

Kids Like Us Testimonials - Outreach Events

'Kids Like Us are so important to the JIA community in the West Midlands. Being able to attend events organised by Kids Like Us has offered us opportunities to be with other families who 'get it', without us having to explain the challenges we are facing. And being around other children with JIA has given our son the opportunity to feel 'normal', which has been particularly important during flares when he has missed out on so many of the usual social and school activities. Having regular events has meant we have got to know some of the other families and it feels there is a little community for us that provides some stability and predictability on what can otherwise be an extremely isolating and unpredictable journey. The volunteers are amazing and provide a hugely important source of support. It was such a relief when we started to connect with the charity and we are very grateful for all their hard work.'

'As a family we have thoroughly enjoyed the outreach events that Kids Like Us have organised for our JIA warriors and families. It's great to meet with other families who have children with the same condition. It sometimes feels like you're on your own but having these events is such a huge support. The team are amazing and so thoughtful about what activities and events would be suitable. I know the children thoroughly enjoy the events and can have fun regardless of their JIA.'

'We found the charity Kids Like Us through BWCH when our daughter was first diagnosed with JIA. We attend much needed events and met other parents who are in the same situation as we are. It's nice to know what we go through we are not alone. Our children get to be with other children with arthritis who understand how they feel as our child is the only one in a high school with this condition, so it's a life line for her. I'd be lost without the support we get from Kids Like Us.'