

Quick Start Guide

# Welcome to the flock.

A short, practical guide to setting up budgii so the household actually runs better. Not in five minutes. In about two weeks.



The first ten minutes get you working. The first fortnight is when you start to feel it. The first month is when the rest of the family does too.

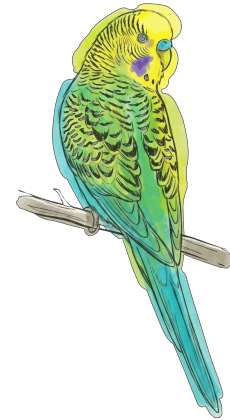
*For parents and carers setting up for the first time.*

## BEFORE YOU START

# A note from us

Most family apps promise a quick win and quietly disappear from the home screen by week three. budgii is built differently. The real value lands at day 14, day 30, day 90, and the months that follow, as small habits compound into the kind of changes you only notice when you look back.

This guide is here to get you to that point with as little effort as possible. It will not ask you to set up everything on day one. It will ask you to set up the right things, in the right order, so the rest pays off later.

**WHAT BUDGII IS FOR**

One less thing to carry. budgii organises chores, homework, schedules, meals and the small daily wins that add up, so the load is shared and nothing important gets lost in the run between school pickup and dinner.

## How to use this guide

Read the first ten minutes section now. Skim the rest. Come back to it after a fortnight, when you have something real to compare it against.

## THE FIRST TEN MINUTES

# Your six-step setup

When you finish signing up, a checklist appears on your Home screen with these six steps. Doing them in order is the fastest path to a working app. The checklist disappears once you have done all six.

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**Set your admin PIN**

The default is 0000. Change it to something only the adults know. This is what keeps the kids out of the parts of the app they should not be in.

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**Personalise your profiles**

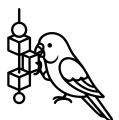
Rename the placeholder Parent and Child profiles. Pick colours each child will recognise. Set age brackets. This takes two minutes and makes the rest of the app feel like yours.

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**Add your first chore**

Pick something you already do every day. Not aspirational. Make a bed. Pack a school bag. Feed the dog. The point is to start the Chain, not to redesign your week.

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**Add your first reward**

Small, and redeemable this week. A movie pick. Thirty minutes of screen time. Choosing what is for dinner on Friday. Save the new bike for the savings goal feature later.

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**Pin a notice to the family**

Try a real one. Soccer moved to Saturday. Grandma is staying Tuesday night. The notice board only earns its place when the messages on it actually matter.

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**Invite the other adults**

From the Admin panel. The app is meaningfully more useful with more than one adult approving things. There are three PIN slots, all equal. Use them for partners, co-parents, grandparents, or anyone else who is regularly in the kids' lives.

**DONE? YOU ARE SET.**

Everything else in budgii unlocks as your routine fills in. You do not need to configure anything else today.

## WHAT ACTUALLY MAKES THIS STICK

# Five features worth understanding

If you only remember five things about budgii, remember these. They are what turns yet another family app into something a household actually uses six months in.

## 1. The Chain

**WHAT IT IS** Every day a child completes at least one chore, their Chain extends by one link. Miss a day and it breaks. Each child sees their own Chain on Home.



**WHY IT WORKS** Loss aversion. A 14-day Chain feels like something worth protecting, far more than a 14-day completion rate ever will. Talk about the Chain at the dinner table. The conversation outside the app is where it really compounds.

*How the Chain looks on Home*



## 2. The Nest Report

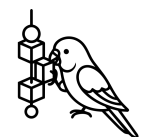
**WHAT IT IS** An AI-written monthly summary for each child. Patterns in chores and homework, what is improving, what is stalling, and a few honest suggestions. Lives in Admin under the Nest Report card.



**WHY IT WORKS** This is the moment you look at your phone and think, oh, the app actually noticed something I had not. The first report appears after about 7 days of activity. It is properly useful by day 30, and genuinely insightful by day 90.

## 3. Lucky Pull

**WHAT IT IS** A spinning wheel of randomised rewards. One free spin per child each week. You can also gift bonus spins from the Admin panel as a thank you for things that happened outside the app.



**WHY IT WORKS** Surprise is a stronger pull than predictability. Set up at least five rewards before the first spin so the wheel does not show the same three options every time.

## 4. The approval loop

**WHAT IT IS** Kids tick chores and request rewards. Both come to your Admin queue, also visible on Home as Ready for you. Approve, reject, or mark fulfilled.

**WHY IT WORKS** This is the daily pull for the parent. Two or three kids doing two or three chores each adds up to about five to fifteen taps a day. Easy to clear in a coffee break. Frequent enough that you check most days. Try not to let it pile up.



## 5. The coin economy

**WHAT IT IS** Coins are earned through chores and Lucky Pull bonuses, then spent on rewards or saved toward a goal. The family coin total is visible to kids, and there is a per-child rank shown on the leaderboard.

**WHY IT WORKS** This is the loop that makes budgii feel like a game to the kids while you keep the parental override. Tune the coins-per-chose so an average week earns enough for one small reward. Too miserly and they disengage. Too generous and the rewards lose their meaning.



### A NOTE ON SIBLING RIVALRY

The leaderboard works because it is earned. Resist the urge to bonus-coin the child who is falling behind. The system loses meaning the moment it stops being real.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

# A timeline that maps to real life

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budgii is designed to reward the rhythm, not the rush. Here is roughly what each stage looks like, and what to focus on at each one.

**Day 1****Setup**

Do the six checklist steps. Add one or two chores and one or two rewards, no more. Invite anyone else who'll be using it so the approval load does not sit on one person from day two.

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**Week 1****Build the rhythm**

Tick chores daily and start the first Chain. Approve in the morning or the evening, not both. Add rewards as kids start asking for things they actually care about.

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**Week 2 to 3** **Your first Nest Report**

After about seven days of activity, the first Nest Report appears in Admin. It will be thin but real. Read it. The pattern of open the report, spot one thing, adjust is the habit that pays out forever.

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**Month 1****The full picture**

By the first of your second month, the Nest Report has a full month of data behind it and reads as something genuinely useful. This is the moment most families either commit or drift. Stay above 50% completion in week three and you almost always stay.

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**Month 3****The long game**

Sparklines now show three months of trends. The Chain has multiple peaks worth celebrating. The first savings goal completes, which is the first time a child redeems something they earned over weeks rather than days. Best moment in the app.

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**Month 6****Maintenance**

Refresh the chore set each quarter so it does not go stale. Rotate Lucky Pull rewards every couple of months. Read the Nest Report monthly. Comparing month six against month one is where you spot how much your child has actually changed.

## WHERE EVERYTHING LIVES

# The map of budgii

A short tour of the main sections, so you know where to look when you need something. Almost everything has a quick add button on the relevant page.

**Home**

Your dashboard. Greeting, the setup checklist, profile cards, today's chores, what is coming up, the streak tracker, and the weekly and monthly trends.

**Chores**

Add, edit and assign chores. Set a schedule (daily, weekly, monthly, one off) and choose who it goes to. Kids tick to complete; the tick lands in your approval queue.

**Homework**

Add subjects, due dates and recurrence. Recurring homework rolls forward automatically once it is marked done.

**Shop**

Where rewards live. Browse, add and edit. Lucky Pull also lives here.

**Coins**

Per-child coin history, weekly and monthly trends, and savings goals.

**Calendar**

Month and week views, colour coded by child. Activities, homework due dates, and drag to reschedule.

**Meals**

Weekly meal planner, favourites for repeat dinners, and an auto-built shopping list.

**Notices**

Pinned family messages. Use it for the things that actually need to be seen.

**Overdue**

A single queue of every missed chore and overdue homework. Approve, dismiss, or mark done retroactively.

**Pulse**

Thirty-day micro-trends per child. Built for a quick weekly scan to ask, is anything off?

**Admin**

Behind the PIN. The pending approval queue, profile management, family settings, member invites, and the Nest Report cards.

**Privacy**

Settings, Privacy. Data export, account deletion, and your consent records.

**IF YOU'RE NOT FLYING SOLO**

# Sharing the load

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budgii works best when more than one adult is part of the household. That could be a partner, a co-parent, a grandparent, a nanny, an aunt or uncle. A few things that make it easier when more than one of you is using it.

**Invite the other adults on day one.**

There are three PIN slots, all equal. Use them for whoever is regularly in the kids' lives, whether that's a partner, a co-parent across two homes, or a grandparent who does pickups twice a week.

**Split the daily approvals.**

Whoever is around clears the queue. There is no rule about who owns it.

**Read the Nest Report together.**

Five minutes on the first of the month. More useful than thirty minutes of how was your day.

**Different adults, different chore preferences.**

That is fine. The app does not enforce a single voice. The kids see the family, however that family is shaped.

**FIRST-WEEK QUESTIONS**

## Quick answers

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**A chore got approved by mistake. Can I undo it?**

Admin, then Pending approvals, then reject. The child sees the rejection and you can leave a short note explaining.

**My child says they did the chore but did not tick it.**

You can tick it on their behalf from the chore modal, or use the Mark done retroactively option in the Overdue queue. Try not to make it a habit. Kids learn to tick when ticking earns them something.

**The Chain broke during a sick day. Can I restore it?**

Not automatically. The reset is intentional. But if you mark yesterday's chore done retroactively from Overdue before midnight the next day, the Chain stays alive.

**Why didn't the Nest Report mention something important?**

The report only describes what is in the data. If a real moment is missing, the underlying signal (a chore, a homework, a coin event) was not logged. Add the missing record and tap Refresh on the report card.

**Lucky Pull keeps showing the same reward.**

Add more rewards in Shop. The wheel pulls from your reward list, so with three rewards you will see repeats.

THAT'S THE LOT

# What this guide doesn't cover

There are a few things we have left out of this guide on purpose. They are well covered in the app itself, and most families never need a printed version of them.

## Subscription billing

Admin, then Subscription.

## Email confirmation issues

Most resolve themselves. Check your spam folder first.

## Detailed parental controls and consent records

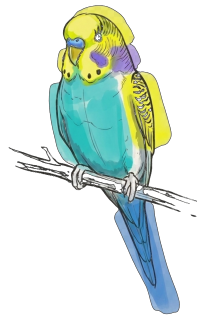
Settings, then Privacy, has its own walkthrough.

## Exporting your data

Settings, then Privacy, then Export my data. You'll get a JSON file with everything tied to your family.

### IF YOU GET STUCK

Email [help@budgii.io](mailto:help@budgii.io). A real person, usually within a day. We would rather hear about a small problem now than read a frustrated review later.



## Welcome to the flock.

*Flock home, together.*