



Field of Dreams

Summer 2026

LEADER Application Form

- Aged 16+ by August 2026?
- Happy to volunteer to provide lively young people with a wonderful summer holiday week, including sports, art, fishing, drama and more?
- Available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm, 3rd-7th and/or 10th–14th August?
- Available for a training day on Sunday 19th July?



**FIELD of
DREAMS**

As a leader you get lunch each day, travel expenses for bus fares across town, a day out later in summer. You also get an excellent addition to your CV, leadership training, the experience of leading as part of a team, skills in confidence, teamwork & youth work, and above all the great achievement of making a real difference to the Summer Holidays of over 100 children.

*****APPLICATION DEADLINE is Friday 15th May No late applications!*****

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Field of Dreams began in Basildon in **2012** and has continued to grow and evolve over the years. In its early years, dozens of young leaders came together each summer to deliver weeks of fun, creativity and friendship for well over 100 children.

Activities ranged from sports such as football, basketball and hockey, to drama, art, dance, archery, chess, outdoor skills and so much more. Each year built on the success of the last, creating a vibrant and welcoming summer project at the heart of the parish.

Following a highly successful **relaunch** in 2025, we are delighted to be bringing Field of Dreams back again in 2026. Last summer saw an incredible response from children, families and leaders alike, with fantastic engagement, energy and enthusiasm throughout the week. The project once again proved to be a real highlight of the parish calendar.

For 2026, we are developing an exciting programme of activities for children in school years 4–8, offering opportunities to try new things, build confidence, make friends and have fun in a safe and supportive environment.

Field of Dreams is a truly special project to be part of. Being a leader is lively, challenging and hugely rewarding. While it takes commitment and teamwork, it offers valuable leadership experience, personal development and memories that last a lifetime.

Leadership training takes place ON SUNDAY 19th JULY at Holy Trinity Church Hall, 71 Wickhay, Basildon SS15 5AD. 1.00pm – 6.00pm for ALL leaders.

Field of Dreams takes place at the above address. Each day you will need to be there at 9am, and the children will arrive at 10am. They will leave at 4pm and we will clear up, evaluate the day, and head away by about 5pm.

For new leaders, please make sure your referee knows that you have named them, so our letter does not come to them out of the blue!

We are a Catholic project, run as part of the service that the Catholic Parish of Our Lady and All Saints aims to provide to our community. You do not have to be a Catholic to be a leader, but you do need to be supportive of the Catholic values of our project.

All leaders aged 18+ will also need a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service, formerly CRB) check. We will arrange this for you.

Remember the application deadline is Friday 15th May. Applications can be handed to Ben Heywood, Mari Heywood, Fr Sabu, Fr Albert, any steward at mass or The Parish Office.

If you have any questions, please speak to Ben on 07515 136636 or basildonyouth@brcdt.org.



"Field of Dreams" 2026 Leaders' Application Form

(please use BLOCK CAPITALS)

Full Name _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email _____

Mobile _____

Preference of Dates? ☐ 3rd – 7th ☐ 10th–14th ☐ Both

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION. Please give the names of two people who we could contact in an emergency:

Name _____ Mobile _____

Mother / Father / Sister / Brother / Grandparent / Other _____

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ALLERGIES: *Please list any allergies, including food allergies.* _____

MEDICAL CONDITION: *Please list any medical conditions, and any medication being taken.* _____

GP DETAILS. *Even if there are no medical conditions, this is essential information in case of any medical emergency:*

Doctor's name _____

Surgery name and address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Statement supporting my application (for NEW LEADERS ONLY):

In these few lines, tell us why you would like to be a Field of Dreams leader, and any particular skills, sporting or otherwise, that you have:

Referee (for NEW LEADERS ONLY): *Please give the name and address of a professional (teacher, sports coach, etc.) who knows you well and can tell us more about your suitability as a leader:*

Name: _____

Job / how they know you: _____

Address, including postcode: _____

STATEMENT OF CONSENT – FOR ALL LEADERS:

I apply to be a leader at the Field of Dreams summer holiday project. I understand that I will be expected to adhere to instructions given by senior leaders, and to all the Health & Safety and Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policies of Field of Dreams. I give permission for Ben Heywood to authorise emergency medical treatment if the need arises and those named as my emergency contacts cannot be reached. I understand my photo may be included (without a name) on publicity for future Field of Dreams and on the church website. I understand my address & contact details will not be passed to any third party and will not be used for anything other than parish youth leadership.

Signed _____

Print name _____ Date _____

STATEMENT OF CONSENT – for leaders aged under 18:

The person giving consent must be the parent or legal guardian of the young person

I am happy for my son/daughter to serve as a leader. I give consent for them to travel off site as required. I understand that they will be expected to adhere to instructions given by senior leaders, and to all the Health & Safety and Safeguarding (Child Protection) Policies of Field of Dreams. I give permission for Ben Heywood to authorise emergency medical treatment if the need arises and I cannot be contacted. I understand my son/daughter's photo may be included (without a name) on publicity for future Field of Dreams and on the church website. I understand the address & contact details will not be passed to any third party and will not be used for anything other than parish youth leadership.

Signed _____

Print name _____ Date _____

Relationship to young person Mother / Father / Legal Guardian