

KIDS' CLOTHES DESIGNER PEARL TALKS
ABOUT LIFE WITH HER PARTNER, MUSICIAN
DANNY GOFFEY, AND BEING A MUM OF FOUR

### Did you always want to be a mum?

I was 19 when I had Daisy, so I was young and hadn't really had a chance to think about it. I was always into babies and kids, but I never thought I'd have that many. At the time, I didn't know anyone my age who had children. I thought it was brilliant, though, and just got on with it.

# How did you choose their names (Daisy, Alfie, Frankie and Betty)?

It's funny, they all end with an 'e' sound, but that's just their shortened nicknames – Betty, for instance, is actually Beatrice.

## Who has been your biggest parenting influence?

My mum was amazing, and she was a young mum herself, so she was always there for me. We lived really close to each other so if I had a party, I could just drop Daisy off and they'd babysit for me. Thank god I had my mum.

#### Describe birth in one word.

Painful!

### Was it the same each time?

Each baby's birth was a different experience. Betty's was actually the easiest – I'm not sure if that's because she was the fourth, but hers was a doddle.

#### What's the best thing about being a mum?

I love everything about it. We're like one big gang, and as the kids are growing older it's getting more and more interesting. When we go on holiday we don't need anyone else; it's just us. All the children get on really well and are like mates, really. I've enjoyed every single bit of it, and I'm looking forward to being a

