

Short Breaks Newsletter



July 2025

July is Disability Pride Month! It's an opportunity to raise awareness of disabilities, start positive conversations and celebrate the diversity and differences of the disabled community. Disability Pride Month is not just about awareness, it's about empowerment. It encourages society to move beyond outdated narratives and instead embrace disability as a natural and valuable part of human diversity. We hope you are able to celebrate Disability Pride Month with your children in the local community.



Summer Holiday Activities

iCan2 Activities

iCan2 provides targeted and preventative level support for children and young people with a diagnosed disability that has a moderate or severe impact on day-to-day life. iCan2 activities are commissioned by the local authority for children with moderate, severe, and profound disabilities who are unable to access universal/universal plus services. In order to be eligible to access iCan2, children and young people must meet the criteria of the 'Targeted and Preventative Level Support' due to a diagnosed disability, be aged 17 or under and be a resident within Telford and Wrekin.

'At 4 All Foundation, we are proud of our highly qualified and compassionate team. All our care workers, youth workers, and sports coaches are accredited professionals and are enhanced DBS checked, safeguarded trained, and first aid certified. Our care workers also hold specialist qualifications in personal care and handling, enabling us to confidently support children and young people with a wide range of needs, including more complex requirements.

We work closely with schools and education providers every day, and we are committed to making our sessions inclusive and accessible for everyone. Each of our sessions is staffed by a team with a strong ratio of trained professionals, including staff specifically trained to deliver personalised support. We understand that every child is different, and we encourage parents or carers to get in touch with us directly to discuss how we can best support their child.'

Genius Tuition have a team of staff with a wealth of SEND experience, including working at The Bridge. They have a wealth of experience in supporting children with special educational needs, particularly in behaviour management and sensory processing. Their calm, supportive approach has a great impact! Their dedication and understanding ensures that all children feel comfortable, safe, and engaged.

All iCan2 activities detailed below will continue to run throughout the summer holidays.

You can register to become an iCan2 member online at: www.telfordsend.org.uk/info/1/home/55/ican2

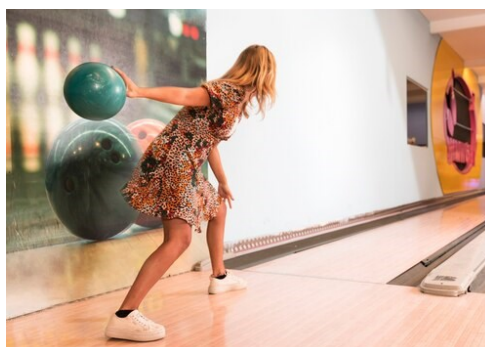


HAF/HHAH Activities

Happy Healthy Active Holidays runs holiday clubs during the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays. There are funded spaces available to children in reception through to year 11 who receive benefit-related free school meals or have an EHCP. It won't cost anything to attend. Each club will have a range of fun activities such as sports, cooking, dance, music, arts and crafts, and a nutritious meal each day.

To make a booking, you will first need to register. Once you have registered you will be notified when your eligibility has been confirmed and you will be able to go ahead and book activities taking place. When you open the site and click 'events', there are several filters available, including SEND inclusive, wheelchair accessible, SEND only. You can use these filters to show activities that will be appropriate for your child.

You can view and book all activities online at: hhah.telford.gov.uk. If you have any queries, please email holidayactivityhub@telford.gov.uk or if you would like to discuss your child's needs, please contact the activity providers directly.



iCan2 Passes

iCan2 passes can be used by iCan2 members and their parent carers or PA. Our activity passes currently cover entry to Tenpin Bowling, Shugborough Estate, Attingham Park, Hoo Zoo and Dinosaur World, Challenging Perceptions Sensory Room and all Ironbridge Museums.

You can book a pass by sending the child's name, the pass you would like to book and the date and time of the booking to shortbreaks@telford.gov.uk

Community Based Activities

Finding something they love to do after school or in the holidays can help children and young people with disabilities to see that we're all good at different things. Clubs and activities mean children and young people can meet peers with similar interests and make some friends. Becoming part of a group or a member of a team can do wonders for their confidence and social skills.

We are lucky enough to have a wide variety of SEND specific activities within the community of Telford and Wrekin, including gymnastics, power chair football, cricket, tag rugby, boxing, dance, arts and crafts, etc.

You can find out more about the activities that are local to Telford and are designed to meet the needs of children and young people with disabilities online at www.telfordsend.org.uk/homepage/16/activities_and_events



The Edge Adventure

The Edge Adventure pride themselves on being the home of outdoor adventure in Shropshire. Located in Much Wenlock, they offer outdoor activities for all, including activity days for children with disabilities. They offer everyone the chance to experience a new adventure and cater to your individual needs.

Enjoy their multi-activity center nestled on The Wenlock Edge and choose from a huge range of activities including Archery Tag, Junior Quad Biking Trek, Mountain Boarding, Sniper shooting, Clay Pigeon Shooting, Archery, Jacobs Ladder, Axe Throwing and Team Building Activities.

They offer activities all year round seven days a week, encouraging everyone that enjoying the outdoors isn't seasonal.

For more information on how they can help with your adventure day, please contact them on 01952 727491 to discuss how they can meet your child's needs.

Please note, there is a cost of £70 per day.



Lower Bush Farm

During the school holidays, Lower Bush Farm run days for those of you that enjoy looking after animals, using tools and getting muddy. They have horses, pigs, goats, rabbits, guinea pigs... the list goes on.

They are running a holiday club for children with disabilities on Thursdays and Fridays 9-4pm, or less to suit. The ratio is usually 5:1. Children who require 1:1 or personal care are more than welcome to attend with a parent or PA.

You can find out more online at www.facebook.co.uk/lowerbush or email lowerbush@gmail.com

Please note, there is a cost of £75 per day. The farm is not wheelchair accessible. Lunch will not be provided.



PODS Activities

PODS is a parent carer/peer led charity with staff and volunteers who have the relevant 'real life' experience to support families who have a child with a disability or additional need (0-25 years). They host a number of activities throughout the year, including the summer holidays. Activities include day trips, cooking classes, gardening sessions and picnics, to name but a few.

You can see what is available and make bookings online at: www.podstelford.org/activities-workshops/calendar-of-events/

Condover Hall JCA Adventure—For Families

Their flagship activity centre set in the Shropshire countryside offers the ideal combination of outdoor and indoor adventurous activities. Near Shrewsbury in the West Midlands, Condover Hall boasts a range of facilities and innovative activities, including:

- High and low rope courses
- On-site lake and wildlife lake
- Indoor sports hall with changing rooms and showers
- Indoor swimming pool
- Four all-weather sports courts
- Indoor laser maze and games room
- Indoor dance studio with mirror for 30 people
- Multi-bedded rooms (most with en-suite facilities), and much, much more!

JCA *Let the adventure begin...*



There are NO hidden extras – you just need to get yourselves there. The prices below are per person and include full board accommodation (breakfast, lunch and dinner), full activity programme including evening entertainment and private rooms and bathrooms (you will not be sharing a bedroom or bathroom with another family).

You can find out more online at www.jca-adventure.co.uk/activity-centres/condover-hall/

Monday 11th August – 2 Nights - £299.00 pp

Monday 11th August – 3 Nights - £349.00 pp

Monday 11th August – 4 Nights - £399.00 pp

Wednesday 13th August – 2 Nights - £299.00 pp

Monday 18th August – 2 Nights - £299.00 pp

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Wednesday 20th August – 2 Nights - £299.00 pp



T&W Inclusive Leisure

Telford and Wrekin's Leisure Services offer a wide range of activities across the Borough that are inclusive to all children and families. There are SEND specific sessions, as well as inclusive to all sessions. Activities on offer include golf, ice skating, skiing, swimming, soft play and a fully adapted gym in Stirchley.

If you would like to find out more about the facilities within the Leisure sites, or the timetable of SEND sessions throughout the summer holidays, visit www.telfordandwrekinleisure.co.uk



Balloon Fiesta

Telford's annual Balloon Fiesta returns to Telford Town Park this August Bank Holiday. Activities and events will take place across the entire weekend and will take place in the parks QEII Arena. We looking forward to seeing you there. Tickets are entirely free so be sure to get yours booked. You can find out more online at: www.visittelford.co.uk/whats-on/telford-balloon-fiesta-p1428921

The Bike Hub

Telford & Wrekin Bike Hub have launched 13 new adaptive cycles which are available to hire from Telford Bike Hub in Telford Town Park.

The cycles have been added to existing fleet for hire at Telford Bike Hub with the aim of making cycling more accessible.

The new wide range of cycles suit children with a variety of learning and physical disabilities, as well as health issues.

There are a variety of cycles on offer including trikes, side by side, a wheelchair loader among others. The cycles have varying levels of assistance ranging from hand cycles to carer controlled functions.

For more information, visit the Tickets Telford website online at www.ticketstelford.com/whats-on/all-shows/telford-bike-hub-adaptive-bike-session/5131/ or email thebikehub@telford.gov.uk

