

### For Children with Disabilities

### Newsletter w/c 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

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.

### Ice Cream Farm SEN Sessions



#### Morning Sessions (9 am - 11:30 am):

- Sunday 11th February
- Sunday 24th March

#### Afternoon Sessions (3:30 pm - 6:30 pm):

- Sunday 21st April
- Sunday 19th May

All dates are available to book using this link; [Checkout \(roller.app\)](#)



# What's on in January 2024?



Date	Event	Time	Venue	Information
4/1/2024	Forum reopens after Christmas break.	9.30am		We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and new year; the forum will reopen today.
10/01/2024	School Parent Drop in Session	9.30am-11.30am	Hallwood Park, Primary School, Hallwood Park Avenue, WA7 2FL	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. Have discussions with school SENCO's and staff.
11/01/2024	Brunch Club for Parents & Carers	11.30am – 1.30pm	Space Runcorn, Regent Street, Runcorn, WA7 1LJ	Come and join the HSPCF team, register with us and meet other parents on a similar journey. Learn from each other and each other's experiences. Gain knowledge to empower you on your journey. Coffee, Cakes, and Chat!
17/01/2024	School Parent Drop in Session	9.30am-11.30am	All Saints Upton CE Primary School Hough Green Road, Widnes, WA8 4PG	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. Have discussions with school SENCO's and staff.
17/01/2024	Family cooking session	5.30pm – 7pm	Zoom	<b>Fully Booked</b> – email <a href="mailto:info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk">info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk</a> to book onto available sessions.
20/01/2024	HSPCF SYNC youth club, 10-18 years.	12.00pm - 5.00pm	Moonmeadow, Scout Hut, Farnworth, WA8 9LH	This is a FREE SEND event – and must be booked via email and a place confirmed. <a href="mailto:inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com">inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com</a>
24/01/2024	School Parent Drop in Session	9.30am-11.30am	Our Lady's of Perpetual Succour, Catholic Primary School, Clinton View, Widnes, WA8 8JN	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. Have discussions with school SENCO's and staff.

25/01/2024	Parent Training Workshop PBSS (Positive Behaviour Support Service)	7.30pm – 8.30pm  Via Zoom	Zoom Online	<p>In attendance will be Ebony Vardy-Jones from Positive behaviour Support Services (PBSS) from Halton Borough Council she will be doing a two part Parent Support workshop discussing strategies and support for parents around challenging behaviour. She will also discuss their service and how to access it in Halton.</p> <p><b><u>Join Zoom Meeting</u></b></p> <p><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107410208?pwd=OXVsMDF3NllrYmpqU2ZSanhhbnkrUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107410208?pwd=OXVsMDF3NllrYmpqU2ZSanhhbnkrUT09</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 831 0741 0208 Passcode: 999223</p>
26/01/2024	Hummingbird SEND Art session, Family with Pizza.	5pm -7pm	Hummingbird Art Studio, The Village Hall, 12 Main St, Halton, Runcorn WA7 2AN	<b>Fully Booked</b> – email <a href="mailto:clare.collins@haltonsendpcf.org.uk">clare.collins@haltonsendpcf.org.uk</a> to book onto available sessions.
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# Chinese New Year Celebrations



## CHINESE NEW YEAR festival 2024 Celebrating the Year of the Dragon!

Date: Saturday, 10th February 2024  
Time: 10:00 am till 1:00 pm  
Venue: Shopping City Runcorn, Cheshire, WA7 2EU



### live dance performances by Purple Gecko & China Spirit

**10:00 am till 1:00 pm**

Arts/Crafts - Make Dragons, Bracelets and Chinese Latin

**12:10 pm till 12:20 pm**

Creative Dance Parade by Purple Gecko's young people

**12:20 pm till 12:30 pm**

Traditional Lion Dance Parade by China Spirit UK



Reserve your  
place for these  
activities here

## Wonderful Workshops

### Creative Dance Workshop

For Ages 11 to 15

Explore a series of Chinese dance steps  
and create your own Chinese dances.



10:00 am till 11:00 am  
11:00 am till 12:00 pm



Reserve your  
place for this  
workshop here

### Lion Dance Workshop

For Ages 7 to 13

Come along and enjoy a friendly  
atmosphere, meeting new people who  
may share the same interest as you.



10:00 am till 11:00 am  
11:00 am till 12:00 pm



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Runcorn



**Free Event!**

Youth Fed are running many different activities at Shopping City Runcorn to celebrate Chinese New Year including;

- Arts & Crafts
- A dance parade
- Traditional lion dance
- Dance workshop for children age 11 to 15
- Dance workshop for children age 7 to 13

This event is free and all members of the family are welcome!

To book a place for any of the activities scan the QR code on the poster.



## Inclusive Sports 4 All



Inclusive sports club running in the February half term for children of all ages.

To book a place for your child click on this link;

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h\\_T6u8KjyEehN-Z9ieRodxnwGXnUO4pPkuKnji9idpFUMEFaUTE2MkJDSkk5OEJVVU1RRU84TIVTWi4u&fbclid=IwAR31NhM8qJ-8XNg8XaqSAUrmzHy7tjtJdGvjAo2WowKnFMDOIDXBanVPVik\\_aem\\_AQjolav2BWKONZbkYftUTE4hqnGs-nue\\_rueek9llaiSGa92n6gldtioK43JrheFWTY](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=h_T6u8KjyEehN-Z9ieRodxnwGXnUO4pPkuKnji9idpFUMEFaUTE2MkJDSkk5OEJVVU1RRU84TIVTWi4u&fbclid=IwAR31NhM8qJ-8XNg8XaqSAUrmzHy7tjtJdGvjAo2WowKnFMDOIDXBanVPVik_aem_AQjolav2BWKONZbkYftUTE4hqnGs-nue_rueek9llaiSGa92n6gldtioK43JrheFWTY)

Booking closes on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January so book your place quick!

## Inclusivitee Youth Club Drop In Session For Children Age 10-18



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SEND YOUTH NEEDS CLUB

FREE

SATURDAY  
20th JANUARY  
2024

12PM-5PM

AGE  
10-18

### YOUTH CLUB DROP IN SESSION

FOR THOSE WITH SEND LIVING IN HALTON

INCLUDING BOARD GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, LEGO AND  
SOFT BALL MULTI SPORTS OR COME ALONG AND CHILL

(Food and drink supplied)

AT MOON MEADOW SCOUT HUT, FARNWORTH STREET, WIDNES, WA8 9LH

Spaces are limited so please email: [inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com](mailto:inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com) to register for a place

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## Inclusivitee Youth Hub for Children Age 16-25



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FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE WITH  
SEND**

**FOR ALL  
YOUNG  
PEOPLE IN  
HALTON WITH  
SEND**

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**THE BUNGALOW  
CAVENDISH HIGH  
ACADEMY  
LINCOLN CLOSE  
RUNCORN  
WA7 4YX**

**Friday  
12th and 26th  
JANUARY 2024  
4:30PM-9:30PM**

**YOUNG  
PEOPLE AGED  
16-25 WITH  
SEND**

# **INCLUSIVITEE YOUTH HUB**

## **FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SEND LIVING IN HALTON**

**INCLUDING BOARD GAMES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, COOKING SKILLS,  
LIFE SKILLS, MOVIE NIGHTS, ELECTRONIC GAMING TOURNAMENTS  
AND LEGO THERAPY**

**Meal and snacks will be provided, all needs will be met for all and  
own food and drink can be brought if required**

Spaces are limited, please email to register for a place:  
[inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com](mailto:inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com)

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 **HALTON  
BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Email [inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com](mailto:inclusiviteeuk@gmail.com) to book a place



## Free Online Family Cooking Sessions

### Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum



### **FREE FAMILY DINNER/COOKING SESSIONS**

**4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023 – 5.30pm to 7pm – FULL**

**15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – 5.30pm to 7pm – FULL**

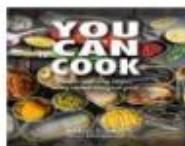
**17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – 5.30pm to 7pm – FULL**

**8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 5.30pm to 7pm – Six Spaces**

**28<sup>th</sup> February & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 – 5.30pm to 7pm – Six Spaces**

**(YOU MUST COMPLETE BOTH SESSIONS)**

Learn how to cook a FAMILY dinner from scratch in the comfort of your own home with all your family for **FREE**. The ingredients will be delivered to your front door.



As a Thank you from Halton Send Parent Carers Forum for making a lovely family dinner, we will give you a **FREE** copy of "Barbara Freemans" newly published cookbook, "YOU CAN COOK".

Places need to be booked in advance for this event don't leave it get your place confirmed now by emailing Jen - [info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk](mailto:info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk)



#### **To Join Our members only Virtual Cooking sessions:**

All you need is a smart phone or laptop/computer with speakers, microphone and ideally a camera.



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## Free Family Craft & Pizza Night



# HALTON SEND PARENT CARERS FORUM



## FREE FAMILY CRAFT & PIZZA NIGHT


**Friday 26th Jan 2024 – 5PM TO 7PM - Spaces**

**Friday 1st March 2024 – 5PM TO 7PM – Spaces**

**At Hummingbird Art Studio**  
**Village Hall, 12 Main Street, Halton Village WA7 2AN.**

**To Join us on the night:**

Email: [Clare.Collins@haltonsendpcf.org.uk](mailto:Clare.Collins@haltonsendpcf.org.uk) and book your place.

Parents, Carers, Children and Young People, all members are welcome, but you need to book your place by email.



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National Network of Parent Carer Forums  
"Our Strength is Our Shared Experience"



HaltonSEND PARENT  
Carer's Forum  
Your voice counts



contact  
For families  
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Vibe Youth Club for Children age 11-19



# YOUTH CLUB

## UPTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

EVERY FRIDAY  
7PM-9PM

**FREE**

GAMES | MULTISPORTS  
CHILLOUT ZONE | MUSIC | FOOTBALL  
ARTS AND CRAFTS

AGE:11-19

SEND Key



## Parent Support Drop in Session – Widnes

### HALTON SEND PARENT CARER'S FORUM



### Parent Support and Advice Drop in Session

**Date:** Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Time:** 9.30am to 11am

**Location:** Hough Green Road, Widnes WA8 4PG



Do you have a child with SEN (Special Educational Need) or a disability (0-25 years) and feeling alone and don't know where to turn?

You are not alone come and have a chat and a coffee. You can even register as a forum member at the event.

Everything is in total confidence.

Here at Halton SEND Parent Carers Forum (HSPCF) we can Help, Support and Sign Post you to make your SEN journey easier and more manageable.

Our Parent Carer Forum is independent and the only one in Halton area. It is run by Parent, Carers, Professionals and Volunteers who all have extensive knowledge in this area and want to make changes in Halton for better services for the children and young people (0-25 years).

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(Don't worry if you can come to this session, as we will be holding more, to suit all members.

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# HALTON SEND PARENT CARER'S FORUM



## **Parent Support and Advice Drop in Session**

**Date:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023

**Time:** 9.30am to 11am

**Location:** Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Catholic Primary School, Clinton View, Widnes, WA8 8JN



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No need to book a place, just simply turn up on the day!

## Online PBSS Workshop for Parents

### Halton SEND Parent Carer's Forum



#### POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT SERVICE (PBSS)

In attendance will be Ebony Vardy-Jones

In attendance will be Ebony Vardy-Jones from Positive behaviour Support Services (PBSS) from Halton Borough Council she will be doing a two-part Parent Support workshop discussing strategies and support for parents around challenging behaviour. She will also discuss their service and how to access it in Halton.

**PART ONE – THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 7.30PM**

**PART TWO – THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 7.30PM**



Not to be missed this is a very informative and informal information session.

If you are not a member and want to join this zoom, just email Jen on [info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk](mailto:info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk) for a membership form.

#### To Join Our Members Only Virtual Group:

All you need is a smart phone or laptop/computer with speakers, microphone and ideally a camera.

Join us direct on zoom on the link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107410208?pwd=OXVsMDF3NllrYmpqU2ZSanhhbnkrUT09>

Meeting ID: 831 0741 0208

Passcode: 999223



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This session is only for individuals who are registered as a member of the SEND Parent Carers Forum. If you wish to sign up, contact Jen on [info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk](mailto:info@haltonsendpcf.org.uk) for a membership form.

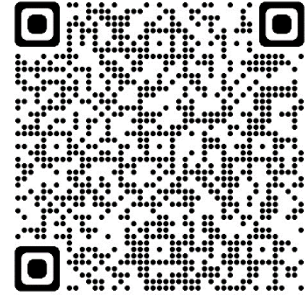
The session will be held on zoom via the link below;  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83107410208?pwd=OXVsMDF3NllrYmpqU2ZSanhhbnkrUT09>

## Accessing Short Breaks information on the Halton Local Offer

Halton Local Offer



Don't forget you can access our Short Breaks page on the Local Offer by scanning this QR code here or [click this link](#).



Here you'll find lots of useful information and resources, while [the Leisure page here](#) has details of activities and events across Widnes and Runcorn

And your feedback and suggestions help us to keep improving the Halton Local Offer for families across our borough – [click here to share your feedback!](#)

### MAX cards

Don't forget that Max Cards are available for our families in Halton all year round.



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](mailto: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 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 the Short Breaks Service know and we will try to include it next time. If you do not wish to continue receiving this newsletter, please let us know by contacting us at the email address or phone number below.

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