



Short Breaks Service



For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 27th March 2023

This newsletter contains events and updates from various services around Halton, as well as other general information which you may find useful. You can find out more information on the [Halton Local Offer page online](#) or contact the [Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities](#) team too.

Upcoming events with Halton SEND Parent Carer Forum

Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum have lots of activities and events planned across April, including their latest coffee, cake and chat mornings on Thursday 30th March, and Thursday 20th April – both dates are at the Community Shop Priory House, Northway, Palacefields, Runcorn WA7 2FS, and will run 10am-12noon.

There are also parent drop-in sessions on Thursday 27th April at both Oakfield and Brookfields schools in Widnes.

Plus, don't forget the latest Zoom meeting with professionals this Thursday:

- From Education to Employment with Paula Edwards and Tracy Wynne – **Thursday 30th March 2023 7:30pm**

If you are not a member of the forum you can contact the team by emailing admin@HaltonSendPCF.org.uk or Kelly.Dace@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk.

You can also visit [their Facebook page](#) or website: haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk to access the Zoom information.

MAR 30 SUPPORT FOR YP TO PROGRESS FROM
EDUCATION TO EMPLOYMENT
Professional Zoom @ 7.30PM
EMAIL: Kelly.Dace@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk



HaltonSEND PARENT
Carer's Forum
Your voice counts

UPCOMING EVENTS

APR 20

COFFEE CAKE & CHAT - 10AM TO 12PM
Community Shop Runcorn - WA7 2FS

APR 27

PARENT DROP IN SESSION
9.30AM TO 11AM

Oakfield Community School, Edinburgh Road, Widnes,
WA8 8BQ

APR 27

PARENT DROP IN SESSION
13.30PM TO 14.30PM

BROOKFIELDS SCHOOL, MOORFIELD ROAD WIDNES WA8 3JA

APR 27

SUPPORT FOR YP & PARENTS WITH
TOURETTES AND TICS
Professional Zoom @ 7.30PM

APR 28

CRAFT AND PIZZA
Hummingbirds Art Studio, Runcorn, WA7
2AN - FULL

WWW.HALTONSEND CARERSFORUM.ORG.UK

EMAIL: INFO@Haltonsendpcf.org.uk

Stay and Play sessions at the Royal School for the Blind Liverpool for little ones with any disability or special needs



Stay and Play

ROYAL SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND
- LIVERPOOL -




Friday Mornings 10am — 11.30

A play group for children aged 0-4 with any disability or additional needs.

Siblings are welcome, and it's **FREE!**

Join us for multi-sensory play, songs and rhymes with your little one, and meet other parents in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

Book your space now!

 0151 733 1012

 ruby.bushnell@rsblind.co.uk

 The Royal School for the Blind

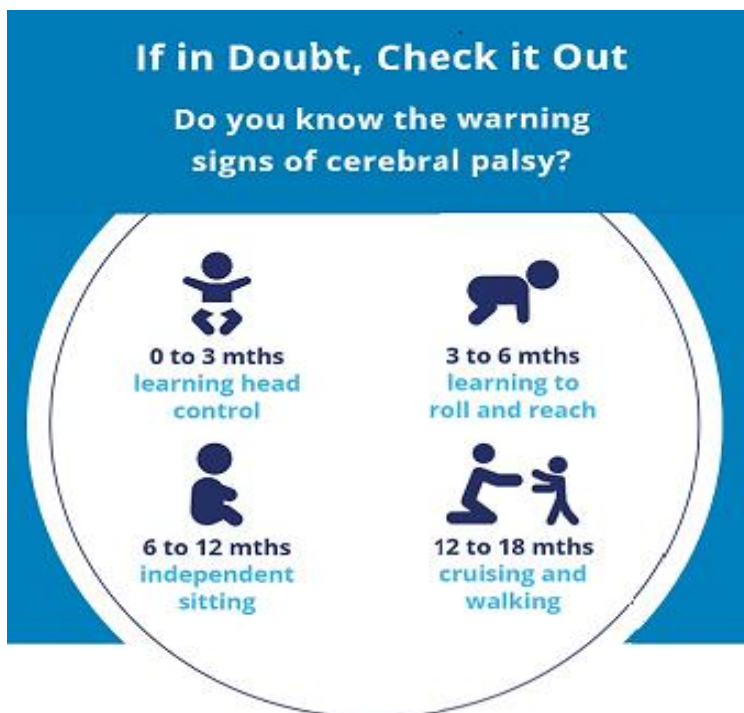


The Royal School for the Blind are running a free stay & play **every Friday 10am-11.30am for children with any disability or additional needs** aged 0-4 years old at their base in Church Road North, Wavertree. Siblings are welcome too!

Book your place by **calling 0151 733 1012** or email ruby.bushnell@rsblind.co.uk

'If in doubt, check it out' campaign with Action Cerebral Palsy during March

Action Cerebral Palsy's 'If in doubt, check it out' campaign aims to raise awareness of the early signs of cerebral palsy amongst the general public and continues throughout March. Identification and intervention at the earliest opportunity provides the infant at risk of cerebral palsy with the best possible outcomes in terms of future progress and independence.



It is important to remember that babies develop in different ways and at different rates, but you should trust your instincts.

If you have **any** concerns about your child's movements or development, don't panic, but **check it out** and speak to your doctor or health visitor.

You can find out more on [the website here](https://www.actioncp.org/signs/).

Cerebral Palsy Awareness Month

Go to <https://www.actioncp.org/signs/> for more information

Easter Holiday Activities



Halton Borough Council has secured additional funding to enable local providers to offer **FREE activities** during the Easter holiday period to school aged children, from **Reception to Year 11**, who receive benefits-related to free school meals.

There are also a number of places available to other vulnerable groups of children and young people, such as SEND, Young Carers, and those not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET). Most of the Activities are 4 hours a day, over 4 days and include a **FREE Lunch each day**.

[Click here for a list of the activities and a google map](#) showing the areas in Halton, where activities will be taking place and the providers contact details. New activities and events are still being announced – check out some of these below and keep an eye on the link above too.

Halton Local Offer



SEND Keys – Youth Provision

Want to find out if the provision offers activities for children and young people with SEND?

Check out the table below for the SEND Keys guide

Activities can offer SEND specific and SEND accessible activities for children and young people across the youth programme

SS – SEND Specific:	Solely for children and young people with SEND and their families
S – SEND Friendly:	Venue or event where providers have general SEND awareness and small adjustments can be made
SA - SEND Accessible:	Physically accessible venue or event
F – Family Friendly:	Accessible for all families

Easter activities with Everton in the Community



Everton in the Community are holding activities during the Easter holidays for young people aged 7 to 17 on Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th, and Thursday 13th April.

Bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis – call **07975784613** or email- mark.dolan@evertonfc.com to book on!

Date	Timings	Activity	Places available	Cost
Tuesday 11 th April	11am-12.15pm	Superbowl UK, Widnes	18	£2
Wednesday 12 th April	11am – 12pm	Velocity, Widnes	15	£2
Thursday 13 th April	10am-12pm	Nerf Centre Activity Day	15	£2

Please note, lunch is not provided and, if for any reason you cannot make one of the activities you have booked on to, please inform the team with enough notice where possible in order for them to arrange for someone else to attend and save the place going to waste.

Upcoming activities with CHI Community Café at Phoenix Park

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH SEND MARCH TO JUNE 2023

Date & Time	Activity	Provider	Number of places
Sunday 12 th March 10.30-12.30pm	Exotic animals	Animal Teach	2 x 1 hour sessions Total 10 places
Thursday 6 th April SEND session 12.30-2.00pm	Forest School (part of HAF provision)	Camp Curiosity	10 places
Friday 7 th April SEND Session 12.30-2.00pm	Exotic animals (part of HAF provision)	Animal Teach	10 places
Sunday 16 th April SEND Session 2.00-3.00pm	Exotic animals (part of HAF provision)	Animal Teach	10 places
Saturday 22 nd April 1.30-3.30pm	Minecraft for beginners	MAKO	10 places
Sunday 14 th May 10.30-12.30pm	Exotic animals	Animal Teach	2x 1 hour sessions Total 10 places
Saturday 20 th May 1.30-3.30pm	Minecraft for beginners	MAKO	10 places
Saturday 24 th June 1.30-3.30pm	Minecraft for beginners	MAKO	10 places

ALL ACTIVITIES ARE FREE AS PART OF OUR LOTTERY FUNDED 'PHOENIX PARKLIFE' PROJECT
Please contact Phil philip-chi@hotmail.com

There are various free activities coming up at CHI Community Café at Phoenix Park, including the popular Animal Teach sessions on Friday 7th and Sunday 16th April, and Sunday 14th May. Contact Phil at CHI by emailing: philip-chi@hotmail.com

Easter activities with Inclusivitee



**SS - SOLELY
FOR CYP WITH
SEND AND
THEIR
FAMILIES**

**WE CAN CATER
FOR ALL CYP IN
HALTON WITH
SEND**

INCLUSIVITEE CIC

**TUESDAY 4TH APRIL
THURSDAY 6TH APRIL
TUESDAY 11TH APRIL
THURSDAY 13TH APRIL**

10AM-3PM

**MOON MEADOW
SCOUT HUT,
FARNWORTH ST,
WIDNES,
WA8 9LH**

**CHILDREN
& YOUNG
PEOPLE (CYP)
AGED 10-17**

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND EASTER PROGRAMME

FOR CYP WITH SEND LIVING IN HALTON

**INCLUDING BOARD GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, OUTDOOR MULTI
SPORTS, INDOOR SOFT SPORTS, COOKING, PHOTOGRAPHY,
ELECTRONIC GAMING, LIFE SKILLS, AND LEGO**

**Healthy lunch provided, all needs will be met for all CYP and own
food and drink can be brought if required**

Spaces are limited, please email to register for a place:
inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com

 **inclusiviteeuk** email: inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com

 **Inclusivitee CIC**

 **SEND KEY**  

Inclusivitee are holding their Easter activities solely for young people aged 10 to 17 with SEND on Tuesday 4th and Thursday 6th, and Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th April 10am-3pm at Moon Meadow Scout Hut Widnes.

Spaces are limited – email inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com to register for a place.

Free Springtime activities at Brookvale Community Centre



Springtime activities

At

Brookvale Community Centre



So much to do in Brookvale at the moment! From playing a tune with the **ukulele group**, learning to **sew**, more **performing arts**, meeting **Animals**, **Free Jr Aqua** sessions at Brookvale Rec even **CIRCUS SKILLS**, There's something here for everyone!
Get on our EventBrite if you're interested!

First come, first served!
 Spaces disappear fast!

Date	Time	Activity		
Monday 3rd April	11AM -12PM + 12PM -1PM	Party game circuits class with BOUNCE Get warmed up for the week with a super fun circuits class designed for young people!		5 to 9 + 9 to 14 20
Tuesday 4th April	1PM-3PM	Group Ukulele class Learn to play the uke in a fun group environment!		7 to 14 5
Wednesday 5th April	4PM-6PM	Young Vets with ANIMAL TEACH Meet lizards, snakes, spiders, beetles and other Amazing creatures and learn how to do health checkups on them!		7 to 14 15
Wednesday 5th April	1PM-3PM	MORE PLANTER PAINTING!! Make some eco friendly planters from recycled tires which will be displayed by the local gardening group!		7 to 14 10
Thursday 6th April	10AM-12PM	Sewing bee Learning how to sew in the centre with help from sewing bee group!		7 to 14 12
Thursday 6th April	1PM-3PM	Performing arts Learn the joys of theatre with the Ella together Performance group!		7 to 14 15
Thursday 6th April	1PM-3PM	Air dry clay class Learn to make pottery, statues, or any art you can dream with the sewing bee group!		5 to 14 12
Thursday 6th April	10AM-11:30AM	CIRCUS SKILLS workshop! Learn some new skills with hula hooping, diabolo and many other cool tricks to show your friends!		5 to 9 30
Wednesday 12th April	1PM-3:00PM	Botanical basics with the green fingers gardening group Learn how to grow your own food with help from the centres very own gardening group!		9 to 14 10
Wednesday 5th April	11AM-12PM	Jr aqua: free swim exercise class! Kickstarting our partnership with Brookvale Rec with a new <u>Free swim</u> class with music and movement!		8 to 15 20
Thursday 13th April	11AM-12PM	Jr Aqua: Free swim exercise class		8 to 15 20



Get on our eventbrite to book a place!
 Here is the link! <https://tinyurl.com/youth-brook>
 Email us for more information at: YouthGroup@brookvalecommunitycentre

There are a range of activities available at Brookvale Community Centre during the Easter holiday. Check out [their Facebook page](#) for more information, or email youthgroup@brookvalecommunitycentre. You can [book your places here](#).

Champion Kids Camp – additional venue added
at St. Michael's Widnes



The poster features a red background with a large yellow lightning bolt graphic. At the top, a gold crown is positioned above the word "CHAMPION" in large, bold, black letters, with a soccer ball integrated into the letter "O". Below this, "Kids Camp" is written in white, and the tagline "Inspiring young minds through sport" is in a smaller white font. Five white, jagged-edged speech bubbles contain key information: "Where?" (St. Michael's Primary School, WA8 3HJ), "When?" (3rd - 6th & April), "Time:" (9:00am to 2:45pm), "Daily Prizes" (Ages 4 - 11), and "Bring : Lunch, Trainers & Water". A top-right speech bubble states "Free Funded places for Free School Meal Children". At the bottom, three circular photos show children playing sports. The footer text encourages checking social media for more information and provides the handle @Champkidcamp.

CHAMPION
Kids Camp
Inspiring young minds through sport

Where?
St. Michael's
Primary School
WA8 3HJ

When?
3rd - 6th &
April

Time:
9:00am to
2:45pm

Daily Prizes
Ages 4 - 11
Bring : Lunch, Trainers
& Water

Free Funded places
for Free School
Meal Children

Check out our social media Facebook and
Instagram for pictures and information from
other camp venues **@Champkidcamp**

Champion Kid Camp have added St. Michael's Primary School Widnes as a venue for their sports camps during the holidays alongside St. John Fisher and Moorefield Primary Schools. These will take place on Tuesday 3rd to Thursday 6th and Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th April (9am-2.45pm). To find out more and to book your places check out [their Facebook page here](#) and on [Instagram](#), or you can call 07547 190351.

Easter Club at Gorsewood Primary Runcorn

2023 EASTER CLUB **AGES 5-12**

Just
£20
Per day

GORSEWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL,
Gorsewood Road, Murdishaw,
Runcorn WA7 6ES

Monday 3rd April - Thursday 6th April 2023 inclusive.

REGISTRATION: 8.30 - 9.00am

PICK UP: 3.00pm

Free places for children eligible for free school meals

WORKING WITH REAL SOLDIERS FROM THE
BRITISH MILITARY BOOK

BOOK ONLINE NOW!

www.mseschools.co.uk

T: 07793 259 889

hello@mseschools.co.uk

 Military Style Education  @mse_schools



Military Style Education are holding their Easter Club at Gorsewood Primary for children and young people aged 5 to 12 between **Monday 3rd and Thursday 6th April**. Places are free for those eligible for free school meals. Working with real soldiers from the British military, activities include assault courses, team building, and bushcraft!

[Visit their website here](http://www.mseschools.co.uk) for more information, and [click here to book your places](#).

MAX cards



As we approach the Easter holidays and the weather hopefully starts to improve(!) don't forget that Max Cards are available for our families in Halton.

The card is designed to help families save money on great days out at castles, zoos, bowling alleys and more.

You can visit the **MAX Card website** for further details or check out **the Local Offer**. Cards cost £2.50 and can be collected from Warrington Road Children's Centre in Widnes, or Glendale Family Centre in Runcorn (available Monday to Friday 9am to 4.30pm – please note, it is cash payments only).

You can email **AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk** or call 0151 511 6560 for more details.

This newsletter provides general information and resources, though not all of it will be relevant to everyone included in the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service please let me know and I will try to include next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let me know.

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