

June 2023

SEND newsletter

Special Educational Needs and Disability



Summer events



Hello and welcome to a special edition of the SEND newsletter!

We have shared the SEND events over the summer holidays, please contact providers directly for any questions, to check accessibility arrangements and to book sessions.

Remember to keep an eye on the Calendar of events on the SEND Local Offer and our [Local Offer Facebook](#) page for updates, SEND Support line opening hours and even more summer events! You can find further support and information on our [SEND Local Offer!](#)

By sharing this information, we are not endorsing or quality checking any events or activities, and parent/carer/families remain responsible for their own research. We recommend contacting providers directly.

We hope you find the information helpful and have a lovely fun filled summer holiday.

July

1st SEND Family Swimming (*Short Break Vouchers accepted*)

2nd, 16th MK Springers Gymnastics SEND Family Fun Classes 12:30pm – 1:30pm

5th, 12th, 19th Ragdolly Anna's SEND Session

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th **Dedicated SEN sessions at Splash 'n' Play Willen** (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

5th **360 SEND Event** (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

6th PACA Event **Hannah Harris – supporting your child in the summer holidays** 7pm via Zoom

7th **PACA MK** have an information stand at Romans Field Summer Fayre 1pm-4pm

8th **PACA MK Family Picnic at Caldecotte Miniature Railway**

10th **Safari MK** (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

12th **PACA Event AGM – speakers: Sarah Clarke , SE Region NNPCF**

14th **PACA MK Coffee Morning 10am - 11.30am**

15th, 21st, 22nd **Thomley Events** (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

15th **Big Deaf Summer Picnic**

16th, 23rd, 26th, 30th **Climb Quest SEND Sessions** (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

21st **Riverside Hub SEND event**

22nd **SEN-FRIENDLY SESSIONS at Woburn Safari** (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

23rd, 30th **Top Jump SEND Sessions**

29th **SEND Exhibition Tour – Boyd & Evans: High Time MK Gallery** (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

29th **Bletchley Leisure Centre SEND Splash Swim Sessions** (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

29th **Xtra Special Families Summer Holiday Fun**

30th **MK Gallery Relaxed Screening: Elemental (PG)** (Short Break Vouchers accepted)



August

1st [SEND Swimming](#) (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

2nd, 6th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 20th, 23rd, 27th [Climb Quest SEND Sessions](#) (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th **Dedicated SEN sessions at Splash 'n' Play Willen**

2nd [360 SEND Sessions](#) (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th [Top Jump SEND sessions](#)

6th, 20th [MK Springers Gymnastics](#) SEND Family Fun Classes 12:30pm – 1:30pm

14th [Safari MK](#) (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

19th [SEN-FRIENDLY SESSIONS at Woburn Safari](#) (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

24th [Xtra Special Families Summer Holiday Fun](#)

26th [SEND Exhibition Tour – Boyd & Evans: High Time - MK Gallery](#) (Short Break Vouchers accepted)

26th [Bletchley Leisure Centre SEND Splash Swim Sessions](#) (*Short Break Vouchers accepted*)

27th [MK Gallery Relaxed Screening: Barbie \(tbc\)](#) (*Short Break Vouchers accepted*)



September

1st [Riverside Hub SEND event](#)

1st [SEND Swimming](#) (*Short Break Vouchers accepted*)

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th [Top Jump SEND sessions](#)

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th [Climb Quest SEND Sessions](#) (*Short Break Vouchers accepted*)

6th, 13th, 20th, 27th [Dedicated SEN sessions at Splash 'n' Play Willen](#)

6th [360 SEND Sessions](#) (*Short Break Vouchers accepted*)

11th [Safari MK](#) (*Short Break Vouchers accepted*)

17th [SEN-FRIENDLY SESSIONS at Woburn Safari](#) (*Short Break Vouchers accepted*)

30th Bletchley Leisure Centre SEND Splash Swim Sessions (Short Break Vouchers accepted)



Summer Holiday, Activities and Food Programme HAF2023

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is a national targeted programme funded by the DfE for children in **receipt of benefit related Free School Meals** that delivers programmes during the Spring, Summer and Winter school holidays.

The Summer HAF programme will be taking place 31 July – 24 August and seeks to deliver another bumper packed range of enriching activities, continued use of a central online booking system to check eligibility and improve the booking experience.

For Summer we have SEND specific sessions available at 6 locations

- Caldecotte Xperience (Simpson)
- Slated Row School (Old Wolverton)
- Safari Heath Hub – Cedars School (Newport Pagnell)
- Safari Health Hub – Cold Harbour School (West Bletchley)
- Thomley Hall (Worminghall)

- MK Dons Set (Broughton Gate)

Sessions will be available to book via the online [booking system EEQU](#) from 3 July – if you wish to locate Specialist SEND holiday clubs, you are able to utilise the filter option to bring up the correct specification of session you aim to attend.

For those **in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals** you will receive an Evoucher that will be distributed directly from their school on 3 July.



What else?

Gravity offer SEND Sessions that you are able to [book via their website](#) *Short Break Vouchers can be used for walk in customers – please contact Gravity Milton Keynes for further information.*

Snozone Disability Snowsports are for anyone who has a sensory, cognitive, or physical impairment. Snozone's aim is to make Snow sports accessible and inclusive for everyone!

Quiet hours at Midsummer Boulevard, CMK - Every Monday 4-6pm

Barnardo's offer an Outdoor Experience for young people with disabilities aged 8-25 years with an EHCP. 26/07.23 - 25/08 9am - 3pm **(Pre booking is essential)**

(Short Break Vouchers accepted)

Barnardo's Summer Play Scheme for children and young people with disabilities aged 5 - 19 years with an EHCP 2/08 - 25/08 **(Pre-booking is essential)**

(Short Break Vouchers accepted)

360 Summer Pass Offer - *Short Break Vouchers accepted*

Northampton Museum and Art Gallery Brick wonders: Around the world in LEGO® bricks 17 June - 3 September

The Parks Trust - Offer a number of sessions over the summer period, although these are not SEND specific, our children and young people with SEND are welcome to attend.

(Short Break Vouchers accepted)

Love nature day on July 1st at Howe Park Woods:

Stories in the Park at Broughton Brook, £5 for a family ticket for 4:

Parkland Play Week from 31st July-4th August at various parks across MK all free to attend and run each day from 1pm-3pm:

- **31st July at Ashland Lakes**
- **1st August at Waterhall Park**
- **2nd August at Whitehouse Park**
- **3rd August at Oakgrove**
- **4th August at Stony Stratford Millfield**

Big Park hangout- on 12th August: free to attend event for 11–17-year-olds with a relaxed vibe, accessible climbing wall, music, creative activities and chill out zone. Details coming soon to the website.

Fossil hunting at Stonepit Field 19th August £5 per ticket:

Roman day at North Loughton Valley Park 27th August, a free event suitable for all ages:

The Park's Trust outdoor learning team run summer sessions and open days:

- **Discover nature day** (not a free event) for 11–13-year-olds runs from 10am-3pm at a cost of £22.50
- **Discover nature days** (as above) for 13–15-year-olds runs from 10am-3pm at a cost of £22.50
- **Howe Park Woods open days**: between 9:30am-12:30pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 25th July and 31st August:

Milton Keynes Theatre Events Accessible Performances

[Dimensions share updates of accessible cinema showings](#) Please check their website for updated information

Emberton Country Park [Wildlife walks](#) The park organises a number of wildlife walks in the Spring and Summer months

Children and Family Centres

Our Children and Family centres are open 52 weeks of the year from 8.30 am until 4.30 pm.

The centres will continue to provide a vital range of valuable services over the school summer holidays, please refer to the list of [centres and their contact details](#).



Short Break Vouchers

We are continuously looking to increase the number and range of providers of activities to join the scheme and regularly update the brochure and many of you have been encouraging the venues you visit to join the scheme - this is appreciated and helps us to extend the variety of venues that families can choose from. Please keep checking the brochure - we will highlight any new providers.

[Download the latest brochure](#) to find out where you can redeem Short Break vouchers.

What do you want to see next?

In order to keep our newsletters relevant and up to date with what families want to see, we would love to gather some [quick feedback](#) from you. We have produced a 3 question [survey](#) that should take no longer than 2 minutes. We would really appreciate your thoughts to help us produce more newsletters, and hopefully more special editions!

You can find the survey by [clicking here](#).

Thank you and we hope you all have a lovely summer.

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