

# Supporting Syrian child refugees

**F**irefly International have provided essential education opportunities to war-affected Syrian children since 2016 and Covenant With the Poor has supported them previously.

Firefly started working with Syrian refugee teachers, creating an education centre in Antakya, Turkey where many families had fled civil war.

In February 2023 Antakya was devastated by an earthquake, a new centre has been set up on the edge of the city, close to where most Syrian families are now living, in temporary accommodation.

Their new centre in Antakya is a hive of activity as they are the only organisation in Antakya that is currently providing early years provision for children under the age of six (which is when school starts in that part of the world)

Our appeal this weekend is to help them to resource Firefly for Syrians education programme.

The Firefly team in Antakya manages teaching in both southern Turkey and in the Turkish safe zone in northern Syria.

They directly reach over 1,000 children per month, providing daily pre-school education and weekly science, maths and Arabic classes.

Their online lessons receive over 360,000 views per month significantly amplifying their impact in regions where they can not teach face to face.

Firefly's team have developed unique meccano-like resources used to teach practical science and maths activities in



**Charity:** Firefly for Syrians  
**Project:** Supporting education programmes for Syrian children  
**Target amount:** £3,500  
**Beneficiaries:** Syrian children impacted by war and earthquakes

Syrian refugee centres.

In addition they offer an accelerated learning programme in northern Syria for children who have fallen behind.

The teachers they train and mentor are plugging the gap in lost school years due to war and earthquake.

**T**o continue this work Firefly needs support; £10 provides a month-long maths course for one Syrian refugee child; £30 can pay for a week of pre-school classes for one child; £35 pays the weekly salary for one trainee teacher in northern Syria; £50 provides all educational resources for one Syrian family to follow online learning.

It is this stable and consistent learning that children in crisis desperately need.

They are supporting children emotionally and educationally, helping them to build better futures.

**How to donate by bank transfer:**  
**Account name:** CDP St Peter & the Winchester Martyrs.  
**Account No.** 00890996.  
**Sort code:** 30-93-04.  
**Please reference 'CWP' when making payment.**

This has involved extensive psycho-social support for staff and children, developing learning resources and adapting the curriculum to meet a new set of needs.

Staff training is on-going in both southern Turkey and northern Syria where Firefly have been working in close collaboration with the Turkish Red Crescent.

[www.fireflyinternational.org/](http://www.fireflyinternational.org/)  
Registered charity number: SC 028744

**Anyone can join the parish Covenant With the Poor appeal group and decide which projects to support. There are four evening meetings in the parish centre and four appeals annually. The remaining meetings this year are at 6pm in the parish centre on: 7 April, 14 July, 3 November.**

*Thank you for your support*