

Short Breaks Update for Families with Disabled Children and Young People



Welcome to the August Short Breaks Update...

Several Play & Activity Days, football, boccia, cycling, play sessions, trampoline sessions, camping, festivals, cinema & more...

There's also some training & webinars too.



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Contact details:-

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**** If you'd like to receive these newsletters, please email us! ****

**BURE PARK FC
INCLUSIVE
FOOTBALL**

Are you a young adult aged 16-19 who would like to play inclusive football? Do you know anyone who might like to give it a try?

We offer football for all, regardless of learning disability, physical disability or any other traditional barrier to playing fun and educational football

We are hoping to enter a new U20's team into the BOBi League for the 23/24 season

**- DISABILITY@BUREPARKJUNIORS.CO.UK -
- FACEBOOK.COM/BICESTERDISABILITYFOOTBALL -**



Why not try this new session run by the amazing Adam from [Bure Park FC - Disability/Inclusive Football](#)

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FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES!!

BERINSFIELD PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY 2023

TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST — 11AM UNTIL 3PM

BERINSFIELD PAVILION PLAYING FIELDS, OFF LAY AVENUE, BERINSFIELD, OXON. OX10 7NX,



Junk Modelling with Art Avalanche, Go Kart Party, Body Zorbing, Climbing Wall, Giant Bubbles, Science Oxford, DIY Face Painting, Smoothie Bike, Ride on Time Toddler Vehicles, Tots of Mess, Muzo Academy II, Harcourt Aboretum, Berin Centre and more...

BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLAY

Please note that NO Childcare is provided - Food will need to be purchased or please do feel free to bring a picnic— There is limited parking on site —This event will be photographed and / or filmed.

Contact — www.oxonplay.org.uk / 07436 270267 / martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk

This event is funded and supported by;



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SUMMER FUN WITH EWE TALK

TUESDAYS
AUGUST 1ST/8TH/15TH/29TH



FAMILY WALKS - £30 TO WALK A SHEEP,
ACCOMPANYING ADULT £10 - MINIMUM OF 2
SHEEP



CUDDLE FIELD - £10PP
MAX 6 PPL



WELLBEING SESSIONS
1 TO 1 1/2 HRS
£50 PER CHILD - ACCOMPANYING ADULT
FREE OF CHARGE

We welcome you to join our sessions! Please feel free to email us if you are interested. Our sessions are tailored to be inclusive, so let us know your needs when you message us. We are excited to hear from you: ewetalk2022@gmail.com
www.ewetalk.org.uk

Ewe Talk also offer Personal Wellbeing sessions in the comfort of your own home or at the farm. This is a unique form of wellness therapy that uses sheep to help people feel better. It's the only mobile service of its kind in the UK.

For further information on this or any of their activities, please contact them on ewetalk2022@gmail.com

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ONLINE

Summer Music Making

Designed for Learning Disabled people of all ages

MONDAY

2pm
Holiday Club
(Zoom)

TUESDAY

2pm
Dance Party
(Zoom)
15th Aug only

WEDNESDAY

2pm
Holiday Club
(Zoom)

THURSDAY

11am
Soundabout
Families
(YouTube)

FRIDAY

11am
Dance Party
(Zoom)
4th + 11th Aug only

SATURDAY

2pm
Soundabout Live!
(Family Members
Facebook Group)

EVERY DAY

Check out our bank of online resources!
www.soundabout.org.uk/music/resources

soundabout

We've got you covered this summer holiday! Don't miss out on any of our music-making activities by signing up for them here: www.soundabout.org.uk/music

www.soundabout.org.uk/music/resources

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You won't want to miss 'Fairytale Festival', which will run every day from 22nd July to 3rd September 2023. With interactive fairy tale storytelling that will bring some of the most famous fairy tales alive, a puppet show workshop, crafts, summer games and challenges along the trail, fun interactions and petting with our friendly animals, there will be something for everyone.

<https://www.fairytalefarm.co.uk/.../fairytale-festival-2023/>

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YouMove is here to provide free or low cost activities for families living in Oxfordshire. If your child or children are in receipt of benefits related free school meals, then we have a fantastic range of activities to enjoy together, including during weekends and school holidays. In addition, YouMove is here for children in need of support; this includes refugee children, young carers and children in or on the edge of care.

By signing up to YouMove, your family can enjoy a fantastic range of activities, as well as during weekends and school holidays. Activities on offer include swimming, badminton, activity packs, gym passes, children's holiday activities and so much more!

To find out more or to sign up, please go to the website:-

[You Move | GO Active \(getoxfordshireactive.org\)](https://www.getoxfordshireactive.org)

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★ FREE ★
FAMILY PLAY SESSIONS
CARTERTON RECREATIONAL GROUND
2ND, 9TH AND 16TH AUGUST
10AM - 12PM
EVERYONE WELCOME
SUITABLE FOR AGES 12 AND UNDER
BUT MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT
OR GUARDIAN



**IN THE EVENT OF
BAD WEATHER
CHECK RAF BRIZE
NORTON
COMMUNITY
SUPPORT
FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR
CANCELLATION
INFORMATION**

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Wheels for all: Witney
recumbents • trikes • wheelchair carriers



Supportive, safe and inclusive cycling sessions for those with additional needs.

Every Saturday:
11am - 1pm, ages 2 yrs - 16 yrs. Family members welcome.
1pm - 2pm for 16+ yrs.

£3 per session.

**Wood Green School,
Witney, OX28 1DX**

Book by phone, email or website:
<https://windrushbikeproject.uk>
07766 829296

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 wheelsforall@windrushbikeproject.uk
www.windrushbikeproject.uk



**** Summer sessions **** on Saturdays 2nd, 5th, 9th & 12th of August and back on 2nd September at Woodgreen School. Try a bike, borrow a bike, ride in a safe space - book your place here:-

[Book cycle training, bike maintenance courses, DIY workshop and Junior Wheels for All - Booking by Bookwhen](#)

Let's play

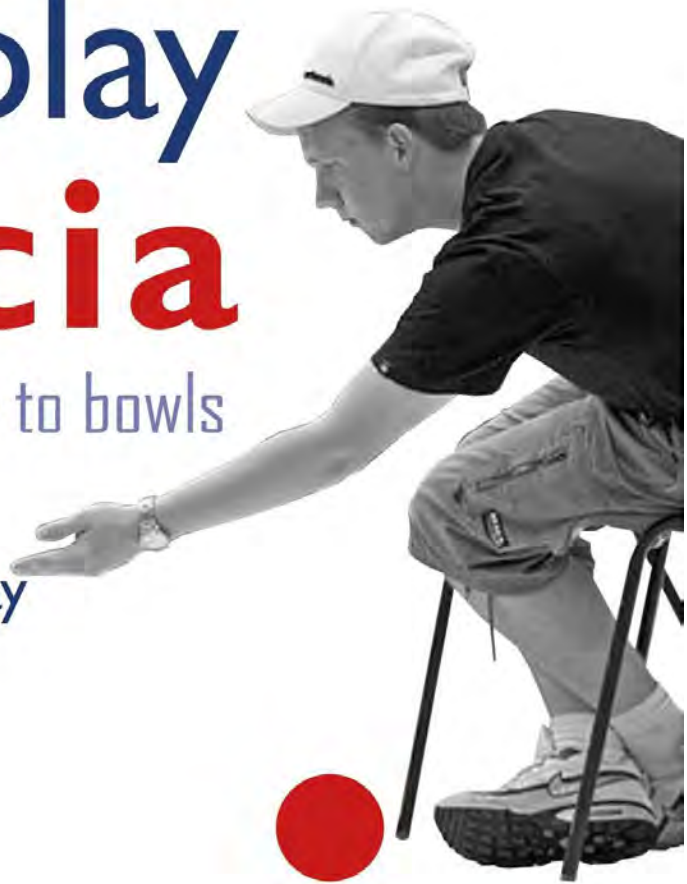
Boccia

A ball sport similar to bowls

£3 per session

Just turn up and play

ALL WELCOME



Fun, friendly classes for all ages and abilities

Wednesdays 10.45am—11.45am

Windrush Leisure Centre in Witney

For more information:

 01993 861564



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Started
Wed 7th
June 23

**HENLEY YMCA,
2 LAWSON ROAD,
HENLEY-ON-THAMES,
RG91NZ.**

come join us!

SIGN UP NOW -SIGN UP NOW - SIGN UP NOW- SIGN UP NOW- SIGN UP NOW- SIGN UP NOW

**youth disability
football sessions** **£3.00**
U12 (AGES 8 - 11 YEARS)
WEDNESDAYS ● 5PM - 6PM

CONTACT: 01491 411849
EMAIL: PHIL@HENLEYYMCA.ORG.UK

The Henley YMCA in partnership with Oxfordshire FA are pleased to announce that we are now running JUSTPLAY Youth Pan Disability Football sessions for children aged 8-11, all disability groups are welcome! Only £3 a session. Youth Pan Disability Football - every Wednesday, 5-6pm - started on **Wednesday 7th June**. If interested, please fill out the form - <https://forms.office.com/e/8t5ZAwGa1x>
For more info, email phil@henleymca.org.uk

Our sessions are social drop-in sessions, that are inclusive, fun filled, exciting and affordable. They are designed for the participants to enjoy, improve their physical and mental health, reduce stress and help the community to socialise, as well as staying active and healthy!

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Witney Play & Activity Day 2023

Thursday 3rd August 2023

11am – 3pm

Oxlease / Waddards Meadow,
Off Church Lane, Witney. OX28 3JZ

FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES



**Ride on Time Toddler Vehicles * Junk Modelling with Art Avalanche *
Go Kart Party * Body Zorbing * Smoothie Bike * Muzo Academy II *
Climbing Wall * DIY Face Painting * Tots of Mess * Got2B Youth
Zone * Martial Arts * Giant Bubbles * Homestart * Thames Valley
Police and more!!**

This is an open access event / NO childcare is provided / This event will be photographed /
Food and drinks will need to be purchased or please feel free to bring a picnic
For further information please contact martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk / www.oxonplay.org.uk /
07436 270267

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FARINGDON PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY



FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2023 – 11AM TO 3PM

**FREE ENTRANCE AND FREE ACTIVITIES – FUN
FOR ALL THE FAMILY AND FOR ALL AGES**

BUILDING COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLAY

* Body Zorbing * Muzo Academy II * Giant Bubbles * Junk Modelling
with Art Avalanche * DIY Face Painting * Smoothie Bike * Go Kart Party
* Ride on Time Toddler Vehicles * Tots of Mess * Climbing Wall and more!

**FARINGDON TOWN FC, TUCKER PARK, PARK
ROAD, FARINGDON, OXON. SN7 7BP**

Please be advised that NO childcare is provided at this event and Parents are responsible for their Children at all times / This event will be filmed and photographed / There is Disabled parking only on site / Hot Food, Ice Cream and Refreshments will be available to be purchased or please do feel free to bring a picnic

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Thomley Camping!

Friday 4th - Sunday 6th August

One OR two night stay

4pm arrival on Friday or Saturday

Event finishes at 3:30pm on Sunday

It is £10 per person to camp at Thomley. The cafe and food will be available until 8pm and will re-open at 8am on the following morning. You can purchase snacks, drinks (including alcohol), dinner and breakfast. There will also be activities throughout your stay such as marshmallows around the fire-pit, archery and giant bubbles.

The Thomley camping experience is a lovely, safe setting to test out camping for the first time, or just enjoy staying with us for longer than you usually would. No alcohol, disposable BBQs / fires and no hot food are to be brought on site by visitors due to licensing and health & safety.

You can also book an upgraded pitch with access to electricity and water, plus your own BBQ station. There are 5 pitches available, two of which have a bell tent ready for you when you arrive.



**Please book on the website:
www.thomley.org.uk/calendar**

Bookings are to be paid for
upfront and are non-refundable



Thomley

Although you can now stay at Thomley on a camping pitch throughout the whole summer, we are still offering our camping weekend* where you can pitch up anywhere on site and the whole weekend is strictly for campers only! You can stay on both the Friday & Saturday night OR just one of them. The choice is yours!

To book your stay, please do so on the website: <https://thomley.org.uk/calendar/>

* Bookings are paid up front and are non-refundable

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Autism Friendly Opening Saturday 5th August, 9am-10am

A relaxed morning opening in a quiet environment at the **Oxford University Museum of Natural History & Pitt Rivers Museum**. A chance for families to visit the Museums when they are less busy.

Booking essential, email: education@oum.ox.ac.uk



**** NEW **** The museums have set up a new Autism Friendly events mailing list. Please follow this link - <https://oum.us6.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=5370bd90bca0dcfa132e63928&id=8414cc87cc> & select the "Autism Friendly" events option. You will then be emailed information about any Autism friendly events running.

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MOX Summer Programme

Museum of Oxford



Cushion Concert with Hannah Brierley

Saturday 22 July
10.30-11.20am
£4 per child
(Rec. age 3-7 but all ages welcome!)

Join local musician Hannah Brierley for an exciting woodwind concert for children, with music from the movies to Mozart. There will be demos of the instruments, plenty of tunes in different styles and lots of chances to sing along.



Dig Into History!

Monday 24 July
10.30-11.30am/2-3pm
£4 per child | Ages 5+

Become an archaeologist with our family workshop: excavate old treasures, learn how to dissect a coprolite, and more.



Bin Goblins with Wild Boor Ideas

Thursday 27 July
11am-12pm/2-3pm
£7.50 per child
Ages 5+

Have you ever wondered who lives at the bottom of your recycling bin? Meet Dustin Duster, Metallic Alec and all their Bin Goblin friends in a live puppet show and then make your own Bin Goblin hand puppet.



Dive In! Family Day

Monday 31 July
11am-3pm
Pay What You Can | Ages 4+

Join us for water-based activities and canal crafts with this drop-in family day.



Crafty Rafts with Science Oxford

Monday 7 August
10.30am-12.30pm/1.30-3.30pm
£12 per child | Ages 5+

Join the Science Oxford team for a wet and wonderful exploration of floating and sinking at this nautically-themed family workshop!



Revolting Rivers & Terrible Typhoid with The Drama Hut

Thursday 17 August
10.30-11.30am /2-3pm
£8 per child | Ages 6+

Step back to Victorian England with this interactive workshop: visit a Victorian workhouse, become a mudlark and learn just how we coped without sewers.



Poetry Kids with Oxford Poetry Library

Saturday 19 August
10am-2pm
£25 per child
Ages 8+ (Please note: for this workshop, children can be dropped off!)

Take part in a nature walk and create your own nature poetry with Oxford Poetry Library's one-day workshop.



Riverbank Arts & Crafts with ArtWORKS

Thursday 24 August
10.30-11.30am/ 2-3pm
£5 per child | Ages 5+

Create a riverbank collage and make your own wildlife stamps with this family-friendly workshop.



Go to museumofoxford.org/whatson to book
 or visit the MOX Gift Shop inside the Oxford Town Hall.



To book - www.museumofoxford.org/whatson

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Thomley Summer Open Day



Activities include:

*Free entry - all day hot food - Ice Creams - Lionel the train
Jumping Pillow - Soft play areas - Giant bubbles
Tug of war - Facepainting - Trampolines - Archery - Sports
Park - Bouncy Castle - Sensory rooms - lots more!*



10am - 3pm, Saturday 12th August 2023

Free entry and booking is not necessary, everyone is welcome. Join us at Thomley, Menmarsh Road, Worminghall, HP18 9JZ for a fun-filled day of endless activities for children of all abilities.

Tickets for some activities available to buy on the day.

A guaranteed good day for all the family!

****Please note the entry gates will not be locked on this day****

www.thomley.org.uk - 01844 338380 - bookings@thomley.org.uk

A few activities on the day will require a paid wristband if you wish to take part in them too, including Lionel the Train, face painting and the bouncy castle. The café will be open all day with hot and cold food / drinks available, plus ice creams on sale throughout!

Bookings@thomley.org.uk

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Blast off with Comets!

A safe space for disabled children aged 5 - 11 to kickstart their football journey



Scan here to see Comets in action!

Time and Date:

Location:

Contact: Phone:

Email:



Get in touch to book your first session

You can find out more & sign up online using the link below or scan the QR code above:-
<https://play.EnglandFootball.thefa.com/Comets/BureParkFC/Summary/47428d92-caf9-4418-b5aa-36e0d817d76d>

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Princess Diana Park
Summerfest 2023
Wednesday 16 August 11am-3pm



Free play and activities including:

- ▶ Tricky Trails Biking
- ▶ Museum of Natural History
- ▶ Mill Arts Centre
- ▶ Homestart
- ▶ Orinoco Banbury
- ▶ Smoothie Bike
- ▶ DIY Face Painting
- ▶ Muddy Feet
- ▶ Oxford University Chemistry Outreach Team

Sorry no parking or toilets available. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

Sanctuary



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BANBURY INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL SUMMER FESTIVAL

YOUTH AND ADULT INCLUSIVE TASTER SESSION FOR ALL AGES DELIVERED BY BANBURY DISABILITY FOOTBALL PARTNERSHIP.



SCAN ME

Inclusive football for all, regardless of learning or physical difficulty.

- All boys & girls welcome
- Youth – 5 – 15 years old
- Adult – 16 years +

DATE: Sunday 20th August 2023
TIME: 10am – 12pm
VENUE: Easington Sports Football Club, Addison Rd, Banbury OX16 9DH



FREE OF CHARGE



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR TO REGISTER
contact Claire Curtis via clairecurtis2010@hotmail.co.uk

For more info and/or to register, contact Claire Curtis on:-

clairecurtis2010@hotmail.co.uk

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A relaxed morning opening in a quiet environment at the **Oxford University Museum of Natural History & Pitt Rivers Museum**. A chance for families to visit the Museums when they are less busy.

Booking essential, email: education@oum.ox.ac.uk



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Friday 25th August 2023 11.00am–3.00pm
Bicester Garrison / Ambrosden Play & Activity Day

Bicester Garrison Community Centre, Ambrosden,
Oxon. OX25 2RB

**FREE Entrance and FREE Activities for Families,
Children and Young People!**

Activities include

* Go Kart Party	* Muzo Akademy II
* CDC Healthy Place	* Giant Bubbles
* Smoothie Bike	* Toddler Ride on Vehicles
* Climbing Wall	* Junk Modelling
* DIY Face Painting	* Tots of Mess
* Tricky Trails Biking	* Ambrosden 4 Children
* Groovy Su	* And more.....



We support the summer *1 play

ARMED FORCES PLAYDAYS play day

For further details please contact
Oxfordshire Play Association
Tel: 07436 270267 Web: www.oxonplay.org.uk Email: martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk
Building Communities and Improving Health Through Play

Please note that NO Childcare is provided and there is NO parking on site.
Food and Refreshments will need to be purchased and are being provided by Bicester Garrison as a Charity Fundraiser, you are most welcome to bring a picnic.
Please note that this event will be Photographed and Filmed

This event is funded and supported by;

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S.E.N.D JUMP SESSION

Join a SEND specific 90 minute jump session including use of both the trampoline park and soft place at Carterton Leisure Centre.

A trial session is being held on the last Sunday of the month:
Sunday 27th August- 3:30pm-5pm

The session will run at a reduced capacity and is for children aged over 18 months.
Supervision ratio for under 8's apply:
18 months - 4 years = 1 adult : 1 child
5 years - 7 years = 1 adult : 10 children
Over 8 years = no ratios apply

Prices are £6.70 per child and an adult carer can go for free with any additional adults also needing to book and pay.

Sessions can be booked 7 days in advance via the Better UK app or online at <https://bookings.better.org.uk/location/carterton-leisure-centre>

For more information please contact carterton@gll.org.

To book - <https://bookings.better.org.uk/location/carterton-leisure-centre>

More info, please contact - Carterton@gll.org

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Onsite Camping & Accessible Glamping

SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH
Willowbrook Farm, Steventon, Oxfordshire

J-FEST 2023

Experience the UK's most inclusive festival,
Where barriers are shattered & connections are forged

**Aikz | The AutistiX | Dakka Skanks
Damo | David Boomah | Disco Dom
DJ Chinaman & MC Geezer
Dope Ammo | Dr Meaker | Katalyst
Knitty Gritty | Mista Trick | Nodstar
Rock of Ages | TicTac | True FRMS
Zen Lewis**

A celebration of unity, providing the best in accessible elements to ensure an unforgettable experience for all

Accessible Activities including - DJ Workshop | Street Art Workshops
Climbing Walls | Low Noise Fireworks from Ilusion Fireworks
Sensory Zone | Aerial Acrobatics | BSL Interpreters | Mobiloo toilet facilities

[Ticketsource.co.uk/J-Fest](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/J-Fest)

Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/J-Fest>

Visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/shortbreaks to keep up to date with short breaks and respite care services for disabled children in Oxfordshire

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Autism friendly

SEN SESSIONS

Partyman World of Play are proud to offer COMPLIMENTARY morning and evening sessions dedicated to children & young adults with special needs, exclusively for their use.

MORNING SESSIONS

9AM TIL 10AM

Sunday 29th January
Sunday 26th February
Sunday 26th March
Sunday 30th April
Sunday 28th May
Sunday 25th June
Sunday 30th July
Sunday 27th August
Sunday 24th September
Sunday 29th October
Sunday 26th November
Sunday 17th December

EVENING SESSIONS

6PM TIL 8PM

Thursday 5th January
Thursday 2nd February
Thursday 2nd March
Thursday 6th April *4pm till 6pm
Thursday 4th May
Thursday 1st June *5pm till 7pm
Thursday 6th July
Thursday 3rd August *4:30pm till 6:30pm
Thursday 7th September
Thursday 5th October
Thursday 2nd November
Thursday 7th December

Working in Partnership with
Partyman's Magic Makers charity
partymanmagicmakers.org.uk



Please contact us to find out more - 01865 788 380
Oxford Indoor Soft Play - Partyman World of Play

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SUMMER SEND PLAY SESSIONS

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES AGED 0-19

SPECIAL SWINGS AND SMILES SESSION
TUESDAY 29TH AUGUST 10AM-12PM
AT ABINGDON CAROUSEL FAMILY CENTRE

Sensory play, arts and crafts, lots of toys and outside play in a secure garden with sandpit and mud kitchen.
Support and advice for parents/ carers

SPACES ARE FREE
and can be booked by DM or via
g.hicks@abingdoncarousel.org.uk

SIBLINGS WELCOME



For more info or to book, please email:-
g.hicks@abingdoncarousel.org.uk

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RUGrats & Halfpints

STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2023

Come join us at Rugrats and Halfpints this summer holiday and meet up with your new school friends!

25% OFF

This event is for children starting their first school year and their siblings!

This event is walk ins only

School	Date	Time
Hill View Primary School	01/08/2023	11:45am
Hardwick Primary School	02/08/2023	11:45am
St Marys C of E Primary School	03/08/2023	11:45am
Dashwood Banbury Academy	04/08/2023	11:45am
Queensway Primary School	07/08/2023	11:45am
Orchard Fields Community Primary School	08/08/2023	11:45am
St Leonards C of E Primary School	09/08/2023	11:45am
William Morris Primary School	10/08/2023	11:45am
The Grange Community Primary School	11/08/2023	11:45am
Cherry Fields Primary School	14/08/2023	11:45am
Bishop Loveday C of E Primary School	15/08/2023	11:45am
Harriers Banbury Academy	16/08/2023	11:45am
Longford Park Primary School	17/08/2023	11:45am
Hanwell Fields Primary School	18/08/2023	11:45am
St Johns Priory School	21/08/2023	11:45am
St Joseph's Primary School	22/08/2023	11:45am
Wroxton C of E Primary School	23/08/2023	11:45am
Bishop Carpenter C of E Primary School	24/08/2023	11:45am
Christopher Rawlins C of E Primary School	24/08/2023	2:00pm
Cropredy C of E Primary School	25/08/2023	11:45am
Chacombe C of E Primary School	28/08/2023	11:45am
Middleton Cheney Primary Academy	29/08/2023	11:45am
Kings Sutton Primary School	30/08/2023	11:45am
Harnton Primary School	31/08/2023	11:45am
Frank Wise School	31/08/2023	4:15pm

For more information, please give us a call on 01295 250060 or email us banbury@rugratsandhalfpints.com

For reception age children (4/5 years old)

Terms and conditions apply

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SUMMERTOWN STARS CEREBRAL PALSY FOOTBALL



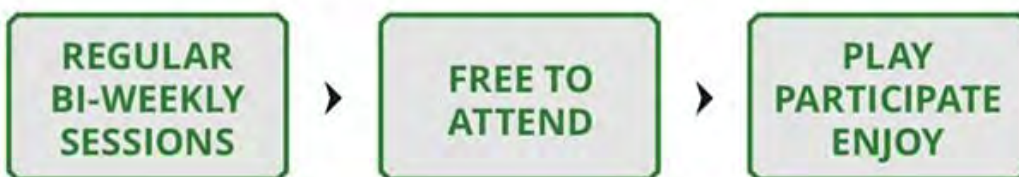
Cerebral Palsy Sport

We are the Mixed U16 Warriors, come and join our regular Cerebral Palsy Football sessions. Open to males and females aged 5 and over who would like to play football and be part of our fun and friendly team. No experience is necessary.

Ambulant and Frame users welcome to take part.

Bi-weekly Sunday sessions from 13.00 - 14.30.

Please contact Sarah for more information.



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THERE'S A TEAM FOR YOU

AT GOSFORD ALL BLACKS RFC

SEN-friendly family group sessions
Sundays 10-11am - Ages 4 to 17

All sessions are non-contact with the primary focus on a safe and inclusive environment to offer a diverse range of fun and engaging games for all.

All coaches DBS checked and with RFU training and safeguarding

email: youth@gosfordrugby.com - **tel:** 0753 111 8213
www.gosfordrugby.com

Book your spot on <http://bit.ly/GAByouth> or scan the QR code



3 free taster sessions!! If you're interested in coming for a taster session, please email - youth@gosfordrugby.com

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JUMP INC
URBAN PLAYGROUNDS

JUMP STARS

/// WHAT IS IT?
OUR EXCLUSIVE SEN SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS & THEIR FAMILIES TO COME AND ENJOY THE PARK

/// WHEN IS IT?
ON EVERY FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH*
5 - 6PM

/// HOW MUCH IS IT?
£8.00PP - DON'T FORGET YOUR SOCKS!

We turn the disco lights off and the music down to create a calm and enjoyable experience

BOOK ONLINE: [JUMP-INC.UK](https://www.jump-inc.uk)

This is in Bicester & is fun for the whole family...mum's & dad's included - what's not to like! Jump-Inc is an ultra play park - trampolines, inflatables, swings & more. For more info, please go to - <https://www.jump-inc.uk/locations/bicester/>

More info on the SEN sessions here:-
<https://www.jump-inc.uk/activities/sen-sessions/>

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WHEELY FEST
SUNDAY 24TH
SEPTEMBER
Wallingford Sports Park 2PM - 9PM

Charity Music Festival
FOR WALLINGFORD'S WHEELYBOAT

Tickets
£15
Under 5's FREE

Revibe
COVERS BAND

THE COVERBUOYS

DEFINITELY 90s **THE FABULOUS FUNKY FUNKS**
THE COVERBUOYS **SHAKY GROUND** **REVIBE**
KENNET DELTA COWBOYS **RECYCLER**
REVOLVER **JAGGED LITTLE ALANIS**
AND MORE!!!

RECYCLER

HOG ROAST - SILENT AUCTION - GAMES - STAR PRIZE RAFFLE - FOOD & DRINK FROM THE BAR

FOR TICKETS GO TO
www.wabc.org.uk/wheelyfest

All proceeds for the benefit of Wallingford Accessible Boat Club

Wallingford Accessible Boat Club

Definitely 90s Party like it's 1999

revolver

Jagged Little Alanis

KENNET DELTA COWBOYS



For tickets, please go to - www.wabc.org.uk/wheelyfest

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DITTO aims to offer all vulnerable people regardless of age, gender, ethnicity or ability a place to meet up, socialise and have fun.

WEDNESDAYS AT LANGDALE HALL, WITNEY OX28 6AB

We're on a summer break now but back...

27th Sept | 18th October | 29th Nov

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Meets from 10am-12noon once a month.
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The Whispering Jungle is coming to Cornerstone Arts Centre in Didcot on Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th November at 11.00am and 1.30pm.

Concrete Youth's new multi-sensory theatre production, The Whispering Jungle, brings together ASMR, sensory play and sensory puppets in an immersive touring production for young audiences with profound and multiple learning disabilities.

This is a theatre show made specially for audiences labelled with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD).

To book & find more information about the show, please visit the website below or call 01235 515144.

[Cornerstone \(cornerstone-arts.org\)](https://www.cornerstone-arts.org)

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Be Free young Carers is an Oxfordshire based charity.

We support **young carers aged 8-17** who help to take care of a family member (parent, grandparent or sibling) that has a physical illness or disability, a mental health problem or is dependant on drugs or alcohol.

We offer **free respite trips** to places such as Chessington, Legoland and Ninja Warrior. This allows our young carers to have a much needed break away from their caring responsibilities and the chance to socialise and build friendships with other young people that are in a similar situation.

We also **offer 121 emotional support**, a bespoke befriending service and workshops in things such as first aid and cookery.

We currently support around 600 young carers in **South Oxfordshire and The Vale of White Horse** and are now expanding and offering our support to young carers living in **Oxford**.

If you feel that your child or young person is a young carer please get in touch via our website, BeFreeYoungCarers.org, email us at the addresses below or have a look at our facebook and instagram pages.

The Oxford Youth Workers

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Make a friend online with Virtual Buddying

Sense's Virtual Buddying is for disabled people of any age in the UK. Video call, phone, text, or email with your buddy once a week from the comfort of your home. Together, you can learn a new skill, build your confidence, do your favourite activities – or simply have a chat and a laugh together!

It's really simple to get started and totally free! Once you register your interest and complete an application form, one of our team will be in touch to learn more about you and your interests. We'll match you with a volunteer who's a similar age, personality and who shares your interests and then we'll introduce you to each other. Call or message your new buddy for an hour a week, when it suits you. We'll check in with you regularly to see how you and your Buddy are getting on. Find out more and sign up by visiting our website <https://www.sense.org.uk/our-services/meeting-people/virtual-buddying-befriending-service/>

If you have any questions get in touch with virtualbuddying@sense.org.uk

Support for young carers and siblings of disabled people

Sometimes, we all need space to relax and share our experiences with people who understand us. That's why we offer support and activities to young carers and siblings aged 5-18, of people with disabilities. Your child could attend one of our virtual book clubs or games nights, or come along to a wellbeing session if they'd like to talk. The choice is theirs!

Most of our work with siblings and young carers happens online. This means you can access our sessions from wherever you are in the UK. We send out free activity packs in the post, so you can try your hand at something new! We'll also email you each month with a timetable of online activities. We can provide iPads and IT support to help you access these.

Depending on where you live in the UK, you might also be able to come along to one of our monthly meet-ups – right now we have groups in Birmingham and Bristol. These events give siblings and young carers the chance to spend time together, chat and have fun.

Find out more and sign up by visiting our website <https://www.sense.org.uk/our-services/support-for-children/support-for-young-carers-and-siblings/>

If you have any questions get in touch with siblingsandyoungcarers@sense.org.uk

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Autism friendly cinema screenings

Films suitable for all audiences are screened in a sensory friendly and inclusive environment with adjustments. These autism friendly adjustments aim to reduce over-stimulation and create a welcoming environment. They are designed to make the cinema more inclusive and accessible for people with sensory sensitivities, and others who can benefit from this environment.

- * **Cineworld** are showing Elemental on Sunday 6th August at 11.00am in Didcot, High Wycombe, Milton Keynes, Swindon & Witney.
- * **The Light** are showing The Little Mermaid at 3pm on Sunday 2nd July & Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse at 10.20am on Wednesday 5th July in Banbury.
- * **Odeon** are showing Elemental on Sunday 9th July at 11.00am in Oxford, Aylesbury & Milton Keynes Stadium. Need more info, call their Disability & Accessibility helpline; 10am-5pm on 03330 151208.
- * **Showcase Reading** show an autism friendly film every Sunday but haven't released what the films are for August yet. All films are at 10.00am in Reading. Please see - [Autism Friendly Screenings | Showcase Cinemas](#) for booking.
- * **Picturehouse** are showing Super Mario Brothers on Sunday 20th August at 11.00am in The Phoenix in Oxford.
- * **Vue** haven't released what their autism friendly screening is yet but it's usually shown on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am at Bicester, Newbury, Oxford & Reading.

Accessible Screenings UK website has details of screenings - [Types of Screenings | UKCA](#) ([accessiblescreeningsuk.co.uk](https://www.accessiblescreeningsuk.co.uk)) should you wish to find out more.

Have you got a CEA card yet? This card enables a disabled cinema go-er (aged 8 yrs +) to receive a complimentary ticket for someone to go with them to participating cinemas. Please go to their website for more info:-

<https://www.ceacard.co.uk/>



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Autism Training...

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The Curly Hair Project Autism Webinars August 2023

Eating & Autism	Mon 7 August	8pm
Emotions & Autism	Tues 22 August	8pm
How do I make and keep friends as an autistic child/young person	Sat 26 August	10am

Access our events from your phone, PC or laptop!

All webinars last one hour unless otherwise stated. Each are recorded & you will be given 3 days access after the webinar – just buy a ticket and it will be sent automatically!

For further information & to book, please visit www.thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk/events



The Curly Hair Project (CHP) is an award-winning social enterprise founded by autistic author and entrepreneur Alis Rowe. CHP resources are used by individuals, families and professionals worldwide. All our work is based on personal, real-life examples and experiences. For more information & to book, please visit:-

www.thegirlwiththecurlyhair.co.uk/events

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EHC Needs Assessment

Two-part webinar

with Jes and Margaret

Join Jes, our SEND Specialist and Margaret, our Peer Support Practitioner for this **two-part** webinar on the application of an EHC Needs Assessment.

In the first webinar they will discuss: **How to apply for an EHC Needs Assessment.**

The second webinar will focus on: **What to do if your EHC Needs Assessment Application is declined.**

This two-part webinar is aimed at parents/carers that may be going through the process or considering making an application.



Part 1: Monday 7th August 7pm-8pm

Part 2: Monday 21st August 7pm-8pm

£10 per person per webinar (+ booking fee)



* All our webinars are recorded and will be available to view at your convenience after the event for up to 14 days. An email containing the link to the recording will be sent to you within 48 hours of the live event ending.

Tickets available from Eventbrite

Tickets for all upcoming events are available from Eventbrite:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/autism-oxford-32230677417>

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Online Course and Live Workshop



Embracing Autism is an online 8 week course for parents of recently diagnosed children of any age including teens. It covers all the information you will need, to understand and support your child in the early weeks and months after diagnosis.

Coping and Behaviour at School and Home
Sensory Processing (including Eating)
Social Communication and Interaction
Anxiety & Stress
Sensory and Emotional Regulation

Register here: <https://courses.theyarethefuture.co.uk/embracing-autism-parent-course>

Every Monday a new topic is released, with a set of videos for you to watch (40-60 minutes total per week). You can watch them on desktop or mobile, or even listen whilst driving or preparing a meal! Dont worry if the course has already started - you can easily catch up.

In the final (8th) week we invite you to attend a Live Online Workshop on Zoom. The course is an exciting collaboration between Everlief and other autism professionals:

Dr Lucy Russell, Clinical Psychologist, Everlief
Dr Marcelina Watkinson, Clinical Psychologist, Everlief
Dr Cassie Coleman, Consultant Community Paediatrician, www.drcassie.co.uk
Aimee Laming, Specialist Speech & Language Therapist, Speech Therapy Matters Ltd
Nicci Paine, Clinical Specialist Occupational Therapist, LEAP Children's Therapy

To register, please go to our website - [Embracing Autism Online Course](#)

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An overview of each Level



- Level 1**
- What is the Makaton Language Programme
 - Stage 1 signs and symbols, **Immediate Needs / Establishing Interaction**
 - Stage 2 signs and symbols, **Home / Familiar People / Objects / Food / Events / Activities**
 - Additional Vocabulary signs and symbols, **Food / Drink / Home / Greetings**
 - **Finger Spelling**
 - Tips for effective signing
 - Makaton's place in the Signing World
 - Three formal levels of Makaton Use
 - Multi-Modal Communication
 - Signing for Comprehension and Expression
 - How are Makaton Symbols used?
 - Using Signs and Symbols; developing techniques, position, movement & direction



- Level 2**
- Stage 3 signs and symbols, **Outside world / Animals / Fruit / Vehicles / Actions / Attributes / Locatives / Pronouns**
 - Stage 4 signs and symbols, **School / Work / Objects / People / Events / Activities / Pronouns / Spatial Location**
 - Additional Vocabulary signs and symbols, **Medical / Support / People / Personal Care**
 - Research Support for Signs and Symbol Use
 - Makaton Symbols Design Themes
 - Teaching Procedures
 - Signing for Comprehension and Expression
 - Practical Applications of Makaton
 - Sequencing Events
 - Using Signs and Symbols; developing techniques, position, movement & direction



- Level 3**
- Revision of signs and symbols from Levels 1 & 2
 - Stage 5 signs and symbols, **The Community / People / Places / Activities / Interests / Events / Objects / Attributes / Feelings**
 - Stage 6 signs and symbols, **The Wider World / Places / Thinking & Knowing / Attributes / Pronouns / Prepositions**
 - Conveying meaning accurately by choosing the right signs & symbols
 - Talking about people
 - Signing for Comprehension and Expression
 - Talking about possession
 - Analysing Sign production
 - Using Signs and Symbols; developing techniques, position, movement & direction



- Level 4**
- Stage 7 signs and symbols, **Number / Time / Weather / Quantity / Money**
 - Stage 8 signs and symbols, **Leisure interests / Feelings / Casual Relationships**
 - **Additional IT** signs and symbols.
 - Time concepts
 - Keeping things simple (core)
 - Interpreting and Translating more detailed information
 - The power of Symbols
 - Integrating and extending personal Signing and Symbol skills
 - Using Signs and Symbols; developing techniques, position, movement & direction

Contact: LibbyMakatonTutor@gmail.com <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/hands-aloud>



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There are currently no training courses listed on the OCVA website for August but will update course information on their training page as and when they have anything arranged.

Contact details are below...

More information and bookings taken on the OCVA website - [OCVA - current courses](#)
training@ocva.org.uk or call 01865 251946