

For Children with Disabilities

Newsletter w/c 3rd July 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.

Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum



Date	Event	Time	Venue	Information
Thursday 6 th July	Parent Drop-in Session	9.30am – 11.30am	The Brow C.P School The Clough Runcorn WA7 2HB	A chance to register with the forum, gain support, advice, and signposting in your child's own school. Meet other parents in your child's school experiencing the same issues.
Wednesday 12 th July	Coffee, Cake and 'Check in'	11.30am-1.30pm	Esposito's 81 Highlands Road, Runcorn, WA7 4PT	This will be our last meet up before the summer break, Clare Collins (Chair of HSPCF) will be with us. Come have a drink and chat before the summer break, get some last advice and support to see you through the summer.
Wednesday 12 th July	Autism and Anxiety Parent Training Workshop	7.30pm-8.30pm	ONLINE (Zoom)	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85263550521?pwd=dXdldzdzXS3lpVHZSL2FE0UphUXZ0UT09 Meeting ID: 852 6355 0521 Passcode: 132601
Thursday 13 th July	Parent Drop-In Session	10.30am-11.30am	Brookfields School Moorefield Road Widnes, WA8 3JA	A chance to register with the forum, gain support, advice, and signposting in your child's own school. Meet other parents in your child's school experiencing the same issues.
Friday 14 th July	Hummingbird Art session, with Pizza.	5.30pm	Hummingbird Art Studio The Village Hall, 12 Main St, Halton, Runcorn WA7 2AN	Bookable event – Fully booked.
Wednesday 19 th July	Forum Closes for summer	1.30pm		The forum will close today for summer break and will return Tuesday 5 th September.

Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum have lots of activities planned during July including their next parent support and advice drop-in session on Thursday 6th July between 9.30am-11am at The Brow Primary School Runcorn.

Visit [their Facebook page](#) or website: haltonsendcarersforum.org.uk to find out more. 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.

SEND R US Money Matters

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**Drop in money and debt advice
session in collaboration with
Citizens Advice Halton**

**Come along to our drop in session anytime from
12 noon till 2pm for all money matters.
Whether it's debt, housing costs or energy bills,
there will be information available**

**Free refreshments & a table with arts
and crafts**



**Wednesday 5th July
12pm-2pm**

**Brookvale Community Centre
Runcorn
WA7 6PE**



SEND R US are hosting a Money Matters workshop in collaboration with Citizens Advice Halton on Wednesday 5th July 12pm-5pm at Brookvale Community Centre. Drop in between 12pm and 2pm for advice and information on all money matters. There will be free refreshments and an arts and crafts table to keep the children occupied.

Cheshire Autism Practical Support - ChAPs



Cheshire Autism Practical Support (ChAPS) is a registered charity who offer practical advice, support and services across Cheshire for families of young people with Autism Spectrum Condition or Asperger's Syndrome whether diagnosed or not.

They run monthly parents meetings, positive parenting courses helping with behaviour, anxiety etc., activities for children, young people and adults on the spectrum, and lots more.

You can read their regular newsletters which include details and information on all their activities. A copy of the July newsletter is attached to this email.

For more information on ChAPS you can [check out their website here](#), or call **0344 850 8607**, or drop them an email at info@cheshireautism.org.uk .

You can also request to [join their Facebook page](#) where you'll find support, advice and signposting – please note this a private group and only parents will be given access once you are a ChAPS member; no professionals will be admitted.

New Assisted Travel Lounge at Piccadilly station



Manchester Piccadilly rail station have opened their new Assisted Travel Lounge located opposite platform one.

The lounge includes a sensory nook and was designed to support people with disabilities whilst travelling through the station.

If you're travelling by rail then you can find out more about Assisted Travel on the [Network Rail website here](#).

Daresbury Laboratory Open Day is nearly here



Daresbury Laboratory Open Day

The Daresbury Open Day is back on Saturday 15th July 2023! The Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) and the Sci-Tech Daresbury campus are throwing open their doors for a free day of fun for all ages.

Don't forget, Daresbury Laboratory and Sci-Tech Daresbury are holding their open day on **Saturday 15th July between 10am and 4pm.**

This will be a rare chance to step inside one of only three national laboratories to find out more about the world-class science and research happening at the campus, and across the UK. Most areas of the campus are accessible and there will be designated safe areas and quiet spaces to enable those who need to, to self-regulate. [Click here for more information on the event.](#)

Although the event is free advance booking is strongly recommended – [click here to book your tickets.](#) If you need any support booking tickets then please email the Short Breaks Service for Children with Disabilities team at [AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk.](mailto:AimingHigh.forDisabledChildren@halton.gov.uk)

Activities at Halton Libraries

This week at Halton Libraries...

MONDAY:

Rhymetime at HALTON LEA from 11-11:45

A Good Yarn at RUNCORN from 2-3:30pm

Bring along your latest craft project and chat and craft together.

Lego Club at DITTON from 3-5pm

TUESDAY:

Rhymetime at RUNCORN and DITTON at 11am

Lego Club at WIDNES and HALTON LEA from 3:00—5pm

Family History Help at Halton Lea from 1pm

WEDNESDAY:

You can do I.T! - drop in and get some help on all things IT! HALTON LEA from 10:30 -12:00



THURSDAY:

Scrabble and Adult board games at
RUNCORN at 10:30—12pm

Come and play some of our great
boardgames! All welcome.

Rhymetime at HALTON LEA at 11am

A Good Yarn at WIDNES from 10:30—12

Brilliant Builds at HALTON LEA, WIDNES
and DITTON from 3:00—5pm

Lego Club at RUNCORN from 3:00—5:pm

FRIDAY:

Rhymetime at WIDNES at 11am

SATURDAY:

Saturday Stories at HALTON LEA and
WIDNES at 11am

See <https://library.haltonbc.info/> for more

Don't forget Halton Libraries have all your favourite groups running each week at all their locations, including Rhymetime for the little ones, Lego Club, and even IT skills.

And keep an eye on [their Facebook page here](#) for details of all the summer holiday activities coming soon!

SEN friendly sessions at Tenpin Warrington
throughout the summer

**YOU'RE
INVITED!**

TO: PARENTS & GUARDIANS
WHERE: TENPIN WARRINGTON
WHEN: MONDAY'S 9AM UNTIL 10AM
PRICE: £3 PER PERSON
RSVP: [MANAGER.WARRINGTON@
TENPIN.CO.UK](mailto:MANAGER.WARRINGTON@TENPIN.CO.UK)

The typical bowling experience can be stressful for guests with autism, sensory difficulties or learning impairments. We are delighted to announce that from 24th July until 4th September we will be offering exclusive SEN friendly sessions!

- Closed to the general public
- Flashing lights off
- Music off

We have limited spaces which we expect will fill up fast! RSVP via the email above to save your place!

Tenpin Warrington are offering SEN friendly sessions each Monday during the summer holidays **starting on Monday 24th July** from 9am-10am for £3 per person.

Spaces are limited so email manager.warrington@tenpin.co.uk to book on.

MAX cards



As summer holidays start to approach 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 for parents and carers of young people with SEND, and for professionals who support them. Please note, while we take every care to ensure the information we share is accurate the information provided is not a direct recommendation from the Short Breaks Service and we recommend that you complete your own research about the information and events we signpost.

We recognise that not all of the information in this newsletter will be relevant to everyone included on the mailing list. If there is some specific information you would like to see more of, or information from a certain service that you'd like to share 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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