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Education Noticeboard

10 April 2025

A round-up of news, guidance and key updates for education settings

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Executive Directors Update

Good Afternoon,

I hope you have all had time to enjoy the lovely weather we have had over the last few weeks. We've now come to the end of the spring school term, and what a busy one it has been!

As always, thank you all for your continued hard work and effort, which you all give to improve the lives of children and young people in our borough. Your schools and settings have worked tirelessly this term to provide an enriching, consistent, and fun learning environment for the children and young people in the borough, including the all-important areas of mental health and emotional wellbeing.

I'm excited to share that Telford and Wrekin have expanded their Family Hub services to support families with children aged 0-19, and up to 25 for those with special educational needs and disabilities. This enhancement builds on



our well-established Start for Life offer for families with children aged 2 and under.

Our Family Hubs are led by Group Manager Christine Thursfield, with dedicated Team Managers and Senior Support staff across three localities: Hadley Castle, Lakeside South, and The Wrekin. We offer a range of services including:

- **Family Support:** Home visits for up to 6 months.
- **Brief Intervention Support:** Quick access to necessary services.
- **Youth and Community Programs:** Such as Triple P and Crush teenage relationship support.
- **Community Support:** Drop-ins and immediate advice through our Family Information Service.
- **Early Help Coordination:** Assisting partners with assessments and support plans.
- **Participation Support:** Engaging children, young people, and parents through panels and volunteer opportunities.

For more information, please visit our website www.telfordfamilyhubs.co.uk or contact your local Family Hubs Team Manager.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your hard work during the spring term of 2025 and to wish you all a Happy Easter.

I hope you all take some time for a well-deserved break and get to spend some valuable time with your families and loved ones.

Warm regards,

Jo Britton

Jo Britton

Executive Director : Children's Services

Children's Safeguarding & Family Support

Directors Update

Dear Colleagues

Welcome to this week's Education Noticeboard, and the final one of the term. As we approach the Easter break, I hope you all find some time to relax and recharge your batteries for the busy summer term ahead.



I'm delighted to share that plans have been unveiled this week for two new nurseries in Telford & Wrekin, which will create 62 much-needed places. Additionally, Lawley Primary School had an impressive turnout for their walk to school on Friday, 4 April. Well done to everyone who participated!

On Wednesday, 16 April, all parents and carers who have applied for their child to start primary, infant, or junior school in September will be offered a place.

Looking ahead, we are excited to launch our new 5 x 5 initiative this spring. This program focuses on early childhood development, aiming to give children the best start in life. It aligns with the Council's commitment to supporting parents and carers as they prepare their children for school.

This edition also includes the newsletter with the latest updates from the Safeguarding and Virtual School newsletters. There are also numerous training opportunities available in the new term to help upskill your staff.

Also there is a SEND and AP programme school survey, which will help us better understand how different educational settings currently provide support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and those in Alternative Provision (AP). Your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

We have also highlighted various transport schemes to support educational trips to Arthog and the Ironbridge Gorge Museums, which could be beneficial for you and your pupils.

Additionally, we have a range of activities planned for the Easter holidays to keep our children and young people engaged. Please share these opportunities with parents and carers.

There is a lot of information in this week's noticeboard, and I hope you find it informative. I look forward to seeing you all refreshed after the Easter break!

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Best Wishes,

Simon

Simon Wellman

Director: Education & Skills

News



School ready initiative to launch later this spring

A new initiative designed to support thousands of parents as they prepare their child for school will launch later this spring.

With 12,000 children expected to start primary school in Telford and Wrekin over the next five years, the Council unveiled plans for a new school ready initiative at today's (4 April 2025) Cabinet meeting.

Members voted in support of the 5 by 5 initiative, which will follow in the success of the Council's 10 by 10 programme and focus on children's early development to help give them the best start in life. It's part of the Council's ambition to support parents and carers as they prepare their child for starting school.

[For the full story visit the Newsroom](#)



Plans to provide two brand new nurseries in Telford and Wrekin

Plans to provide two brand new nurseries in Telford and Wrekin and boost the Borough's early years provision by up to 62 places have been welcomed.

This will allow both schools to open a new nursery facility and provide spaces for children aged three to four, allowing more parents and carers to benefit from Government funded childcare.

From September, Wombridge Primary School will be able to offer 15 to 20 nursery places and will be converting a classroom to accommodate the new nursery.

Also from the autumn term, Lawley Primary School will provide 42 nursery places. The school is also one of hundreds of schools chosen earlier this year to offer a free breakfast club after the Easter holidays.

[For the full story visit the Newsroom](#)



Over 300 Children Join Walk to Lawley Primary School as Part of "A New School Journey" Initiative

More than 300 children, parents, and community members came together to walk to Lawley Primary School on Friday, 4 April as part of 'A New School Journey' project.

The initiative aims to inspire children to make sustainable and active travel choices while equipping them with vital road safety skills and has been developed by the Active Travel & Road Safety Education Team at Telford & Wrekin Council.

The walk highlighted the importance of making small changes to daily routines, such as walking, cycling, or using park-and-stride options.

These choices reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, and contribute to healthier, happier communities.

[For the full story visit the Newsroom](#)

Primary National offer day coming soon

Primary National Offer Day

Parents and carers who have applied for their child to start primary, infant or junior school in September, will be offered a place next week.

Applicants from Telford and Wrekin will be able to log onto the Parent Portal on National Offer Day (Wednesday April 16) to view their school allocation.

During the day, the admissions team will also be sending out emails to all applicants who live within the borough and have applied on time. The email will confirm their allocated school and what to do next if they want to be considered for a higher preference school or a school not previously applied for.

Late applications will not be offered a school place on National Offer Day but will receive an email to explain what will happen next. These late applicants can expect to receive an outcome within the 2-3 weeks following National Offer Day.

All primary schools will be able to view their offers list on the SAM portal from 4pm on Tuesday 15 April 2025. The guidance below shows how to view your lists which are to remain **confidential until 16th April 2025.**

If you need any further information or advice, please contact the school Admissions team at admissions@telford.gov.uk.

[Guide for viewing allocations](#)

Safeguarding



April TWSP Newsletter includes details of Free multi-agency training

TWSP face-to-face training – either virtually or in-person – is available to all TWSP partner agencies. If you already have an Ollie account, please log in to Ollie and book your place, unless otherwise instructed. If you do not have an existing Ollie account, please email partnerships@telford.gov.uk and they will be able to assist.

[Download the April 2025 Newsletter](#)

SEND & AP Change Programme Survey

SEND & AP Change Programme School Survey

We recently contacted you about an independent evaluation the Department for Education (DfE) has commissioned to understand the experiences and views of education settings in local areas participating in the SEND and AP Change Programme. This evaluation is being carried out by three organisations: ICF, BMG and RSM.

The evaluators want to better understand how different educational settings currently provide support for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and those in Alternative Provision (AP). They would like education settings to complete a short survey.

If you, or the staff member in charge of SEND support (e.g. the SENCO), have not already taken part in this survey, there is still time to participate. You can access the survey by using the website link below.

The survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes to complete and will close on 18th of April 2025 so please be sure to complete your answers before then.

If you do not have responsibility for, SEND and AP related decisions, we would be grateful if you could pass this invitation on to the staff member in charge of SEND support (e.g. the SENCO) within your school.

[Link to the Survey](#)

Virtual School



The Virtual School's Foster Carers Newsletter Spring 2025

Please see the Virtual School Foster Carer's Newsletter, Spring 2025 which covers the VS headteacher's

message, Stepping Forward Arts Programme, Supporting Attachment & Trauma Informed Practice in Schools, The early Years and Post 16 updates.

[Download the Virtual School Newsletter - Spring 2025](#)

EEF Trial – Secondary Non-Specialists - SKTM

To raise awareness of the forthcoming EEF trial

Telford has been selected for the [Education Endowment Foundation \(EEF\) Trial for Secondary Non-Specialists - Specialist Knowledge for Teaching Mathematics](#).

Book now [using this link](#) to secure a place for any non-specialist teachers of Maths at your school. The closing date is 30th June, although we recommend booking asap as places are limited

[Visit the website for further information](#)

Primary Computing Leads Summer Update Network Meeting



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Join our Summer Computing Coordinator Network Update

To share insights, explore curriculum updates, and strengthen computing leadership across schools.

Summer Computing Coordinator Network Update Meeting: Key Topics and Updates

As the summer term approaches, our Computing Coordinator Network meeting will provide essential updates for schools, covering key topics in computing and digital education.

The meetings will be conducted online via Microsoft Teams, either 1.30pm to 3pm or after school. There are two dates to choose: May 1st or May 19th. Please book your place via this [link](#).

Our Agenda will look at key updates:

RoarTech Educational: What is it? RoarTech Educational offers support in developing computing curricula, staff training, and pupil workshops. We tailor our services to help schools integrate technology effectively and engage pupils in exciting learning experiences.

The NCCE: What's Happened? The National Centre for Computing Education (NCCE) has undergone changes. We'll update you on the latest developments, including available funding and support for schools.

CPD: Where to Next? Explore the next steps for your fully-funded CPD opportunities. We'll highlight upcoming programs and how they can enhance your staff's professional growth in computing

Competition: UKS2 Computing Escape Room

Join us at HLC Secondary in Telford for the UKS2 Computing Escape Room

competition. It's a fun, interactive challenge for pupils to test their problem-solving and coding skills. Register your school today to participate.

CoderDojo: Telford-Based Coding Club

CoderDojo offers a free coding club for young people in Telford. Learn how your pupils can join this vibrant community to develop their coding skills outside the classroom.

Pupil Workshops: Fully-Funded for UKS2

In partnership with Harper Adams University, we're offering fully-funded programming workshops for UKS2 pupils. Limited spaces are available, so be sure to register early to secure your spot.

Digital & Technology Standards

Learn about the Department for Education's digital and technology standards and how to assess whether your school is meeting them. We'll also discuss the importance of a digital strategy for your school.

Interim Report: Curriculum & Assessment

The latest interim report on curriculum and assessment highlights trends in computing education. We'll break down the findings and how they can inform your curriculum planning.

Resources: EYFS, KS1, and KS2

We'll showcase the latest resources, platforms, and devices for EYFS, KS1, and KS2. Discover the best tools for teaching and learning in computing.

AI: Tried and Tested Tools

AI tools are transforming education. We'll introduce some tried and tested AI tools for **CoderDojo: Telford-Based Coding Club**

Microsoft Learning Accelerators

Explore Microsoft's learning accelerators, which support reading, maths, online searching, and pupil wellbeing. Find out how to integrate these tools into your school's digital strategy.

Evidencing the Curriculum

We'll discuss digital tools for tracking and assessing your computing curriculum, helping you demonstrate the impact of your teaching and improve outcomes.

Online Safety: Key Updates

Stay informed about the latest online safety updates and resources. We'll provide tools to help keep your pupils safe while navigating the digital world.

This meeting will equip you with valuable insights and resources to strengthen your school's computing curriculum and digital strategy. Don't miss out on these important updates!

[Visit the website for further information](#)

Family Hubs Enhanced Offer



Family Hubs Enhanced Offer

The current Start for Life offer is now well established for families with children aged 2 and under. The [family-hub-best-start-in-life-0-2s](#) offer is available digitally and given at maternity booking and birth registration.

Telford and Wrekin are now able to offer Family Hub services to 0-19 (25 SEND) from the 1st April, following on from a reorganisation with Strengthening Families who are rebranded as Family Hubs. The three localities remain, and the management structure is:

Group Manager Family Hubs		
<i>Christine Thursfield</i>		
Hadley Castle	Lakeside South	The Wrekin
Family Hubs Team Manager	Family Hubs Team Manager	Family Hubs Team Manager
<i>Steph Richards</i>	<i>Liz Taylor</i>	<i>Helen Rumbles</i>

Family Hubs Senior: Family Support <i>Stacey Hanson</i>	Family Hubs Senior: Community <i>Jean Simpson</i> <i>Steph Pickles</i>	Family Hubs Senior: Family Support <i>Davinia Gordon</i>	Family Hubs Senior: Community <i>Glyn Thomas</i>	Family Hubs Senior: Family Support <i>Ben Donald</i>	Family Hubs Senior: Community <i>Lauren Dabbs</i>
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The Family Support team will continue to work with families in their home, for a period of 6 months. Referrals to Family Hubs will remain via an Early Help Assessment or relevant agency assessment such as a Child and Family Assessment sent to telfordfamilyhubs@telford.gov.uk.

In addition, we will also be able to offer:

Brief Intervention Support will support families who need signposting and enabling to access services in a swift response.

Youth and Community targeted group support such as Triple P, Crush teenage relationship support, transitions for families separating, and Talking Tots.

Community support via Here to Help drop-ins and Family Information Service role to support immediate signposting and advice via Family Connect

Early Help coordination support for partners, a dedicated role to support partners in understanding thresholds, where to access community support and how to complete Early Help Assessments and Support Plans.

Participation support for children, young people and parent panels, as well as increasing peer support and Family Hubs Volunteers

We will be releasing publicity, and new events on our Family Hubs website – so to stay up to date please do check in: [HomePage](#)

For any further information please contact your local Family Hubs Team Manager or email telfordfamilyhubs@telford.gov.uk

CPD

CPD courses for the Summer first Half Term 2025

Further details of these and all other courses are available in the 2024-25 CPD booklet on the [Telford Education Services](#) website and on the [Ollie](#) website

The CPD Booklet to the end of the 2024-25 academic year can be viewed via [Telford Education Services](#)

As always, courses can be booked by completing and returning a CPD booking form to cpdschoolimprovement@telford.gov.uk (unless denoted differently).

Please can we take this opportunity to thank you for your participation in our courses this term and to wish you a very enjoyable Easter break!

Understanding School Finance (GO 508)	Tuesday, April 29, 2025	9.15am to 12noon
Improving EAL pupils' writing (CPD 727)	Wednesday, April 30, 2025	1.15pm to 3.30pm
Newly Appointed Designated Safeguarding Leads' Training (2 days) - part 1 (SG 102)	Wednesday, April 30, 2025	9.15am to 4pm
Best practice in your breakfast, after-school and holiday provision (EY 104)	Thursday, May 01, 2025	9.15am to 12noon
Newly Appointed Designated Safeguarding Leads' Training (2 days) - part 2 (SG 102)	Thursday, May 01, 2025	9.15am to 4pm
Supporting Behaviour and Learning - Children with ADHD / Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD) & Conduct Disorder (CD) PSS 104	Tuesday, May 06, 2025	4pm to 5.30pm
Working with Early Years Children who require a High Level of Support through Specific and Differentiated Targeted Activities (EY 348)	Tuesday, May 06, 2025	9.15am to 12noon
Listen with Lucy (EY 023)	Wednesday, May 07, 2025	1.15pm to 4pm

Meeting the EYFS Profile Requirements for EAL Learners in EYFS (CPD 715)	Wednesday, May 07, 2025	1.15pm to 3.30pm
The Importance of Play in Primary including sand based resources (PSS 026)	Wednesday, May 07, 2025	9.15am to 12noon
Raising Awareness of Prevent (SG 101)	Wednesday, May 07, 2025	9.30am to 12noon
Emergency First Aid - Part 1 (OES 05) book via edvisits@telford.gov.uk	Thursday, May 08, 2025	9.30am to 5pm
Raising Awareness of Child Protection (SG 108)	Thursday, May 08, 2025	3.30pm to 5pm
Safety Intervention Training (formerly MAPA training) - Part 1 - CPI accredited (BSAT 201)	Thursday, May 08, 2025	9am to 4pm
Designated Safeguarding Leads Refresher – (SG 107)	Friday, May 09, 2025	9.15am to 4pm
Emergency First Aid - Part 2 (OES 05) book via edvisits@telford.gov.uk	Friday, May 09, 2025	9.30am to 5pm
Use of Persona Dolls to tackle discrimination and inequalities	Monday, May 12, 2025	1pm to 3pm
Maximising the impact of Teaching Assistants with behaviour management (PSS 019)	Monday, May 12, 2025	4pm to 5.30pm
Educational Visits Coordinator Termly Updates (book through Arthog Outreach)	Wednesday, May 14, 2025	1pm to 3pm
EYFS Moderation Trialling (CPD 612)	Wednesday, May 14, 2025	1pm to 4pm
Let's Get Expressive, Creative and Messy In The Outdoors (EY 344)	Wednesday, May 14, 2025	4pm to 5.30pm
Managing Child on Child Abuse (SG 208)	Wednesday, May 14, 2025	9am to 12noon

Understanding Nurture (PSS 101)	Wednesday, May 14, 2025	9.15am to 12noon
Accredited Safer Recruitment Training (book directly via Ollie or via HR)	Thursday, May 15, 2025	9am to 4.30pm
EAL Network Meeting (CPD 526)	Thursday, May 15, 2025	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Safety Intervention Training (formerly MAPA training) - Part 2 - CPI accredited (BSAT 201)	Thursday, May 15, 2025	2pm to 4.30pm
CSE DSL Network (secondary) – for CSE DSLs (no requirement to book)	Tuesday, May 20, 2025	11am to 12.30pm
ELSA Community Network Event	Tuesday, May 20, 2025	12.30pm to 3pm
Pupil Premium Network Meeting (CPD 721)	Tuesday, May 20, 2025	4pm to 5.30pm
Child Protection Supervision (SG 203)	Wednesday, May 21, 2025	9am to 1pm
Safeguarding Induction Training for Governors - part 1 (SG 103)	Wednesday, May 21, 2025	5.30pm to 7.30pm
School Attendance Briefing Update (AST 004)	Wednesday, May 21, 2025	4pm to 5.30pm
Behaviour Support Intervention Refresher Training - Non-accredited (BSAT 302)	Thursday, May 22, 2025	9am to 1pm TBC
The Importance of the Early Years Foundation Stage in Schools (GO 603)	Thursday, May 22, 2025	5.30pm to 7pm

In addition to the courses run by Telford & Wrekin Council which are advertised in our [CPD booklet](#), you may also wish to look at the range of courses run by other local providers, whose web links are detailed below:

[AmazingCPD](#)

[Severn Training Schools Alliance](#)

Free training opportunities and resources for schools on the teaching of Judaism, offered by the Board of Deputies

The Board of Deputies (BoD) of British Jews have asked us to share the following training opportunities and resources with Telford & Wrekin schools - all of which are provided free of charge.

Firstly, a free Q&A virtual drop-in session - which will provide teachers with an opportunity to ask anything which will help them to better understand, or to teach, Judaism.



The BoD have also asked us to provide the link to the Q&A session below, so you do not need to pre-book.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82192444118?pwd=Hg2EeHajKGKCKRLn4h5ZBaCEbkkOlcl.1>

Meeting ID: 821 9244 4118 Passcode: 260906

Secondly, information regarding '**Jewish Living Online**' (JLO) - a new, free, digital resource for teaching about Judaism (and antisemitism), created by The Board of Deputies of British Jews.

JLO is a comprehensive, authentic and engaging resource for KS3 pupils. It contains information via multimedia content (including real British Jewish voices), discussion and critical thinking questions and assessment tools.

JLO aims to make the lives of teachers easier as it requires little planning or subject knowledge, as well as being modular and flexible - to support the schemes of work teachers already have in place.

For further information please click on the web link below

[Jewish Living Online – An ADL-BOD Digital Education Initiative](#)

Lastly, a list of **resources for understanding and teaching Judaism**, compiled by Anna Silver, Education Officer for the Board of Deputies of British Jews.

It is hoped that the training and resources may be of interest to teachers of not only RE, but other subjects as well.

Please contact Anna if you have any questions or suggestions - anna.silver@bod.org.uk

[Resources for Teachers](#)

Calling all School Office Staff - EdExec LIVE West Midlands hub event



Are you a SBM, Operations Manager, Finance Officer, Office Manager or School Administrator

EdExec LIVE West Midlands hub event

Telford Association of School Business Managers have an upcoming event, hosted in partnership with a specialist school business management and leadership events company - [EdExec Live Events](#) who also publish [Education Executive Magazine](#). We are opening the event

up to other school leaders in the area, and on that basis would like to extend an invite to you to join us.

Why Attend?

Whether you're a seasoned school business leader or just beginning your journey in the role, **EdExec LIVE** offers a unique and valuable opportunity to learn, connect and grow in a way that suits you. What sets this event apart is

the ability to **customise your day**, choosing the sessions and formats that best fit your interests, goals and professional development needs.

EdExec LIVE gives you full control over your schedule. With a variety of sessions taking place throughout the day - including seminars, panel discussions, spotlight talks and open forums -you can build an agenda that's completely tailored to your needs.

Make Valuable Connections

Networking is at the heart of the EdExec LIVE experience. Throughout the day, you'll have the chance to connect with fellow school business professionals in a relaxed, supportive environment. Whether it's chatting over coffee, engaging in post-session discussions with expert speakers, or discovering new solutions in the exhibition space, the event is packed with opportunities to form meaningful connections. These conversations often spark fresh ideas, peer support networks, and long-term professional relationships.

EdExec LIVE isn't a one-size-fits-all event - it's a flexible, focused and engaging day built around you. With the freedom to choose your own sessions, the chance to meet like-minded professionals and a range of learning formats to suit your style.

How to Book

Standard tickets cost £65 but there is a limited number of discounted places allocated to colleagues from the area to attend with a promo code. This will reduce the cost of a ticket to just £25!

YOU CAN BOOK YOUR DISCOUNTED TICKET [HERE](#) using CODE: 25NmTASBM25

Members of the Telford Association of School Business Managers are eligible for fully subsidised tickets. Please contact Tricia Wilkin tricia.wilkin@taw.org.uk for further details.

Other Information and Resources

Funding for transport to Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust Museums for pupils in receipt of Pupil Premium Grant

Funding for schools within the borough of Telford & Wrekin and the county of Shropshire who have significant numbers of pupils in receipt of Free School Meals and Pupil Premium (based on the national average).

Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust are pleased to be able to offer a travel bursary scheme due to the success of our Fundraising team in securing external funding. For 2025 this scheme is open to schools within the borough of Telford & Wrekin and the county of Shropshire who have significant numbers of pupils in receipt of Free School Meals and Pupil Premium (based on the national average). The aim of the bursary is to help schools who might otherwise struggle to pay for an educational experience at one of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust museums.

The bursary is awarded to pay for the cost of travel to an Ironbridge Gorge Museum for any type of visit (self-guided or with workshop).

Please make contact by using the address stb@ironbridge.org.uk for more details.

Crucial Crew 2025 – HURRY BOOKING CLOSES TOMORROW

Crucial Crew 2025 is being held between 23 June 2025 and 11 July 2025.

Crucial Crew is back for the 30th year and booking closes TOMORROW.

Crucial Crew is a multi-agency partnership event aimed at Year 6 students designed to provide them with life skills and knowledge that will help to keep themselves and others safe, both now and in the future.

Crucial Crew aim to raise students awareness of important safety issues, encouraging them to think about their own and others safety and guiding them on what to do in a number of potentially unsafe situations.

This year the event is taking place between 23 June 2025 and 11 July 2025.

Booking closes tomorrow, 11 April 2025, so complete the form by clicking on the [link](#) or scan the QR code



Crucial Crew 2025 Booking form <https://forms.office.com/e/nhCgkCT367>.



10by10 fun this Easter

With the Easter holidays not too far away, it's a great time for families to start thinking about 10 by 10, our fun programme of things to do by the age of 10.

Whether it's learning to swim, visiting the countryside, learning to ride a bike or use the library, there's plenty to get involved in during the school holidays.

You can track your progress on the website or by downloading an adventure card

[Adventure Card](#)

Alternative Transport Options to Arthog Outdoor Education Centre

As an alternative to hiring a coach for your visit to Arthog Wales how about trying the train!

You will have the ability to book in advance for up to a max group number of 30 (but Arriva Wales said they can push to 35!).

To get group discount you must leave after 9.30am so the first train on a Monday is 10.58 and gets you to Morfa Mawddach at 13.45. There is an earlier train (8.58am arriving at 11.50) but no discount.

Return on a Friday at 12.59 gets you back to Telford at 15.52

Cost for 35 (4 adults 31 children) £678.80 with discount, £918 without.

What you can't currently do is reserve your specific seats....But they would be expecting you!

For more information then please contact www.arrivatrainswales.co.uk



Easter HHAH 2025 is back in Telford

With a range of activities available over the Easter holidays, don't miss out on a space.

Activities go live Friday 21st March 2025 at 4pm. To register your account, confirm your eligibility, and book activities go to the link below.

For all enquiries regarding HHAH please email holidayactivityhub@telford.gov.uk and one of the team will assist you.

[Website Link](#)



Easter Cycling sessions with Telford Bike Hub

Telford Bike Hub are trying to reach as many parents and carers as possible, to make them aware of our cycle training offer this Easter. We would be grateful if you could share this information with your families at school.

Telford Bike Hub are running a range of cycle training sessions during the Easter Holidays. These range from Learning to Ride a bike for the first time to on-road Level 2 & 3 training.

Booking information, session dates and times can be found on Tickets Telford – search Telford Town Park - <https://www.ticketstelford.com/whats-on/?venue=12>

Help us get as many children cycling as possible by sharing this information with parents and families this Easter, thank you.

[Website Link](https://www.ticketstelford.com/whats-on/?venue=12)



Urban Games - Easter 2025

From BMX biking to multi sports sessions including cricket, football, basketball and lots of others hosted by professional coaches, there's something for everyone at a host of venues across Telford.

Best of all, they are completely free and have been funded by the council's Safer and Stronger Communities project.

[Programme of Events](#)



Easter 2025 Holiday Activities

Take a look at our Easter Holiday Activity Programme which runs from 14 to 27 April 2025. All sessions can be booked in advance (except Fun & Floats). Choose from tennis, Fun & Floats, tobogganing, Tots Donuts and swimming crash courses. There are also offers on at the Bike Hub as well as ice skating crash course at Telford Ice Rink and Ski School at Telford Snowboard and Ski Centre.

[Download the brochure to view the activities on offer](#)

Awareness Dates



Baisakhi/Vaisakhi Day is on Monday 14 April 2025

Baisakhi/Vaisakhi is the celebration of the birth of the Khalsa. It is one of the most significant holidays in the Sikh calendar.

Celebrated on either the 13th or 14th of April each year, Vaisakhi is a time

dedicated to community spirit and forward-thinking as well as practising spiritual and physical integration.

Depending on a person's dialect, Vaisakhi can also be spelt as Baisak

Due to its close connection with the foundations of Sikhism, Vaisakhi forms a very important role in the Sikh yearly calendar.

Long-established as a new-year Harvest festival, the Sikh focus of Vaisakhi commemorates the establishment of the Khalsa at Anandpur Sahib in 1699, by the 10th Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh.

The Guru had used the celebration to create the Khalsa (the collective term for Sikhs who have been baptised) after, as tradition tells it, he had invited five ardent followers of the faith into a tent, ostensibly for a sword battle.

Despite emerging from the tent with a bloody sword, all of the men involved came out unharmed. These men became the 'Panj Piare', or the holy Five.

They were then baptised with a sprinkling of holy water - a ceremony that is reflected in modern Sikh baptisms.

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