.org.uk/schools](https://macmillan.org.uk/schools). Or drop us an email at [schools@macmillan.org.uk](mailto:schools@macmillan.org.uk)

Anyone affected by cancer can call the Macmillan Support Line free on 0800 808 00 00 (Monday–Friday, 8am–9pm).

### 2. Title slide

You could start by asking pupils if they're heard of Macmillan Cancer Support and what they know about the charity.

### 3. Macmillan logo

**Macmillan is a charity that helps people affected by an illness called cancer.**

**Our bodies are made up of millions of building blocks called cells; you can't see them except with a microscope. Cancer is an illness that affects these cells and stops the body from working properly.**

**Macmillan wants to help everyone affected by cancer. That's people who have cancer as well as their families and friends. Macmillan provides help in lots of different ways.**

### 4. We fund nurses

**Macmillan nurses and doctors support people through their cancer treatment. They help them deal with their symptoms and pain.**

### 5. We answer questions

**Anyone affected by cancer can call Macmillan's Support Line. Macmillan's advisors are there to answer questions about cancer or just listen if people want to chat.**

## 6. We are experts

Many people who have cancer have to pay for extra things like travelling to hospital appointments. Macmillan's experts talk people through their money worries and tell them what benefits they can get.

Macmillan can also give people with cancer money to pay for things like heating bills or a much needed holiday.

## 7. We help people

Macmillan's team of volunteers help people living with cancer with everyday things like shopping or a lift to hospital.

## 8. We raise money

To help Macmillan continue its good work, many people get involved in fundraising activities.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event. Each year, thousands of people get together at school, at home and at work and hold a coffee morning to raise money for people affected by cancer.

## 9. Want to find out more?

To find out more about Macmillan and how you can get involved, visit [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)

If you need have any questions about cancer or need support you can call the Macmillan Support Line free on 0808 808 00 00 (Mon–Fri, 9am–8pm).

## 10. Keeping healthy

**Why do people get cancer?**

Unfortunately we don't know exactly why some people get cancer. You can't 'catch' cancer from other people (it's not like a cold) and it's very rare for children to develop cancer, it most often affects people who are much older (over 65).

But there are things you can do to reduce your chances of getting cancer or other serious illnesses later in life. Eating a healthy diet and exercising regularly will help keep you stay fit and healthy. Not smoking and staying safe in the sun can reduce the risk of getting certain types of cancer.