PaCC
Shropshire's Independent Parent Carer Forum

Parent Carer Community Shropshire

Monthly Newsletter

November 2026

Welcome to PaCC's monthly newsletter.
If you have any questions or require any further information, please email: info@paccshropshire.org.uk
Click on images in this newsletter for more information!

PACC- Facebook

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PHASED TRANSFERS

- Does your child/ young person have an Education, Health & Care Plan?
- Are they in a transition year? (Moving to primary school, secondary school or psot-16 education)?
- Has their Annual Review been held yet?

Regulation 18 of The SEND Regulations 2014 states that the EHC plan must be reviewed and amended before:

15TH FEB
- early years education to school
- infant school to junior school
- primary school to middle school
- primary school to secondary school
- middle school to secondary school

31ST MARCH
- secondary school to a post-16 institution.

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Healthy Lives Programme

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PaCC's Healthy Lives Programme is a holiday activity programme for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families across Shropshire. The programme offers a wide range of fun, accessible activities during the school holidays, including sports, arts, outdoor adventures and wellbeing activities.

Activities are designed for different ages and needs, with opportunities for children and young people aged 8–25, alongside some activities for younger children and whole families.

Healthy Lives is not a holiday childcare club. Children and young people must attend with a Parent Carer, family member or Personal Assistant (PA) who can support their individual needs.

The programme helps children and young people enjoy opportunities, experiences and friendships that they might otherwise find difficult to access.

REGISTER NOW

FAQ

EXPLORE, PLAY & CONNECT WITH NATURE!

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Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Join us at The Cut Visitor Centre, Shrewsbury, for a relaxed and inclusive nature session exclusively for PaCC families.



For children and Young People with SEND aged 0-25 years.

Enjoy a range of activities;

- 🐛 Bug hunting
- 🐸 Pond dipping
- 🍃 Nature crafts
- 🖐️ Sensory exploration
- 🌱 Mud kitchen adventures



Explore at your own pace, build confidence, boost wellbeing and enjoy quality family time in a supportive, SEND-friendly environment.

There will also be an opportunity to share your experiences and ideas to help Shropshire Wildlife Trust make nature reserves more accessible for everyone.

**you must complete the linked registration form to attend*

Explore, Play and Connect with Nature with PaCC and Shropshire Wildlife Trust

Community Support PaCC Shropshire

PaCC is working with Shropshire Wildlife Trust to offer a relaxed, welcoming and inclusive nature session for families of children and young people aged 0-25 years with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Shropshire.

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WELLBEING WALKS

THE NATIONAL TRUST

PaCC is working with Shropshire National Trust Properties to Support Parent and Family Carer Wellbeing.



As part of PaCC's focus on supporting Parent and Family Carer wellbeing we are excited to announce new opportunities to spend time together and explore some of the beautiful places to walk in Shropshire.



Parent and Family Carer walks will be hosted at National Trust sites, Attingham Park (nr Shrewsbury) and Dudmaston Estate Comer Woods (nr Bridgnorth), throughout 2027.

Wellbeing Walks

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Parent and Family Carers have told us how valuable it is to spend time with others who understand their lives, these walks will provide that opportunity as well as supporting increased activity and time spent outdoors. All of which is evidenced to support wellbeing.

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SEND SUPPORT IN SHROPSHIRE

YOU DON'T ALWAYS NEED TO WAIT FOR A DIAGNOSIS

One of the messages we regularly hear from families is:

"We've been told we need to wait for a diagnosis before we can get support."

But support is often be based on a child or young person's identified needs and the difficulties they are experiencing not a diagnosis.

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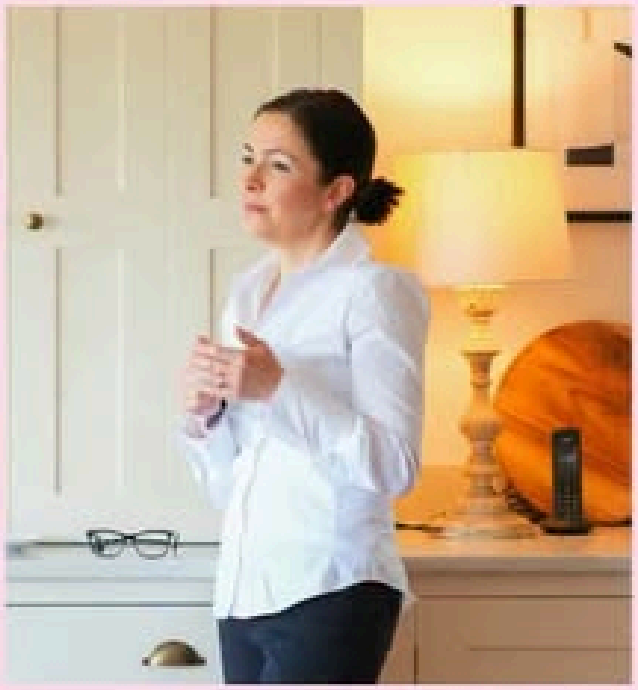
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Support available without a diagnosis in Shropshire includes:

- EHC Needs Assessment
- SEN Support in nursery, school or college
- Early Help and Family Hubs
- Parenting Team support
- Children's Occupational Therapy
- Sensory advice and resources
- SENDIASS
- Children's Social Care Assessment
- KIDS Shropshire Autism Support Service
- PaCC

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MENTAL CAPACITY- ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION



Join Rhiannon from Carers Academy to learn about Mental Capacity!

WHEN?

Friday 4th December at 10am

WHERE?

Online- Teams

**Complete the registration form to get access to this session!*

Carers Academy

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Is your young person approaching 18, or are you planning ahead?

Are you struggling to understand the processes around Mental Capacity and decision making?

Join us for an online information session with Carers Academy!

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ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Have you been asked to **JUSTIFY** support that's already been agreed?



We want to hear from you about your experiences of Adult Social Care reviews.

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Adult Social Care: Can the Council Change Support That Has Already Been Agreed?

We are hearing from families in Shropshire who are being asked to explain why they still need support that has already been assessed and agreed by Adult Social Care. This includes support such as respite (short breaks from caring) and Personal Assistant (PA) hours.

We know this can be frustrating and worrying for families, particularly when their needs have not changed.

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Children Not in School Consultation

The Department for Education (DfE) has launched a consultation seeking views on the draft statutory guidance and proposed regulations relating to Children Not in School, as part of the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026.

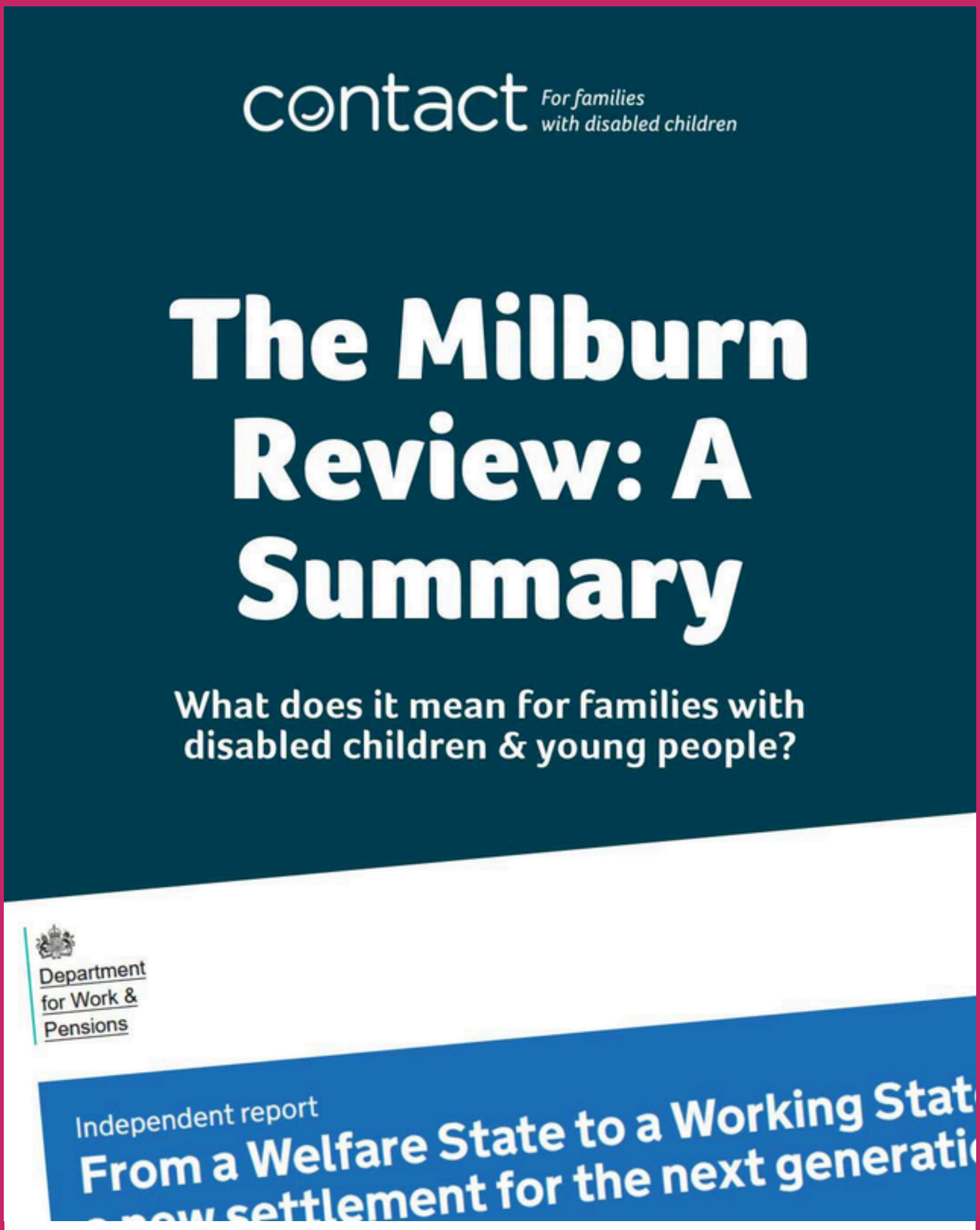
The consultation covers proposals including:

- The introduction of local authority registers for children not in school.
- Information that parents and education providers will be required to share.
- Support for families who electively home educate.
- Proposals for mandatory meetings before children are removed from school for home education.
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The consultation may be particularly relevant to families of children and young people with SEND who are educated outside of school.

READ MORE




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For families with disabled children
The Milburn Review: A Summary
What does it mean for families with disabled children & young people?
Department for Work & Pensions
Independent report
From a Welfare State to a Working Stat
a new settlement for the next generati

READ MORE

Webinar: Navigating exclusions



Watch on our website

WWW.IPSEA.ORG.UK

IPSEA

It will help you to understand your rights, explain the what the law says, and what you can do next. Topics will:

➡️ explain the law and guidance about exclusions from state schools,

➡️ explain the law about exclusions from independent schools and further education institutions,

➡️ explain what education a child or young person might be entitled to when excluded, and

➡️ explain other steps that might be needed for the excluded child or young person with SEN.

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Shropshire
Fire and Rescue Service

MAKING SHROPSHIRE SAFER

Home Education Workshop

Open to home educated children across Shropshire aged 7 - 11 years



Hands-on, fire safety workshops designed specifically for home educated children and their families

What you'll learn:

- Fire safety in the home
- Spotting risks and hazards
- What to do in an emergency
- Fun activities that build confidence
- Learning with other home educated families

Want to know more?

Email: safeandwell@shropshirefire.gov.uk to enquire about our next workshop and available places.

Information from Shropshire Council
(Click the image for further information)









An opportunity to speak to practitioners in person!
PaCC are attending!

Shropshire Council

AUTUMN TERM

SEND MEET & CHAT FAMILY DROP-IN

Hosted by Shropshire Early Help



Do you care for a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

These sessions are open to anyone supporting a child with SEND — whether you're a parent carer, family member, or professional. Come along to ask questions, get practical advice, and connect with professionals who understand your journey.

OSWESTRY LIBRARY

Thursday 3rd December 2026
13:00pm-15:00pm

Oswestry Library, Arthur Street,
Oswestry, SY11 1JN

Shropshire Supporting Families through Early Help
Shropshire Together Community and Family Hubs
Shropshire family Information Service
PACC
Kids Disabled children say we can

Shropshire Autism Hub

Autism Hub Community Drop Ins

Across Shropshire • November 2026 – March 2027

No appointment needed for in-person drop ins!

Information, advice and autism support

Information & advice | Signposting | 1:1 support | Autism assessment referral form support | Reasonable adjustment support

Shrewsbury
A4U, Louise House
12.30pm–3.30pm
Fri 27 Nov 2026
Fri 29 Jan 2027
Fri 26 Feb 2027
Fri 26 Mar 2027

Online Webinar
Autism Support Information Session
1pm–2pm
Wed 2 Dec 2026
Mon 25 Jan 2027
Mon 22 Feb 2027
Mon 29 Mar 2027

Market Drayton
Festival Drayton Centre
10.30am–1.30pm
Tue 8 Dec 2026
Tue 12 Jan 2027
Tue 9 Feb 2027
Tue 9 Mar 2027

Whitchurch
Whitchurch Fire Station
2.30pm–4.30pm
Tue 8 Dec 2026
Tue 12 Jan 2027
Tue 9 Feb 2027
Tue 9 Mar 2027

Bridgnorth
Bridgnorth Library
9.30am–12.30pm
Tue 22 Dec 2026
Tue 26 Jan 2027
Tue 23 Feb 2027
Tue 23 Mar 2027

Shifnal
Shifnal Community Hub
1.30pm–4pm
Tue 22 Dec 2026
Tue 26 Jan 2027
Tue 23 Feb 2027
Tue 23 Mar 2027

Ellesmere
Ellesmere Fire Station
9.30am–12.30pm
Mon 7 Dec 2026
Fri 8 Jan 2027
Mon 1 Feb 2027
Mon 1 Mar 2027

Oswestry
Oswestry Memorial Hall
1pm–4pm
Mon 7 Dec 2026
Fri 8 Jan 2027
Mon 1 Feb 2027
Mon 1 Mar 2027

Church Stretton
Mayfair Community Centre
9.30am–12.30pm
Mon 14 Dec 2026
Mon 18 Jan 2027
Mon 15 Feb 2027
Mon 15 Mar 2027

Ludlow
Assembly Rooms
1.30pm–4.30pm
Mon 18 Jan 2027
Mon 15 Feb 2027
Mon 15 Mar 2027



All are welcome ♡

Friendly, knowledgeable staff, including team members with lived experience

For adults aged 18+ living in Shropshire

Shropshire Autism Hub
11h ·

www.a4u.org.uk

A4U Action Ability Advocacy

CAUDWELL CHILDREN

WISHMAS

THE BEST CHRISTMAS INCLUDES EVERYONE

FREE Christmas Resources

supporting families of disabled and neurodivergent children



CAUDWELL CHILDREN

PaCC Guides and Resources

We have a number of guides and Information resources available.
More can be found on our website.

STRUGGLING TO FIND CLEAR INFORMATION?

Families told us that some information was unclear and difficult to access. In response to this feedback, we have created a range of resources and guides to make information clearer, easier to understand and more accessible.



We have created Guides and Frequently Asked Questions covering:

- Preparation For Adulthood
- Transitions in Education
- EHCP Placement Consultation
- Mental Capacity
- EHCP
- Supported Living
- Part-time Timetables
- Direct Payments

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Community Navigator Service

Offering personalised signposting and Information Provision for families of 0-25 year old's with SEND in Shropshire

We understand how difficult and overwhelming it can be to navigate your child or young persons journey. PaCC's Community Navigator Service is open to any Parent Carer of a child/ young person ages 0-25 with SEND in Shropshire.

How can PaCC Help?

You will be offered an initial 30-minute phone/ Teams call with a Navigator. All of PaCC's Navigators are Parent Carers themselves, so have both a lived and work experience of the SEND system in Shropshire. Following the call you will receive an email with information and signposting.

What can I speak to a Navigator about?

- Social Opportunities
- Finances and Benefits
- Staying Healthy
- Mental Health Support
- Being Part of the local community
- Housing Options
- Support for Parent Carers
- Support for Families
- Employment and Volunteering
- Help navigating the SEND system
- Education
- Education, Health and Care Plans
- Annual Reviews
- Activity Plans

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COMMUNITY FUND

Info@paccshropshire.org.uk

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

Please note these activities are not affiliated with PaCC, they are festive activities in Shropshire that may be of interest. Where more information is availble, the images are click links.





Christmas at Attingham Park







Festive Gardens - SEN friendly night

Chelsea & Maxell Gardens, Telford Town Park Telford, Shropshire TF3 4EP



5–23 DEC

Meet Father Christmas

Santa's grotto

Ludlow Castle, Ludlow · Ages 0–10 · Indoor & outdoor



28 NOV – 23 DEC

BeWILDerwood Presents Christmas

Light trails & displays · Pantomimes · Shows & storytelling

BeWILDerwood Cheshire, Bickley Moss · Ages 3–12 · Outdoor



21 NOV – 23 DEC

THE POLAR EXPRESS Train Ride at Telford Steam Railway

Santa's grotto · Trains & rides

Telford Steam Railway, Horsehay · Ages 0–10 · Indoor & outdoor



ludlow
assemblyrooms

Our relaxed performance is on Monday 28 December



Christmas in Comer Woods

10:00 - 15:00 19th November 2026 – 24th November 2026

Christmas Calm & Curious

Monday
14th December
10:00 – 11:30am
Bettisfield Village Hall

Stories with Santa

£3 per family

Festive sensory play • Christmas crafts • Gentle stay & play

Refreshments in aid of Hope House Children's Hospices

To book: calmandcurious2026@outlook.com

The Polar Express

Sat 19th December 2026

Stay and play sessions for children with SEN aged 0-10 and their parents & carers



Next stop... a little bit of Christmas magic!
We're climbing aboard the Polar Express for a festive morning of sensory exploring, magical adventures and Christmas fun at Little Rainbows!
Get ready for a journey filled with snowy sensory play, winter wonderlands and plenty of festive discoveries. Think fluffy snow, icy textures, Christmas themed tuff trays, twinkling lights and magical activities inspired by the much-loved Polar Express story.
There'll be lots to explore throughout the session, from sensory adventures and small world train play to hands-on festive activities, opportunities for movement and plenty of magical surprises along the way.
Whether your little one loves trains, enjoys exploring different textures, is fascinated by twinkling lights or simply loves all things Christmas, there'll be something for everyone!





Mince Pie Trains
28 -30 Dec

Steam into the Season



Santa Specials
12&13 Dec
19-22 Dec



with Christmas Events at the W&LLR

The Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway

SEN SESSION VISIT with FATHER Christmas

Little Rascals Foundation

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- VISIT WITH FATHER CHRISTMAS WITH GIFT
- CHRISTMAS BISCUIT DECORATING
- FESTIVE SENSORY TRAY
- HOLLY HOT CHOCOLATE
- SOFT PLAY FUN

DATE & TIMES

12TH DECEMBER
3PM-5PM

13TH DECEMBER
9.30AM-12PM

PRICE £12.50PC

A SPECIAL VISIT FOR SEN CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

BOOK NOW! WWW.UKLITTLERASCALS.COM/BOOKINGS

SEN Holiday Club

PLAY • CREATE • EXPLORE • HAVE FUN!

MONDAY 28TH DECEMBER

9.30AM- 3.30PM

FOR SEN CHILDREN AGED 5-11

A SAFE, WELCOMING SPACE TO HAVE FUN AND MAKE MEMORIES!

SCAN TO APPLY

Little Rascals Foundation
RCN: 1166955

SPACES ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED #INCLUSIVITYTHROUGHPLAY





Derwen College Christmas Fayre and Elf Trail

10:00 - 16:00 28th November 2026





12th December 2026 Crafts with Santa, 11:00

At Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre, Craven Arms







Do you want to share an activity or event with us?
Please email
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