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Societi summer newsletter 2026

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Welcome to our summer newsletter!

Summer has finally arrived, and we are very much in full swing. As always, there is so much for us to report on in this Summer newsletter and never enough room to fit it all in! But some key moments for me so far in 2026 have to include **Awareness Day**.

At Societi HQ, our year, as always, began with preparations for International Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day on 26 January. Thanks to your incredible support, **153** landmarks across the country lit up red to raise awareness – from King's Cross Station to Edinburgh Castle. Thank you for helping make this day so special – our biggest, boldest and brightest year yet! What an achievement.

We have also had phenomenal success at the RCPCH conference, where we spoke to hundreds of doctors and shared new training information, including medical student lanyard cards! Huge impact in the first few months – and yet there's still so much to look forward to, including our preparations for **World Heart Day**, the **RCGP conference** in October and all the wonderful fundraisers and awareness-raising activities that YOU have planned. We are so fortunate at Societi to have the support of so many committed and wonderful supporters.

It really has been a phenomenal first half of 2026. So much awareness has been raised all over the UK and there is a tangible shift in attitudes to Kawasaki Disease, how serious it is, and how important it is to know. That is ALL thanks to YOU. YOUR continuing support is key; we simply couldn't do what we do – **THANK YOU!** Here's to another fabulous 6 months in 2026!

Rachael, Societi Founder



Thank you – Mrs Hinch!!! for helping us get **KAWASAKI DISEASE** known!

A huge thank you to our incredible ambassador, Mrs Hinch, for her ongoing support of Societi and for helping to raise vital awareness of Kawasaki Disease. Her charity boot sale, generous sharing of our message, and willingness to share her family's experience have helped us reach more families and spread essential information.

Since Mrs Hinch's support, we have welcomed 100s new followers on Instagram. We are incredibly grateful for her commitment to helping protect children 💕💕💕 and supporting the Kawasaki Disease community.



Powered by the Randal Foundation

We are proud to share the remarkable progress made possible through the generous ongoing support of the Randal Foundation. Since launching our new National Guideline Project for acute Kawasaki Disease in August 2025, their funding has enabled us to take significant steps towards saving children's hearts across the UK. It has also allowed us to continue growing our Children's Hospital Partnership Programme, which includes more than 83 hospitals and 132 doctors. All trained and knowledgeable in Kawasaki Disease – truly saving little lives and improving outcomes for hundreds of children.

The Randal Foundation also powered our RCPCH attendance – connecting with approximately 800 doctors. It is support like this that has enabled us to equip hundreds of healthcare professionals with the knowledge they need to protect children from Kawasaki Disease, while also providing family guides that can be shared with patients.

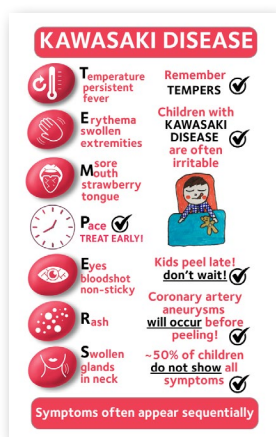


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New National Guideline for Acute Kawasaki Disease



It's so exciting to update you on our project, delivering an expert-led, UK National Guideline for the acute management of Kawasaki Disease. The guideline is being developed in collaboration with more than 20 clinicians, all with deep understanding of Kawasaki Disease.

The work is further supported by over 150 stakeholders across the UK, including the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. This team includes some of the most respected doctors in paediatrics and children's cardiology. Our project on track for completion during 2026 and is designed to drive consistency and excellence in care across the country.

It's our goal that every hospital in the UK will have access to expert-led, nationally endorsed guidance. That means an end to the postcode lottery of care, equal access to the best possible treatment for every child, less time spent creating local guidelines which often don't have expert input and more time focused on saving lives. A huge thank you to Professor Paul Brogan and our founder, Rachael McCormack, for their leadership in co-chairing the project team.

Our Children's Hospital Partnership Programme is growing - AGAIN!

It's also exciting to announce that we continue to expand our Children's Hospital Partnership Programme, with a goal this year of reaching more than 100 hospitals and positively impacting the care of millions of children in every part of the UK.



Map showing our partnership hospitals

Funding from the Randal Foundation has also enabled us to invest in raising awareness and delivering training through this now powerful national network. We are engaging directly with healthcare professionals through key events, including the upcoming RCGP conference, where we will share information and practical tools for GP's caring for children with Kawasaki Disease.

Telling our Story – getting Kawasaki Disease known!



Our communications campaign is amplifying our work every day – with active Social media (THANK YOU for continued Likes and Shares), and new educational content for doctors – helping to drive awareness.

Thank you so much to all of our amazing supporters. Your encouragement, generosity, and belief in what we do are what make all of this possible. We truly couldn't do it without you, and we're so grateful to have you on this journey with us.

All this work represents a major step forward in improving outcomes for children and families, saving and significantly improving lives. It would not have been possible without the vision, commitment and generosity of our incredible supporters – thank you!

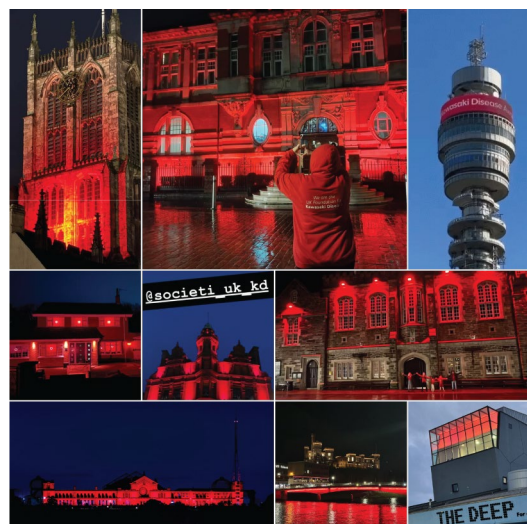
International Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day campaign

This year, an incredible **153** landmarks lit up in red to mark International Kawasaki Disease Awareness Day, a powerful show of support and solidarity!

We worked with as many people as possible, through social media, education and awareness-raising activities to amplify our important message. Despite Kawasaki Disease becoming increasingly common, low public awareness still means it's often initially misdiagnosed, putting children's hearts at serious risk.

Our campaign was designed to reach every audience, from the general public to clinicians and even our MPs, with the aim of preventing Kawasaki Disease from having the devastating impact it continues to have on far too many children and their families.

We are hugely grateful to all our phenomenal partners and our incredible #TeamSocieti who made our campaign such a success. And a special mention must go to Societi's own campaign co-ordinator, Max, who led our project from the very beginning. Thank you, Max!



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Regular donors – YOU are the ❤️ of Societi!

We rely greatly on the support of our regular donors, whether through a monthly or annual donations or annual Membership contributions – we **couldn't** do it without **you**. We never take for granted your valued ongoing support to help us raise awareness of Kawasaki Disease and support key projects. Having regular donation from you helps us to plan strategically and for the long-term. If you would like to be a regular donor, please contact us!

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RCPCH conference



We were delighted to attend the annual Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) conference from the 11 to 13 May, where we had the opportunity to connect with hundreds of healthcare professionals.

During the event, we shared information about Kawasaki Disease, raised awareness of the vital work of Societi, and provided a wide range of resources to clinicians keen to learn more. The response was incredibly encouraging, with hundreds of healthcare professionals taking away our materials and expressing an interest in becoming more involved in our work.

The conference also brought some fantastic outcomes. We welcomed 26 new clinicians to the Children's Hospital Partnership Programme (CHPP), recruited a new member to our Scientific Advisory Board (SAB), and enrolled a nurse practitioner in our Guideline Development Group.

We are hugely grateful to everyone who visited our stand and helped make the conference such a success. Together, we are strengthening knowledge across the our clinical community and taking important steps towards improving outcomes for children affected by Kawasaki Disease.

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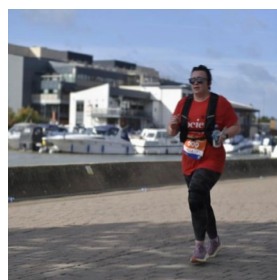


The Great River Race

A dedicated team took on the 21.6-mile Great River Race for Societi along the River Thames to help protect children's hearts. Returning after a fantastic race in 2024, they were joined by two new members to raise awareness of Kawasaki Disease. The team – Our "own" Dr Filip Kucera, Dr Matthew Fenton, Dr Dill Paul, Lawrence Prinsloo, Freddie Fenton and Dr John Dick – showed incredible dedication throughout the challenge, and we are so grateful for their support.

Lincoln Half Marathon

Asia took on the Lincoln Half Marathon to raise funds and awareness for children's heart health and Kawasaki Disease. We are incredibly grateful for her determination, support, and fantastic achievement. Thank you, Asia!



Caerphilly Half Marathon

Tara proudly took on the Cardiff Half Marathon to raise funds and awareness for Kawasaki Disease and children's heart health. Thank you, Tara, for your fantastic effort and valued support!



What have YOU
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Heather's Bungee Jump

A huge thank you to Heather, who bravely completed a bungee jump at Killiecrankie in memory of her son, Jaime, raising awareness of Kawasaki Disease and an incredible £285 for Societi. We're so grateful to Heather and everyone who sponsored and supported her.



Steve's Annual Darts Event

A huge thank you to Steve, a fabulous frequent fundraiser for Societi – who raised more than £1,000 for Societi at his annual darts event through sponsored games, a raffle, and a bake sale. We're incredibly grateful for his continued support in raising funds and awareness for Kawasaki Disease, and to everyone who helped make the event such a success.

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Ultra X Rwanda Race

After recovering from a broken ankle, the remarkable Gayle, another of our fabulous frequent fundraiser – completed the 110km Ultra X Rwanda ultra marathon, spending over 21 hours on her feet to raise awareness of Kawasaki Disease. She also raised an incredible £550 for Societi. Thank you, Gayle, for your determination, generosity and inspiring support!



Nursery and school awareness days

After Mara's son was diagnosed with Kawasaki Disease last September, Mara turned her experience into action by raising awareness and an amazing £560 for Societi.

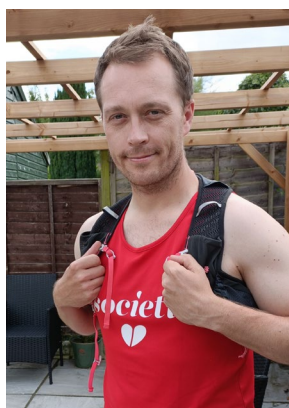
She has also worked with local nurseries and schools to promote awareness and organise Wear Red Days for International Kawasaki Disease Day. Thank you, Mara, for your inspiring support.

THANK YOU
Mara!



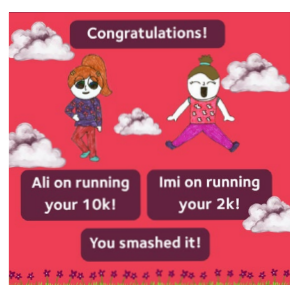
Fundraiser for Hudson

We are incredibly grateful to Hudson's family, who have turned their heartbreak into hope for other families after losing their beloved two-year-old son to Kawasaki Disease in January 2026. In April, they held a community fundraising day in his memory, raising awareness and vital funds through raffles, an auction, face painting and more. We are truly inspired by their strength, their determination to protect others, and their generosity.



London Marathon

The 2026 London Marathon was another fantastic success for #TeamSocieti. Hannah, unable to run due to unforeseen circumstances, still raised an incredible £2,000. Andrew stepped in at short notice, completed the marathon and raised a further £420, while Ollie raised an amazing £4,061 after taking on the challenge with his family's support. Together, they raised an outstanding £6,481 for Societi. Thank you to our incredible winners and everyone who supported their efforts! This is a GAME CHANGING fundraising outcome for us which will power our work to protect children's hearts! Thank you! Bring on the 2027 London Marathon!



Weybridge 2k & 10K

Imi bravely took part in her very first fundraising running event, the Weybridge 2K, while her mum, Ali, took on the Weybridge 10K. Wearing their Societi t-shirts with pride, they didn't just cross the finish line, they helped raise awareness of Kawasaki Disease with every single step they took. Their determination, enthusiasm, and commitment to supporting our community have been nothing short of inspiring. And that's not all... together, Ali and Imi have raised an incredible £1,965! Ali and Imi, you are amazing! Thank you for being such fantastic ambassadors for Societi and for showing what can be achieved with courage, dedication, and a big heart. We couldn't be prouder of you both!

Summer Celebration Fundraiser

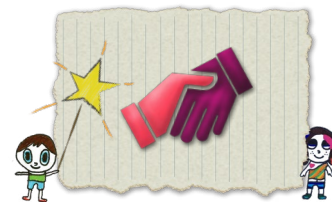
This July, children from Years 2, 3, 4, and 5 at Bridge Learning Campus Primary School came together to perform a truly special concert in memory of a very special little boy, Hudson. The school was filled with a sea of red as pupils honoured Hudson's memory. Every song, every smile, and every act of kindness created a heartfelt tribute, celebrating a little boy who will always be remembered. We are incredibly grateful to everyone at Bridge Learning Campus for continuing to keep Hudson so close in their hearts. Your kindness, compassion and ongoing support mean more than words can express. We hope the day brought comfort, strength and precious memories, while reminding the Martin family that they are surrounded by a caring community and are never alone. Thanks to the amazing generosity of pupils, families, and staff, an incredible £520 was raised through the concert and the sale of Societi merchandise.



What have you got planned?

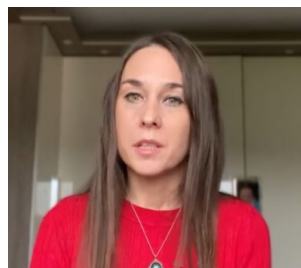
At Societi HQ, we love hearing about the fun activities, fundraisers, and awareness projects our wonderful supporters are busy with.

If you have an idea that you would like our support with, or you'd like a shout-out on social media – we will be behind you 100% of the way – [just get in touch](#).



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Upcoming fundraisers – Ones to watch!



Heather's West Highland Way Walk

In August, Heather will take on the 96-mile West Highland Way in support of Societi. After completing a bungee jump for us last year, she continues to raise awareness and funds for Kawasaki Disease through incredible challenges. We are so grateful for her support and can't wait to follow her journey. Heather's long term support as a fabulous frequent fundraiser means that many children across Scotland and further afield have benefited by their doctors being more aware of Kawasaki disease. Thank you Heather!



Oliver's Wolf Run

Good luck to Oliver, who will represent #TeamSocieti at the Wolf Run in September. Taking on muddy trails and tough obstacles the Wolf Run is not for the faint-hearted! He'll be raising funds and awareness for Kawasaki Disease. We're incredibly grateful for his support and can't wait to cheer him on!



Samuel's Skydive

This September, Samuel will take on a charity skydive to raise funds and awareness for Societi in memory of his cousin Tommy, who sadly passed away from Kawasaki Disease in 2024. Wearing his #TeamTom Societi t-shirt, Samuel is helping highlight the importance of early diagnosis and recognition.



10 x 10km per month for 10 months

A long-time #TeamSocieti supporter, Hayley is marking 10 years since her daughter was affected by Kawasaki Disease by completing 10 x 10km challenges over 10 months through running, walking and cycling. Thank you, Hayley and your family, for your continued support in raising awareness and funds for Societi. You are one of our longest-standing supporter, a fabulous frequent fundraiser, and a true champion of our cause. Thank you for all!



Natalie's Mountain Climb

Long-time fabulous frequent fundraiser and Societi supporter, Natalie, is taking on the challenge of climbing Pen Y Fan. Initially planned for July, she's had a setback but is determined to reschedule! She'll be raising awareness for Kawasaki Disease. We are so grateful for her dedication – and long-term support. Natalie is undertaking this incredible feat as part of our 9th Birthday celebration – what a way to party, Natalie! We absolutely love it!



Kevin continues 'bagging Wainwrights'!

Kevin continues his incredible 'bagging Wainwrights' challenge, aiming to complete all 214 Lake District peaks. Having already conquered 153, his determination and ongoing support for Societi continue to inspire us. Thank you, Kevin – you have achieved so much in so many events and fundraisers for us. Another truly fabulous frequent fundraiser and such a key part of #TeamSocieti.

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Become a Societi member



Become a Societi member for just £20 a year and help us continue supporting families, training healthcare professionals and raising awareness of Kawasaki Disease. You will receive an exclusive Societi keyring and shop discount codes as a thank you for your support. To become a Societi member and receive your gorgeous exclusive Societi member's key ring, [just click here](#).

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*Support us through
our online shop!*



Whether you're running errands, doing chores or heading out, wear Societi merchandise or take a Societi bag with you to help raise awareness of Kawasaki Disease. Every purchase supports our work, and there's something for everyone in our online shop, with new items coming soon.

[Visit the Societi Shop today.](#)

*Help us protect children's hearts
this **World Heart Day***



**WORLD
HEART
DAY** 29 SEP

World Heart Day on 29 September is a key date for Societi, and we'd love you to get involved with a 'wear it red day', bake sale or coffee morning. Your support will help fund vital awareness work, including our attendance at the RCGP Conference in Glasgow, when we will help more healthcare professionals recognise Kawasaki Disease and support earlier diagnosis. We will also be sharing family stories to support others affected by Kawasaki Disease. Get in touch with your plans and help us make this our biggest World Heart Day yet.

Together, we can protect children's hearts.

RCGP Conference in Glasgow



This October, Societi hopes to return to the RCGP Conference in Glasgow. We are expecting to connect with between 800 – 1,500 GPs, giving us a fantastic opportunity to raise awareness of our work and build valuable relationships.

We have exhibited at this conference before, and it was a phenomenal success. We would love the chance to do it again, but we need your support to make it happen.

We're incredibly grateful to the amazing Mrs Hinch, who has already kick-started our fundraising campaign by raising an incredible £1,000. Thank you for helping us take the first step towards Glasgow.

Our goal is to raise £7,500. Every donation, whether large or small, will help us get there and continue spreading our message to healthcare professionals from across the UK.

If you are able to support us, we'd be incredibly grateful, [just click here](#). Thank you for helping us make this opportunity possible.

Thank you! #TeamSocieti

From fundraising challenges to awareness campaigns, every action helps shine a light on Kawasaki Disease and the families affected by it. Thank you to everyone who supports Societi. Together, we are improving recognition, treatment and outcomes for children. With exciting plans ahead, including our attendance at RCGP Conference to reach hundreds of GP's, #TeamSocieti London Marathon 2027 runners, and rapid progress on our guideline for acute Kawasaki Disease care we can't wait to share what's next. Thank you for being part of our journey as we work to protect children's hearts.



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