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NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the December Children with Additional Needs Newsletter – Christmas is almost here, so I have rounded up a list of Christmas activities and holiday clubs for you.

Please note the information in this newsletter may be subject to change due to the on-going Covid 19 situation. You will need to contact the clubs directly for details about activities on offer, and in what capacity they will be running these over the Christmas holidays.



Kippers Snowy Day Show at Norden Farm (Maidenhead). This warm-hearted Christmas show is perfect for children and their families. Based on the award-winning children's books about Kipper the Dog by Mick Inkpen. Performances on:



Saturday 4 December at 11am and Wednesday 29 December at 11am

Ideal for families and children with SEND. For further information please see



<https://directory.wokingham.gov.uk/kb5/wokingham/directory/service.page?id=quCivdvP928>

Showcase Cinema offer autism friendly movie screenings on the 2nd Sunday of every month in partnership with not-for-profit support provider, Dimensions.

SUNDAY 12TH December

A BOY CALLED CHRISTMAS (PG)



Free Christmas multisensory story

A free [Christmas multisensory story](#) can be found in the story library of the Rhyming Multisensory Stories website [here](#) [Rhyming Multisensory Stories - story library](#)



thames valley adventure playground

supporting children & adults with special needs and their families

Registered Charity Number 278336

Festive Fun Day at TVAP, Taplow

Saturday 11th December

TVAP Festive Fun Day & Fayre

Including Christmas gift stalls & book-sale

Booking essential!

01628 628599 / office@tvap.co.uk

Session 1:

9.30am—11.30am

Children with special needs (& siblings) only

Session 2:

12pm—2pm

Children with special needs (& siblings) only

Session 3:

2.30pm—4.30pm

Open to all children



**Father Christmas
will be here!**

**Child-free adults and adults
with additional needs are
welcome to attend any
session for our Festive Fayre
only—call to book your place!**

A sensory and learning wonderland for all the family near Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

Bookings now open for Christmas 2021. For further information click here: [Fairytale Farm](https://www.fairytalefarm.co.uk)



Fairytale Farm is the UK's first visitor attraction that is open to all, but where disabled children come first in the design and layout. An inclusive experience, where everything is accessible, and everybody is welcome.

Me2 club – Family Christmas Party - Sunday 12th December 2021 between 10am and 12:00 noon



Me2 Club is an inclusion charity for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities in the Wokingham and Reading Boroughs. They support children and young people aged 5-19 to take part in mainstream leisure activities by recruiting and training volunteers to 'buddy' 1:1 with them (2:1 when required) so they can join in and have fun. With Me2 help they can access a wide range of activities including sports clubs, uniformed groups and drama classes. Contact Me2 club to register your child today. Check out the Me2 website here: [Me2club](https://www.me2club.org.uk/)



Funtastic Kids

Funtastic Kids Holiday Camp bookings are open at six locations for the 20th-23rd December. Holiday childcare in schools are running at Gorse Ride Primary School, Kings Academy Oakwood, Emmbrook Infant School, Highwood Primary School, Loddon Primary School and Springfield Primary School. Parents are advised to discuss their child's needs prior to booking. Contact: 0771564 3412 Website: [Funtastickids camps](https://www.funtastickids.com/camps)

Christmas Market to Light up Cantley Park

Cantley Park Christmas outdoor market huts selling delicious food and drinks from 8th December until 24th December 2021!

You can also visit the new café and 3G Sports pitch. Plus, Wokingham's first ice skating rink – situated within Cantley Park's event field will be open from 12th November until 24th December 2021.

Entry to the Christmas Market is free, with an option to purchase tickets for the ice-skating rink separately.



Camp Mohawk Christmas party bookings are now open. The days are split into morning or afternoon sessions. Morning sessions are 10am to 12:30pm, afternoon sessions are 1:30pm until 4pm. Each session is limited to 10 families on site per session. To make a booking please email bookings@campmohawk.org.uk

Snow White – The Christmas Pantomime, Whitty theatre, Wokingham

Pantomime show dates: 27 – 30 December 2021

Contact wokinghampantomime@gmail.com

Beauty and the Beast Pantomime – Relaxed Performance at the Hexagon, Reading

Welcoming those who may benefit from a more relaxed environment, including families with young children, people with an Autistic Spectrum Condition, sensory and communication disorders, or a learning disability.



Friday 10 December, 10.30am and Thursday 30 December, 11pm

Telephone: 0118 960 6060

Email: Hexagon.boxoffice@reading.gov.uk

Chance to Dance Stars CIC: Winter Camp 2021

<https://directory.wokingham.gov.uk/kb5/wokingham/directory/service.page?id=h8p1WD1V2fs>

Windsor on Ice – all access Wednesday's

<https://directory.wokingham.gov.uk/kb5/wokingham/directory/service.page?id=49gU1yatG10>

Local pantomime listings on Wokingham Borough Council directory

<https://directory.wokingham.gov.uk/kb5/wokingham/directory/results.page?qt=%22Panto%22&sorttype=distance>

Thames Valley Autism Alert card

The Berkshire Autism Alert Card has been rebranded to become the Thames Valley Autism Alert Card, expanding the scheme to Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire.

The alert card provides a simple way for autistic people of all ages and their parents or carers to explain the condition quickly and easily to others, or get assistance, giving cardholders and their families more confidence to go out and about. Cardholders (or those applying on their behalf, such as a parent, carer or social worker) can choose to share some additional information about how autism affects them, and any particular support needs that they have, with Thames Valley Police, which officers can access if they are shown an alert card to help provide appropriate support.

For more information about the alert card and to apply online, see [Thames Valley autism alert card](#)

For more details of Autism Berkshires services, see [Autism Berkshire support services](#), email contact@autismberkshire.org.uk or call 01189 594 594 (option1).



Your views are important to us: speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy services for children and young people with an education, health, and care plan (EHCP).

Speech and language services, occupational therapy services and physiotherapy services commissioned by the Council support many children and young people in our area.

Locally our Children and Young People's Integrated Therapy Service (CYPIT) provides speech and language services, occupational therapy services and physiotherapy services for children and young people who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). It is an important service to help children and young people reach their potential.

Wokingham, Reading and West Berkshire Councils are working together to discuss a future vision of what speech and language services, occupational therapy services and physiotherapy services look like for children and young people who have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

We have put together a short survey for parents, guardians and carers whose child has therapy included in section F of their EHCP.

We would be very grateful if you could share your views and experiences with us in order that we can use this information to design the new service.

Closing date 7 December 2021

To complete the survey please go to: <https://citizenlabco.typeform.com/therapyservices>

