

The 50 things app can benefit children in the setting and home learning environment. In addition to supporting and strengthening working with parents, the activity ideas and information make planning easy.

## #17 Yummy Picnic – an example of planning opportunities

The idea to have a picnic maybe a spontaneous event brought on through quality conversations with children or parents. OR it maybe something you can plan to compliment your planning/core story. The children could bring their teddies to make it a Teddy Bears Picnic.

You can picnic anywhere you like indoors or outdoors.



Inviting parents will enable you to share the app, talk about the experience you are offering and the benefits to their child's development. Have the app on devices so that parents can explore it. Encourage them to download it on their own devices. [ensure you risk assess if parents are downloading this on phones whilst in the setting].

Write/draw a shopping list. Then go to the shop or market to buy the items. Children can mark off what you have bought, scan the shopping, and pay with real money.

Prepare the food together, talking about where it is from, how it grows, likes and dislikes, what they have at home, and how much it cost.

You could make decorations together and decorate the room or outside.

### Shopping List

	Apple	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Banana	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Bread	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Milk	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cheese	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Pizza	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Cookie	<input type="checkbox"/>



### STORY IDEAS

That's not my Teddy (Fiona Watt)  
We're Going on a Bear Hunt (Eric Carle)  
Oliver's Fruit Salad (Vivian French)  
What's Inside - Alex Rushworth

### SONGS TO SING

10 in a Bed  
Round and Round the Garden  
Make up your own song  
Ladybird, Lady bird

Hosting a Teddy Bear's Picnic can **help children's communication and social skills** and build parent partnerships.

Simple role play, song and stories help children **pick up new words and learn about their world**.

Taking turns, writing, shopping, preparing food and talking throughout the picnic helps **build important social, emotional, fine/gross motor skills and conversation skills**.

Encouraging children to make decisions, think of ideas and seek out resources **develops their critical and creative thinking skills**.

Visit the website [50 Things to Do Before You're Five in Cambridgeshire & Peterborough](https://www.50thingsbeforeyoure5.co.uk/)