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Your sponsorship donation will continue to bring the gift of sound and speech into Emily's life

On behalf of Emily, her family and the Hear and Say Centre we thank you for your support

**Emily D**

DOB: 22nd July 2008

Age: 1 year, 3 months

**Progress:**

Well, since the last report, Emily is off and flying! Her progress has been so rapid thanks to her parents' hard work and dedication in helping her to learn to listen and speak.

Emily had her 2<sup>nd</sup> CI switched on in August. This gives her binaural access to sound. Having access to sound through both ears is of great benefit to children as it assists them to hear better in noisy environments and allows them to locate sound sources.

Emily had her first birthday in July. She is now a listener and a talker! Emily loves to produce learning to listen sounds when she sees her toys. She says quack quack, woof woof, oink oink (snorting), brrrrm (car). She is also starting to attempt to sing! She has quite a number of single words that she uses as well – up, more, spot (spot the dog), and duck (this is a new one).

Emily is such a chatty little girl who is understanding more and more and learning new words everyday! She is coming up for her 6 month post cochlear implant switch on speech and language assessment. I am very excited to see the results of how she compares with other children on the same age who do not have a hearing impairment. I suspect she is going to surprise us all!!!

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for children who are deaf/hearing impaired  
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