

# West Berkshire SEND Local Offer Newsletter Summer 2019



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# West Berkshire Directory website

Welcome to the West Berkshire Directory

Your one-stop shop for help and support in West Berkshire



Adults



Families



SEND Local Offer

Our new website provides a one-stop, online shop, this delivers current information, advice and support on a wide range of services for adults, families and children in West Berkshire. All this information is free for you although the services available may have a cost involved. You may need an assessment from one of our Children or Adult Social Care teams to access some of the services. This is also an excellent resource for many professionals.

The wide range of information available includes local and national services. From ante natal clinic to toddler groups, schools and colleges, clubs, debt advice and care homes and day centres.

Initially it is divided into 3 areas

- Adults – Adult Social Care
- Families Family Information Service
- SEND Local Offer

There are almost 2000 records in this directory and is being continually updated, we rely on the updating being carried out by the contributors but we are constantly monitoring and checking the records.

This is how those 3 areas are divided out.

Adults	Families	Local Offer
Need help at home? Do you feel lonely, or anxious or emotionally distressed? Are you looking after someone? Looking for care homes or supported/sheltered living? Do you need help staying safe from abuse or neglect? Looking for activities/clubs/events in your community? Do you need help getting out and about? Concerned about your hospital stay? Looking for housing information? Need health information or support? Looking for help with finances? Would you like to learn, work or volunteer?	Care and Support Childcare Education and Learning Family Hubs Health and Wellbeing Leisure and Recreation Training and Employment Money Matters	Care and Support Childcare / Short Breaks Leisure and Recreation Education and Learning Health and Wellbeing Preparing for Adulthood Travel and Transport

Take time to have a look round it, using the A-Z search, News Articles, Quick Links and the filters. Please use the Feedback tab on the right-hand part of the screen to give us feedback.

If you have a service or resource that you would like to promote please do by registering in the top right hand corner of the screen, you can also update your own record by logging on in the top right hand of your screen using the link below.

<https://directory.westberks.gov.uk/kb5/westberkshire/directory/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0>



Once you are logged in update your record in the Provider Updates on the left hand side.

If you have any problems registering, logging in, searching, have any questions or need some support then please contact Wendy Neighbour on 01635 503100, email: [fis@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:fis@westberks.gov.uk)

<https://directory.westberks.gov.uk>

# West Berkshire SENDIASS

## (Information, Advice and Support Service)

Local Authorities have a statutory duty to provide information, advice and support for disabled children and young people, and those with SEN, and their parents.

In West Berkshire this is provided by the Rose Road Association, and called SENDIASS. This is a free, impartial and confidential service. Some of you will know this as Parent Partnership prior to the reforms in 2014. Their role is not only to advise parents but to empower them to understand the legal responsibilities of schools and the local authority.

There are two SENDIASS advisors in West Berkshire who can support parents and carers on the phone, email or even attend meetings with them. They are Jen Jones and Maxine Jewitt. The Manager is Jo Maxwell-Heron (0788 134 0136)

If you would like an advisor to attend an event/ coffee morning, SENDIASS would be glad to. They will talk to parents about SEN Support (for those pupils without EHCPs), how to apply for an EHCP or preparation for an Annual Review. As a parent you can contact SENDIASS directly.

### The Rose Road Association

Bradbury Centre, 300 Aldermoor Road,  
Southampton SO16 5NA

Helpline number: **0300 303 2644**

[www.westberkssendiass.info](http://www.westberkssendiass.info)

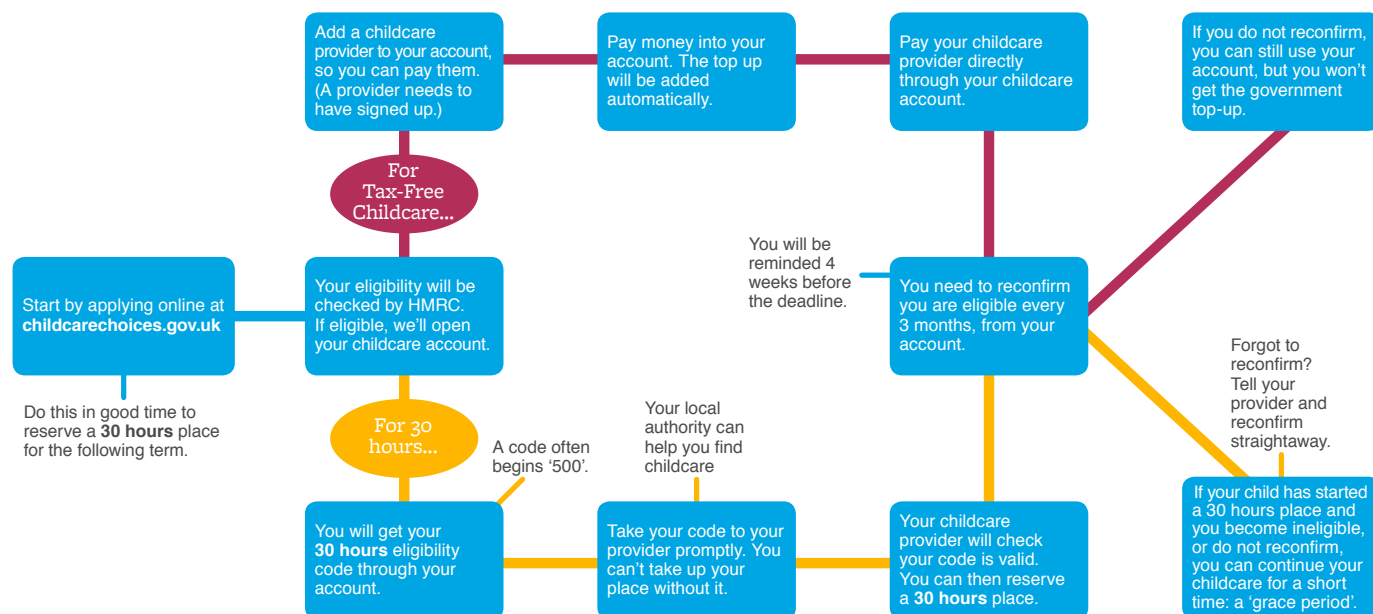
[www.wbpcf.org.uk](http://www.wbpcf.org.uk)

[www.roseroad.org.uk](http://www.roseroad.org.uk)



## How to apply for 30 hours and Tax-Free Childcare

Use the joint application for both Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours. Follow the steps below to get the most out of your childcare account and to access your 30 hours code.



Check your childcare options at [childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Childcare  
**Choices**



HM Government



# Better Together

It's really important that families who have children with disabilities and special needs are able to access support and services that are appropriate for them within their community. A group of local charities identified the need for more joined up working and established a forum who meet regularly throughout the year to offer both joint events and to avoid duplication of services. Through this forum opportunities for joint training and sharing good practice is also explored and a chance for the staff to network.

During school holidays a number of charities get together and offer a fun event for families, this summer Swings & Smiles, PALS, West Berkshire Mencap and Dingley's Promise are offering two joint events – the first to be held at Mencap on Friday 26th July and another at Swings & Smiles on Tuesday 20th August – both to be held between 10-2pm - £5 per family and no need to book.

Through the forum there has also been many opportunities for collaboration and sharing premises – currently the Watermill Theatre use Swings & Smiles to deliver a drama group and an exciting Story Adventures project running this summer, Autism Berkshire also bring their expertise along to coffee mornings already

running at the centre. Other joint events and information sharing also happens throughout the year as well as an annual list of activities taking place throughout the summer holidays being produced so families can see at a glance what's going on.

Relationships built via the forum also meant that when there was an opportunity to help continue the running of the Spectrum and Oasis youth clubs Swings & Smiles were able to take the project on. With the National Autistic Society, West Berkshire Branch continuing to fund these clubs for 2 years support for children and young people with Autism will be able to still take place, running from Speenhamland School on Thursday evenings.

Laura Lewis, Director of Swings & Smiles and chair of the SEND provider forum says, “working together in this way has been hugely beneficial to all of us charities but most importantly to the families that need our support, sharing resources and knowledge means that we can offer more to more.”

For any further information on the SEND forum or for details about the charities involved contact Laura by email – [laura@swingsandsmiles.co.uk](mailto:laura@swingsandsmiles.co.uk)



# Brookfields School Pathway to Employment

## Employers' Afternoon Tea and awards

Brookfields Special School in Tilehurst recently held its annual Employers' Afternoon Tea to say thank you to the 70+ local businesses which have supported the school's award winning Careers Education programme and their students in their preparation for adult life after school, either into the world of work or further education.

This annual celebration of the contribution that employers have made to the school's unique Careers Education programme is acknowledged with certificates being awarded to employers.



*Ikea*



*Flint House*

This year Bronze Awards were given to Thames Water, AW Cycles, Thames Valley Flowers and Metro Bank. Silver Award recipients were Reading FC, The Oracle, Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury's, Sparklers Pre School, Springfield School and The Link Café.

Three organisations received the prestigious Gold Awards which recognise outstanding

contribution to the work of the programme. The winners were IKEA, Flint House and Laithwaites.

One of the highlights of the event was a speech given by former pupil James who explained how being part of the Pathway to Employment programme had helped him to secure a permanent job at the Royal Berkshire Hospital.

Headteacher of Brookfields, Brandon Mills was full of praise for the employers who support the school, "The success of our Pathway to Employment Careers Education programme is totally dependent of the commitment of employers who are willing to work with us to support our students. We are very grateful for their invaluable contributions to our programme and are delighted to recognise their achievements with our Annual Awards."

### About Brookfields School

Brookfields School is a school for children aged from 3 – 19, all of whom have a learning difficulty. Some of the learners have additional needs such as autism, a visual or hearing impairment or a physical disability.

For press enquiries, please contact:  
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Tel: **0118 942 1382** or  
Email: [cwilshire@brookfields.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:cwilshire@brookfields.w-berks.sch.uk)







## Careers Week February 2019

We held our annual Careers Week where students from Key Stage 4 and 6th form participated in various activities, including visits to local employers, workshops and assemblies - the students also had a practice interview for their chosen job.

We started off the week with a futures fair, welcoming visitors who were able to provide our students with information and details of the services available to them when they leave school. This included colleges, supported employment, agencies and internships.

During the week students visited local businesses such as Reading Buses, Reading Football Club, Bay Lab, Apple, Ikea, Progressive Fitness, Covea Insurance, Flint House, Smart Works, National Grid, Pizza Express, Englefield Garden Centre & Rushall Farm.

We also welcomed businesses into school to provide workshops and demonstrations, we were supported by M&S, Thames Water, Thames Valley Flower Arranging, The Brit School, 58 Barbershop and AW Cycles.

Our final assembly was given by local employers with representatives from The Oracle, IKEA, Flint House, Dimensions and Ibis Styles Hotels; the students were able to ask questions about what employers are looking for.

We had lots of positive feedback from our students and staff who found the week really valuable. We hope to make it even better next year!!!

### Our thanks to the businesses that supported us in Careers Week

Our partnerships with local businesses and organisations have continued to develop this year. During Careers Week we have been working with the following companies.



# ASD Family Help

Registered Charity No. 1135718

## Family Matters Course

FREE 6 weeks training course Sept/Oct 2019

**Skills to help with relationships, financial understanding & to improve mental wellbeing for families affected by Autism**

**Venue:**

**Thatcham Baptist Church, The Loft  
Wheelers Green Way,  
Thatcham,  
Berkshire  
RG19 4YF**



Session	Date	Time	Course Content
1	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.45am-11.45am	Welcome & Introduction. Organisation, Effective Communication, Good & Bad Listening. Solution focused approach.
2	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.45am-11.45am	Rational Needs, Behaviour, Anger & Conflict
3	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.45am-11.45am	Forgiveness & Relationships
4	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.45am-11.45am	Good & Bad Money Management PLUS Banking, Budgeting, Debt, Savings and Benefits
5	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.45am-11.45am	Improving your Mental Wellbeing
6	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9.45am-11.45am	Certificates, Evaluation & Feed Back

**All 6 sessions need to be attended to complete the course**  
**Refreshments available**

To book on this course please email: [jayne@asdfamilyhelp.org](mailto:jayne@asdfamilyhelp.org) or text/phone: 07733 601755

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Henry Smith  
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founded in 1628



## PARENT WORKSHOPS

### to help you support your dyslexic child

Please join me for a positive, uplifting workshop to demystify and fully explain what actually causes the difficulty with reading, spelling, writing and/or maths and how you, as a parent, can support your child. Information will be practical and in “Mum and Dad language” and there will be lots of opportunity to ask your own questions. With the right support every dyslexic child can learn to fly!

There is no need to bring anything - all equipment will be provided.

**Dates:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September **or** Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

**Time:** 6.30pm - 8.30pm

**Venue:** Shaw House, Church Road, Newbury, West Berkshire,  
RG14 2DR

**Cost:** £30

For more information or to book please call me on 0791 209 7398 or email me at [info@dyslexiadecoded.co.uk](mailto:info@dyslexiadecoded.co.uk)







## New Family Support Offer

**Do you have a preschool child who has recently been diagnosed with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities?**

**Or are you a parent/carer and suspect that your child has a delay in their development?**

*If so, you might be interested in having a chat with our **Family Support Workers**.*

*We provide up to date **information and advice** as well as running regular **coffee mornings** and **Stay and Play sessions** where you can meet other parents to **share ideas, experiences and challenges**!*

***Call us to chat about the support you would like from us.***

For more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch:

**Helen Hart** (Wokingham/Reading)

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# Sunshine and Showers Group



Being the parent of a child with additional needs can be both rewarding and very hard work. Some days are full of sunshine, others you wait for the showers to pass.

Come on into the **CENTRAL FAMILY HUB, THATCHAM** and talk with other parents about their own experiences and get information and support.



The next group meetings are on

**Thursday Mornings**

**19th Sept 19, 21st Nov 19, 23rd Jan 20,  
5th March 20, 7th May 20, 2nd July 20**

**9.15-11.15am**

**Melissa Hutchings** the **Autism Advisor for Families, West Berkshire,**

Please come along if you have any questions for Melissa around autism / pre assessment concerns and stay for a coffee and chat

For further information contact:

[Melissa.hutchings@westberks.gov.uk](mailto:Melissa.hutchings@westberks.gov.uk)

or Tel: 01635 503646

All parents who have children with additional needs are welcome, little ones are also welcome however please bring toys with you to keep them entertained as the centre no longer has toys available.

Professionals and other Services / Organisations are also welcome to join us

**Venue:** Central Family Hub, Park Lane Building Thatcham RG18 3PG

**Tel:** 01635 865318



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# Are you a parent/carer of a child aged 0-5 with SEND?

Are you looking to meet other parents/carers to share ideas, experiences and challenges?

## Come along to our Stay & Play Sessions 1 – 2.30 pm

### **2nd Friday of the Month at:**

Wokingham Centre, All Saints School, Norreys Avenue, RG40 1UX

### **3rd Friday of the Month at:**

Reading centre, Kennet Walk Community Centre, Kennavon Drive, Reading RG1 3GD

### **Last Friday of the Month at:**

West Berks Centre, Poplar Place, Shaw, Newbury RG14 1NA

## Come along to our Coffee Morning Session 9.30 – 10.30 am

### **2nd Monday of the Month at:**

Reading centre, Kennet Walk Community Centre, Kennavon Drive, Reading RG1 3GD

### **3rd Monday of the Month at:**

Newbury Judo Club, Poplar Place, Shaw, Newbury RG14 1NA

### **4th Monday of the Month at:**

Wokingham Methodist Church, Rose Street, RG40 1XS

**Help us to help you by supporting each other!** Our coffee mornings are open to all parents/carers in the community who have a child aged 0-5 with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)

**We hope to see you there!**

# Step up 4 Good

has lots going on this year, in particular with this event, some of which has already been announce on our social media pages, but there is plenty yet to come. It is very exciting, so if you aren't currently following Greenham Trust, please like and share our Facebook <https://bit.ly/2VSJaEc>

and Twitter <https://bit.ly/2p2nOGn> pages and specific event pages to be kept up to date.

We run a **Schools Prize Draw** every year for state primary and secondary schools to win £500 for a project of their choice. Each school who registers 10 or more pupils to run in **Step Up 4 Good 2019**, will automatically be entered into the draw. (The school must be within Greenham Trust's area of operation – see T&C's on the website) The prize is drawn and announced a few days after the event.

To make planning easier for teachers, parents, governor or group leaders interested in organising a group of children from your school, our **Teacher's Tool Kit** offers a step-by-step guide, with links to a selection of downloadable resources to make the organisation quick and simple. Details available here [www.stepup4good.co.uk/schools-tool-kit](http://www.stepup4good.co.uk/schools-tool-kit) . To add multiple entries in one transaction, we have made it easier on the entry site too, offering a – 'Add more participant registrations' button upon entry.

Also, this year we will be launching our first ever unique **Para-Mile**. This is aimed at children



under 15 with a disability or impairment and it is completely free to enter, thanks to the kind sponsor -Swift Group. The children will receive a bib number and chip timing, as we want to ensure an all-inclusive feel to our first race. Children can run, jog or walk alone or with a parent or carer, whatever they prefer. Every Para-Mile runner (and paid entrant) will all receive a tech t-shirt, personalised bib and finishers medal. There will be no winner as such for the para-mile and no trophy, as it is very difficult to categorise the various disabilities taking part.

On race day, located within the Grandstand building, will be 20 charity stalls helping us to bring a vibrant community buzz to a very large space. If this is of interest to you, please get in touch. A 6ft trestle table and two chairs will be provided, so it's just a case of turning up early and promoting your charity and project for a few hours to runners and supporters.

Due to the move from Greenham Common to Newbury Racecourse, we want to make this Newbury's #1 family running event in the race calendar and grow the numbers significantly. With your help we can reach more children to sign up for our bigger and better race this year.

## Louise Brookes

Grants Administrator, Greenham Trust

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Liberty House,  
Greenham Business Park,  
Newbury, RG19 6HW



Step up 4 good

10K & family fun runs

Sunday 13th October 2019

Greenham Trust 

at Newbury Racecourse

**NEW VENUE** Hard packed path & road (not grass)

Including music,  
entertainment, bar, catering,  
bag drop and much more



Recorded official chip  
timing and results  
provided by Eventrex



Trophies & prizes  
for winners



Personalised bib,  
Technical t-shirt &  
Finishers medal for  
competitors

**Family Mile** for younger children and families 9:30am

**Para Mile** sponsored by Swift for children under 15 with a disability  
or impairment 9:31am

**3K** for older children and families 10:20am

**10K** for runners aged 15 and over 11:10am

Supported by **Racesolutions**  
inspiring people to run



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[thegoodexchange.com](http://thegoodexchange.com)

Race entry and more information at  
[www.stepup4good.co.uk](http://www.stepup4good.co.uk)





# Summer Reading Challenge

All 4-11yr olds are invited to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge run by West Berkshire Libraries, which runs from 1 July until 30 September. It's FREE to join in and great fun, as well as helping children develop confidence and maintain their reading skills over the summer holidays.

This year's challenge is called Space Chase and is all about the futuristic Rocket family, who are on a mission to track down some aliens who have stolen books from Moon Library. When they sign up for the challenge, children are given a colourful 'mission folder', and as they borrow and read library books they receive stickers for their folder which provide clues for the mission. The aim is to read 6 books by the end of September. After they've read 2 books, children get a special Space Chase paper game; after 4 books they get an alien 'window clinger'; and there are certificates and golden medals for all who complete the challenge.

Younger children who are good readers are welcome to take part too. But there's also a Mini Challenge for non-readers - and one for adults as well! (You just need to read any 3 library books by end of Sept, fiction or non fiction, including audiobooks and e-books. Everyone who completes the challenge will be entered into a prize draw to win a wifi tablet.)

The poster features a space-themed background with stars and shooting stars. At the top, it says 'The Reading Agency and Libraries Present' in blue, followed by 'SPACE CHASE' in large, stylized purple letters, and 'Summer Reading Challenge 2019' in blue. Below this is a yellow-bordered box with the text 'Have you seen this crew?' in black. Inside the box are four cartoon characters: a green alien, a yellow alien, a pink alien, and a yellow robot. Below the box, a group of five diverse children and an adult woman are standing on a grey surface, looking up at the sky. A large white circle on the right contains the text 'Join FREE at your local library!'. At the bottom left, there are logos for 'ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND' and 'Supported using public funding by ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND'. In the center bottom is the website 'spacechase.org.uk'. On the right bottom is the '20 YEARS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE THE READING AGENCY' logo. Small text at the bottom right reads '© The Reading Agency. Registered charity number 1085443 (England & Wales)'.

Children need to have their own library cards to join the challenge. It's free to join the library and of course it's free to borrow books too. Look out also for special Space Chase craft activities, story times and other events taking place during the summer holidays. You can keep up with all the news by following us at [www.facebook.com/newburylibrary](https://www.facebook.com/newburylibrary) or [www.twitter.com/WBerksLibraries](https://www.twitter.com/WBerksLibraries)



## About Us

The Music Club is an out of school membership club for children and young people with disabilities and additional needs based in the Thames Valley. The club provides a short break activity for disabled children and young people and their families who may be at risk of social isolation and social exclusion. The club uses music and movement to bring fun, play and leisure to the families and provides a place here carers can meet, share ideas and feel supported.



The club meets monthly during the weekends and school holidays. We provide musical fun days and musical outing to the theatre & festivals. We also provide support outings for carers.

The music club is managed by a group of volunteer parent carers who have a passion for the benefits of music to bring families together and develop the social, emotional and physical abilities of children and young people with disabilities and special needs.

### Do I need to book to attend the sessions?

It helps for us to know you are coming to the monthly session but you can just turn up. Discounts and club opportunities are made available to TMC member only.

Booking to attend the outings and festivals is essential. We can send you further information about membership by emailing [info@music4disabledchildren.org.uk](mailto:info@music4disabledchildren.org.uk).

### Contact details

Text 07768 298 297 or call 01189 722322 for more information.

### Where To Find Us

Fun days take place at the Woodcote Village Hall, Reading Road, Woodcote, RG8 0QY. We meet during the weekend and school holidays, 2-4pm. You can call or just turn up.

### Contact Us

Call: Sophia Nicholls 07768 298 297

or Julie Hinton 01189 722322

Email: [info@music4disabledchildren.org.uk](mailto:info@music4disabledchildren.org.uk)

Website: [www.music4disabledchildren.org.uk](http://www.music4disabledchildren.org.uk)

### We Are On Facebook

Twitter: @Themusicclub17

or write to:

The Music Club

65, St Helen's Avenue,

Benson, OXON,

OX10 6R

**Victoria Andrews**, Founder and Dance Teacher of Chance to Dance Stars CIC, has started a new venture this May. Partnering up with Showstoppers UK and SportsAble, they are now offering Sensory, Movement and Music Classes for children and families aged 0 to 5 years.

Chance to Dance Stars CIC has been running accessible dance classes to all disabled children aged 2.5 to adulthood since Jan 2013 in Bracknell and Reading. They are currently support over 70 families with a range of disabilities.

Alongside these classes Chance to Dance Stars CIC will be offering an accessible play group for the disabled community to come and meet other families and for their children to play with others in a safe environment.



**SHOW STOPPER Babies**

**Special Needs Sensory, Music and Movement Classes**

Venue: SportsAble, Braywick Road, Maidenhead SL6 1BN  
Time - Session 1: 10.10am till 10.50am (Non-Movers 0 to 5 years)  
Session 2: 11am till 11.40am (Walkers 1 to 5 years)  
Dates: Monday Mornings, beginning 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Cost: £7.00 per class *booking is a must* <https://chance-to-dance.class4kids.co.uk>

Accessible Sensory, Music and Movement Classes for all children with a disability. Everyone is welcome.  
Classes will be kept to a maximum of 8 students.  
Teacher: Mairi from Showstopper Babies

FREE SPORTSABLE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL FAMILIES WHO BOOK FOR A WHOLE TERM

**Special Needs Toddler Group**

Venue: SportsAble, Braywick Road, Maidenhead SL6 1BN  
Time – 10am till 11.30am  
Date – Monday mornings, alongside the Movement Classes  
Cost: £2.00 per session *walk in welcome, register via ClassForKids*

Accessible Toddler Group for all children aged 0 to 5 years with a disability. A place to meet other parents from the disabled community while your child plays in a safe environment with others.  
Toys, Refreshments, Singing, Arts and Crafts and Bubbles. Supported by: Victoria Andrews, Founder of Chance to Dance

If your child attends the Sensory, Music and Movement Classes they can access the Toddler Group for FREE.  
Sensory, Music and Movement Classes are bookable only. Book via <https://chance-to-dance.class4kids.co.uk> everyone attending must be registered via ClassForKids.  
Any questions please contact Victoria Andrews on 07736343570 or [vickieandrews50@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vickieandrews50@hotmail.co.uk)





**Are you 16-25? Not in education, employment or training?  
Want to learn how more about robotics and technology?**

**Taster Day: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019 & 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Course Dates: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Location: Reading**

The Prince's Trust and PLT are offering a one week course where you can:

- ➔ Learn about key areas of technology in acceleration and deceleration
- ➔ Gain an understanding of robotics and collision
- ➔ Develop confidence, team work and communication skills.
- ➔ Everyone gains a Quest Discovery award
- ➔ Receive up to three months progression support from the Prince's Trust to help you find further work or training
- ➔ Travel and lunch provided during programme.

**To join the course or find out more:**

Search 'Prince's Trust'

Text 'Call me' to 07983 385 418

Call for free on 0800 842 842



# AKTIVE CREATIVE ARTS & SPORTS

Summer holiday activities for people  
16+ with learning difficulties

**Art**  
**Athletics**  
**Cricket**  
**DJ/Music**  
**Drama**  
**Football**  
**Singing**

## Timetable

9.30am	Registration
10 – 12	Activity 1
12 – 12.45	Lunch
1.00 – 12.45	Activity 2
3.00pm	Finish



July 25th & 26th  
August 1st, 2nd,  
8th & 9th

**£50 per day**  
**Transport is available**  
**at an extra cost**



**Sessions to be held at various**  
**locations in Newbury & Thatcham**

## CONTACT US

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# ASD Family Help June July

**Tue 25<sup>th</sup> June** 4.00 – 6:00pm

**£1.00**

**Arts & Crafts & Lego**

at Riverside Community Centre, Newbury



**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July** 1:00 – 1:50pm

**£2.00**

**Slime Making!**

at Newbury Fire Station



**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July** 2:00 – 2:50pm

**£2.00**

**Slime Making!**

at Newbury Fire Station



**Tue 9<sup>th</sup> July** 6:00 – 7:00pm

**£3.00**

**Relaxed Soft Play**

at Wonderland, Newbury



Activities are for all SEN Children & their families

No age restriction & siblings welcome

Parents remain responsible for their families at all times

For more information or to book, please email

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# Summer Play Scheme

with West Berkshire Mencap

Monday 29th July to Friday 16th August

Our play schemes are open to children and young adults with special educational needs between **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July & Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

- Monday & Thursday children 11-18
- Tuesday & Friday children 3-11
- Sessions 9.30- 3.30
- £35 a session
- Booking required

Explore the fantastic facilities at our Enborne Road centre, including a sensory room, soft play room, and large outdoor playground with hoists available. There will also be trips out!

To enquire or book, please contact Megan Rawlings.

Tel: (01635) 569875

Email: [megan.rawlings@wbmencap.org](mailto:megan.rawlings@wbmencap.org)



Providing information, support and services for adults and children with a learning disability, their families and carers in West Berkshire.

Visit [www.wbmencap.org](http://www.wbmencap.org) or call us on (01635) 41464

Registered Charity Number: 1076658



Here are all the sessions running at **Swings & Smiles**, **West Berkshire Mencap**, **Dingley's Promise West Berkshire Centre** and **PALS** throughout the summer holidays 2019. **Sessions must be booked in advance unless stated otherwise.** Please see individual booking policies and get in touch with the individual organisation if you'd like more details about the sessions running.



## July 2019

Fri 26th July - **Joint SEND Providers Event** at Mencap, 10am-2pm, £5 per family (no booking required)

**PALS Five a Day Market, Englefield, 10.30am-1.30pm**

Mon 29th July - **Watermill Story Adventures at Swings & Smiles**, 10am-12pm (get in touch for more details)

**Playscheme at Mencap, 11-18 years old, 9.30am-3.30pm**

Tues 30th July - **Watermill Story Adventures at Swings & Smiles**, 10am-12pm (get in touch for more details)

**Playscheme at Mencap, 3-11 years old, 9.30am-3.30pm**

Weds 31st July - **Watermill Story Adventures at Swings & Smiles**, 10am-12pm (get in touch for more details)

**Playscheme at Dingley's Promise, 0-8 years old, 9.30am-2.30pm**

## August 2019

Thurs 1st August - **Relaxed Family Play at Swings & Smiles** (for children who use wheelchairs and may need hoisting), 11-3pm, £5 per family

**Playscheme at Mencap, 11-18 years old, 9.30am-3.30pm**

**Playscheme at Dingley's Promise, 0-8 years old, 9.30am-2.30pm**

Fri 2nd August - **Interactive Family Play at Swings & Smiles** (for children who..., 10am-12pm, £5 per family

**Mini Family Play at Swings & Smiles** (for under 5s), 1-3pm, £5 per family

**Playscheme at Mencap, 3-11 years old, 9.30am-3.30pm**

Sat 3rd August - **Summer Party at Swings & Smiles**, 12-3pm, £5 per family

Mon 5th August - **Playscheme at Mencap, 11-18 years old, 9.30am-3.30pm**

Tues 6th August - **Family Play (with Melissa Hutchings) at Swings & Smiles**, 10am-12pm, £5 per family

**Interactive Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 1-3pm, £5 per family

**Playscheme at Mencap, 3-11 years old, 9.30am-3.30pm**

Weds 7th August - **Short Breaks at Swings & Smiles**, over 8s, 9.30-3.30pm, £40 per child - book by 17th June

Thurs 8th August - **Playscheme at Mencap, 11-18 years old, 9.30am-3.30pm**

Fri 9th August - **Relaxed Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 10am-12pm, £5 per family

**Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 1-3pm, £5 per family

Tues 13th August - **Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 10am-12pm, £5 per family  
**Interactive Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 1-3pm, £5 per family  
**Playscheme at Mencap**, 3-11 years old, 9.30am-3.30pm

Weds 14th August - **Short Breaks at Swings & Smiles**, over 8s, 9.30-3.30pm, £40 per child - book by 17th June  
**Playscheme at Dingley's Promise**, 0-8 years old, 9.30am-2.30pm  
**PALS day at PGL**, children over 8 years old, 10am-5pm (climbing, abseiling, zip lining)

Thurs 15th August - **Relaxed Family Play at Swings & Smiles** (for children who use wheelchairs and may need hoisting), 11-3pm, £5 per family  
**Playscheme at Dingley's Promise**, 0-8 years old, 9.30am-2.30pm  
**Playscheme at Mencap**, 11-18 years old, 9.30am-3.30pm

Fri 16th August - **Interactive Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 10am-12pm, £5 per family  
**Playscheme at Mencap**, 3-11 years old, 9.30am-3.30pm

Mon 19th August - **Stay and Play at Mencap**, 10am-2pm (no booking required)  
**PALS PGL residential**

Tues 20th August - **Joint Event at Swings & Smiles**, 10am-2pm, £5 per family (no booking required)  
**PALS PGL residential**

Weds 21st August - **Short Breaks at Swings & Smiles**, over 8s, 9.30-3.30pm, £40 per child - book by 17th June  
**PALS PGL residential**

Thurs 22nd August - **Stay and Play at Mencap**, 10am-2pm (no booking required)

Fri 23rd August - **Relaxed Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 10am-12pm, £5 per family  
**Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 1-3pm, £5 per family

Tues 27th August - **Mini Family Play at Swings & Smiles** (for under 5s), 10am-12pm, £5 per family  
**Interactive Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 1-3pm, £5 per family  
**Stay and Play at Mencap**, 10am-2pm (no booking required)

Weds 28th August - **Short Breaks at Swings & Smiles**, over 8s, 9.30-3.30pm, £40 per child - book by 17th June  
**Playscheme at Dingley's Promise**, 0-8 years old, 9.30am-2.30pm

Thurs 29th August - **Stay and Play at Mencap**, 10am-2pm (no booking required)  
**Playscheme at Dingley's Promise**, 0-8 years old, 9.30am-2.30pm  
**PALS boating at Andrew Watersports Centre**, Theale, 10.30am-2.30pm

Fri 30th August - **Interactive Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 10am-12pm, £5 per family  
**Family Play at Swings & Smiles**, 1-3pm, £5 per family

### **Booking details and more information:**

**Swings & Smiles** - Book by contacting 01635 285170 or [office@swingsandsmiles.co.uk](mailto:office@swingsandsmiles.co.uk). Family play sessions are for everybody, interactive sessions are limited to those who unable mainstream play but like a bit of structure and relaxed sessions are much more sensory based. If you are unsure about whether a session is right for your family please get in touch.

**Mencap (Playscheme)** - Book before 26th July by contacting Megan on [Megan.Rawlings@wbmencap.org](mailto:Megan.Rawlings@wbmencap.org).

**Dingley's Promise (Playscheme)** - Book with Abi on [abi.preston-rees@dingley.org.uk](mailto:abi.preston-rees@dingley.org.uk). Sessions cost £30 or £50 if you are in receipt of direct payments.

**PALS** - PALS provide leisure and social activities for children and young people with physical disabilities. For further information and to book please contact Helen on 07887 871112.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1st July <b>Cooking Club</b> 3.30-5pm—Over 8s, £45 per term <b>Cooking Club</b> 5.15-6.45pm—Over 8s, £45 per term	2nd July <b>Homeschool Group</b> 12.30-2.30pm—£5 per family <b>LEGO Club</b> 3.30-5.30pm—£5 per family	3rd July <b>Thatcham Hub</b> Session 9.15-11am <b>Mini Morning at South Reading Community Hub</b> 10-11.30am—Under 5s, £2.50 per family	4th July <b>Wellbeing Group</b> 9.30-11.30am	5th July <b>Centre closed due to staff training</b>	6th July <b>Family Play</b> 9.30am-12.30pm—£5 per family	7th July <b>Relaxed Family Play</b> 10am-12pm—£5 per family
8th July <b>Cooking Club</b> 3.30-5pm—Over 8s, £45 per term <b>Cooking Club</b> 5.15-6.45pm—Over 8s, £45 per term	9th July <b>Mini Morning</b> 10-11.30am—Under 5s, £2.50 per family <b>Homeschool Group</b> 12.30-2.30pm—£5 <b>LEGO Club</b> 3.30-5.30pm—£5 per family	10th July <b>Thatcham Hub</b> Session 9.15-11am	11th July <b>Wellbeing Group</b> 9.30-11.30am	12th July <b>Interactive Family Play</b> 3-6pm—£5 per family <b>SIBS</b> 6.30-8.30pm - Year 6 and over, Free	13th July <b>Family Play</b> 9.30am-12.30pm—£5 per family	14th July <b>Relaxed Family Play</b> 10am-12pm—£5 per family
15th July <b>Cooking Club</b> 3.30-5pm—Over 8s, £45 per term <b>Cooking Club</b> 5.15-6.45pm—Over 8s, £45 per term	16th July <b>Homeschool Group</b> 12.30-2.30pm—£5 per family <b>LEGO Club</b> 3.30-5.30pm—£5 per family	17th July <b>Thatcham Hub</b> Session 9.15-11am <b>Mini Morning at South Reading Community Hub</b> 10-11.30am—Under 5s, £2.50 per family	18th July	19th July <b>Interactive Family Play</b> 3-6pm—£5 per family	20th July <b>SIBS</b> 9.30-11am and 11am-12.30pm—Over 5s, Free	21st July <b>Relaxed Family Play</b> 10am-12pm—£5 per family
22nd July <b>Cooking Club BBQ</b> 3.30-5.30pm—both groups	23rd July <b>Mini Morning</b> 10-11.30am—Under 5s, £2.50 per family <b>Homeschool Group</b> 12.30-2.30pm—£5 <b>LEGO Club</b> 3.30-5.30pm—£5 per family	24th July <b>Thatcham Hub</b> Session 9.15-11am	25th July	26th July <b>Joint Event at Mencap</b> 10am-2pm, £5 per family	27th July <b>Family Play</b> 9.30-12.30pm—£5 per family	28th July <b>Relaxed Family Play with Hartbeeps</b> 10am-12pm—£5 per family
29th July <b>Watermill Story Adventures</b> 10am-12pm	30th July <b>Watermill Story Adventures</b> 10am-12pm	31st July <b>Watermill Story Adventures</b> 10am-12pm <b>SIBS trip</b> - contact Sara for more details	<h2>July at Swings &amp; Smiles</h2> <p>All sessions must be booked in advance by calling <b>01635 285170</b> or emailing <b>office@swingsandsmiles.co.uk</b></p> <p>If it's your first time visiting us, or if you're unsure which sessions are right for you, get in touch and we'll let you know what you're able to book on for. Please visit <b>swingsandsmiles.co.uk</b> for more information.</p>			

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12th August <b>SIBS</b> 2-4pm - Year 6 and over, Free	13th August <b>Family Play</b> 10am-12pm - £5 per family <b>Interactive Family Play</b> 1-3pm - £5 per family	14th August <b>Short Breaks</b> 9.30-3.30pm - £40 per child, please book by 17th June	15th August <b>Relaxed Family Play</b> 11-3pm—£5 per family (this session is for children who use wheelchairs and may need hoisting)	8th August <b>Trip</b> —details TBC	9th August <b>Relaxed Family Play</b> 10am-12pm - £5 per family <b>Family Play</b> 1-3pm - £5 per family	10th August <b>Family Play</b> 10am-12pm—£5 per family <b>Interactive Family Play</b> 1-3pm -£5 per family	11th August <b>Relaxed Family Play</b> 10am-12pm—£5 per family
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26th August <b>Bank holiday - centre closed</b>	27th August <b>Mini Family Play</b> 10am-12pm - Under 5s, £5 per family <b>Interactive Family Play</b> 1-3pm - £5 per family	28th August <b>Short Breaks</b> 9.30-3.30pm - £40 per child, please book by 17th June	29th August	30th August <b>Interactive Family Play</b> 10am-12pm - £5 per family <b>Family Play with Zoolabs</b> 1-3pm -£3 per child	31st August <b>Family Play</b> 9.30-12.30pm—£5 per family		



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