

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD!

across
St Helens
Borough!

Fun activities
and free meals
for kids!



22 December 2025 - 2 January 2026

sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun

Families and children 4-18 years in receipt of free school meals
Programme funded by the Department for Education (DfE)

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME

The Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme is aimed at providing healthy food and enriching activities free of charge for primary and secondary school aged children/ young people who are eligible for benefit related free school meals during the holidays. Children/young people who are in receipt of a support plan via Early Help, Child In Need or Children We Look After, EHCP, or if your child receives additional hours at school then you are also eligible for the HAF programme.

This action-packed fun guide shows you all of the great things, big and small that are happening over the holidays on your very own doorstep, right across St Helens borough.

If your child/young person is aged 4-18 and eligible for the HAF programme and would like to attend, please see our list of providers on the back page who will be providing the activities.

How to book

Please book directly with the session provider. If you have trouble contacting the provider, please email: holidayfun@sthelens.gov.uk or call: 01744 673445.

Act quickly so that you don't miss out!



KEY



This guide is presented in a handy calendar format to help you plan activities for each day during the school holidays.

Find **FREE** events and activities suitable for you using the age ranges next to the listings.

e.g. 5-11 11-16

- SE** = SEND Expertise - solely for children and young people with SEND and their families (complex additional needs).
- SA** = SEND Accessible - physically accessible venue or event
- SS** = SEND Specific - solely for children and young people with SEND and their families (mild to moderate additional needs)
- S** = SEND Friendly - venue or event where providers have general SEND awareness and small adjustments
- F** = Family Friendly - accessible for all families
- B** = Breakfast Provided
- L** = Lunch Provided
- T** = Tea Provided

We have endeavoured to ensure that all sessions are SEND friendly, but we would like you to pre-book sessions and speak to the facilitator for further information on suitability individual requirements for your child.





Monday 22 December



Tuesday 23 December



Sports, Crafts and Physical Activities SA L 5-15

Learn Active NW
Wargrave CofE Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm
40 places available

Sensory Play, Arts & Crafts, Games & Activities S L 4-11

Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 12.00pm
20 places available

Games, Team Sports, Crafts & Sensory Activities SS L 5-11

Therafit - YMCA Youth Hub
9.00am – 1.00pm
24 places available

Sports, Activities & Games SA L 5-15

Raring Stars - Eaves Primary School
9.15am – 1.15pm
20 places available

Christmas Music, Dance & Arts SA L 4-12

Upbeat Academy
The District CofE Primary School
9.30am – 3.00pm
30 places available

SEND Only - Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
10.00am – 11.30am
Parents/carers to attend with children
40 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-12

Active Future
St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
35 places available

Activity Camp S L 5-11

Active Sports
Sutton Leisure Centre
10.00am – 2.00pm
20 places available

Sports, Games & Physical Activities SS L 5-18

Everton in the Community
4F Centre, Rainhill
10.00am – 2.00pm
15 places available

Sports Activity Day Camp SA L 5-16

Saints C.D.F.
Allanson Street Primary School
10.00am – 3.00pm
15 places available

Christmas Story and Craft S F L 4-11

St Helens Library Services - Rainhill Village Hall
10.30am – 11.30am
25 places available

Minecraft Social S L 5-16

ComputerXplorers
Newton Library
10.30am – 2.30pm
18 places available

Christmas Story and Craft S F L 4-11

St Helens Library Services
Rainford Village Hall
10.30am – 11.30am
25 places available

Christmas Story and Craft S F L 4-11

St Helens Library Services
Thatto Heath Library
10.30am – 11.30am
25 places available

Christmas Story and Craft S F L 4-11

St Helens Library Services
Eccleston Library
10.30am – 11.30am
25 places available

Winter Tech Club S L 5-16

ComputerXplorers
Rainford High School
11.00am – 3.00pm
25 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-16

HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
30 places available

Christmas Story and Craft S F T 4-11

St Helens Library Services
Moss Bank Library
2.30pm – 3.30pm
25 places available

The Great Cooking Christmas Challenge SA T 11-18

YMCA - YMCA Youth Hub
3.30pm – 5.30pm
10 places available

Sports, Crafts and Physical Activities SA L 5-15

Learn Active NW
Wargrave CofE Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm
40 places available

Sensory Play, Arts & Crafts, Games & Activities S L 4-11

Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 12.00pm
20 places available

Games, Team Sports, Crafts & Sensory Activities SS L 5-11

Therafit - YMCA Youth Hub
9.00am – 1.00pm
24 places available

Sports, Activities & Games SA L 5-15

Raring Stars - Eaves Primary School
9.15am – 1.15pm
20 places available

Christmas Music, Dance & Arts SA L 4-12

Upbeat Academy
The District CofE Primary School
9.30am – 3.00pm
30 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-12

Active Future
St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
35 places available

Activity Camp S L 5-11

Active Sports - Sutton Leisure Centre
10.00am – 2.00pm
20 places available

Sports, Games & Physical Activities SS L 5-18

Everton in the Community
4F Centre, Rainhill
10.00am – 2.00pm
15 places available

Sports Activity Day Camp SA L 5-16

Saints C.D.F. - Allanson Street Primary School
10.00am – 3.00pm
15 places available

Minecraft Social S L 5-16

ComputerXplorers
St Helens Library
10.30am – 2.30pm
18 places available

Christmas Story and Craft S F L 4-11

St Helens Library Services
St Helens Library
10.30am – 11.30am
25 places available

Winter Tech Club S L 5-16

ComputerXplorers
Rainford High School
11.00am – 3.00pm
25 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-16

HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
30 places available

SEND Christmas Story and Craft SS F L 4-11

St Helens Library Services
Haydock Library
11.00am – 12.00pm
8 places available

Christmas Story and Craft S F L 4-11

St Helens Library Services
Chester Lane Library
2.30pm – 3.30pm
25 places available

Christmas Story and Craft S F L 4-11

St Helens Library Services
Newton Library
2.30pm – 3.30pm
25 places available

The Great Cooking Christmas Challenge SA T 11-18

YMCA
YMCA Youth Hub
3.30pm – 5.30pm
10 places available

SEND Spaceworld SS T 4-12

Friends Play
Spaceworld
4.00pm – 5.30pm
20 places available





Wednesday 24 December



Saturday 27 December



Sensory Play, Arts & Crafts, Games & Activities

S L 4-11

Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 12.00pm
20 places available

Games, Team Sports, Crafts & Sensory Activities

SS L 5-11

Therafit - YMCA Youth Hub
9.00am – 1.00pm
24 places available

Activity Camp **S L** 5-11

Active Sports
Sutton Leisure Centre
10.00am – 2.00pm
20 places available

Sports Activity Day Camp **SA L** 5-16

Saints C.D.F.
Allanson Street Primary School
10.00am – 3.00pm
15 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness **SA L** 4-16

HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
30 places available

Christmas Celebration **SA T** 11-18

YMCA
YMCA Youth Hub
6.00pm – 8.00pm
10 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session **S L** 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
10.00am – 11.30am
Parents/carers to attend with children
70 places available

SEND Dick Whittingham Panto

SS F 4-18

Friends Play
St Helens Theatre Royal
10.00am
123 places

Inflatable Bounce Session **S T** 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
5.00pm – 6.30pm
Parents/carers to attend with children
70 places available



Friday 26 December



Sunday 28 December



Inflatable Bounce Session **S L** 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
12.00pm – 1.30pm
Parents/carers to attend with children
70 places available

Merry
Christmas



Sports & Fun Activities **SE L** 5-16

Inclusive Sports 4 All - Chestnut Lodge School
Transport provided - Departing 9am from Dream Car Park
9.00am – 1.00pm
20 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session **S L** 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
10.00am – 11.30am
Parents/carers to attend with children
70 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session **S T** 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
5.00pm – 6.30pm
Parents/carers to attend with children
70 places available





Monday 29 December



Tuesday 30 December



Sports, Crafts and Physical Activities SA L 5-15

Learn Active NW
Wargrave CofE Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm
40 places available

Sensory Play, Arts & Crafts, Games & Activities S L 4-11

Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 12.00pm
20 places available

Sports & Fun Activities SE L 5-16

Inclusive Sports 4 All
Lansbury Bridge School
9.00am – 1.00pm
20 places available

Sports, Activities & Games SA L 5-15

Raring Stars
Eaves Primary School
9.15am – 1.15pm
20 places available

New Year Celebrations Music, Dance & Arts SA L 4-12

Upbeat Academy
The District CofE Primary School
9.30am – 3.00pm
30 places available

SEND Only - Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
10.00am – 11.30am
Parents/carers to attend with children
40 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-12

Active Future
St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
35 places available

Sports, Games & Physical Activities SS L 5-18

Everton in the Community
4F Centre, Rainhill
10.00am – 2.00pm
15 places available

Sports Activity Day Camp SA L 5-16

Saints C.D.F.
Allanson Street Primary School
10.00am – 3.00pm
15 places available

Minecraft Social S L 5-16

ComputerXplorers
Newton Library
10.30am – 2.30pm
18 places available

Stick Man Film S F L 4-11

St Helens Library Services
Lucem Cinema
10.30am – 11.30am
30 places available

Olaf's Christmas Obstacle Course and Arts & Crafts SA L 4-6

Powered by Hip Hop
YMCA Youth Hub
10.30am – 1.30pm
Children need to attend with a parent/carers
15 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-16

HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
30 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session S T 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
5.00pm – 6.30pm
Parents/carers to attend with children
70 places available

Take a Break SA T 11-18

YMCA
YMCA Youth Hub
6.00pm – 8.00pm
10 places available

Sports, Crafts and Physical Activities SA L 5-15

Learn Active NW
Wargrave CofE Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm
40 places available

Sensory Play, Arts & Crafts, Games & Activities S L 4-11

Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 12.00pm
20 places available

Sports & Fun Activities SE L 5-16

Inclusive Sports 4 All
Lansbury Bridge School
9.00am – 1.00pm
20 places available

Sports, Activities & Games SA L 5-15

Raring Stars
Eaves Primary School
9.15am – 1.15pm
20 places available

New Year Celebrations Music, Dance & Arts SA L 4-12

Upbeat Academy
The District CofE Primary School
9.30am – 3.00pm
30 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session S L 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
10.00am – 11.30am
Parents/carers to attend with children
70 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-12

Active Future
St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
35 places available

Sports, Games & Physical Activities SS L 5-18

Everton in the Community
4F Centre, Rainhill
10.00am – 2.00pm
15 places available

Sports Activity Day Camp SA L 5-16

Saints C.D.F.
Broad Oak Community Primary School
10.00am – 3.00pm
15 places available

SEND Activity Session SS L 5-16

Saints C.D.F.
Allanson Street Primary School
10.00am – 11.30am
10 places available

Minecraft Social S L 5-16

ComputerXplorers
St Helens Library
10.30am – 2.30pm
18 places available

A Grinchmas Day of Parkour SA L 7-18

Powered by Hip Hop
YMCA Youth Hub
10.30am – 1.30pm
15 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-16

HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
30 places available

Festive Film Afternoon S F L 4-11

St Helens Library Services
Newton Library
2.30pm – 3.30pm
20 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session S T 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
5.00pm – 6.30pm
Parents/carers to attend with children
70 places available

New Year Celebration SA T 11-18

YMCA
YMCA Youth Hub
6.00pm – 8.00pm
10 places available





Wednesday 31 December



Sensory Play, Arts & Crafts, Games & Activities

S L 4-11

Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 12.00pm
20 places available

Sports & Fun Activities **SE L** 5-16

Inclusive Sports 4 All
Chestnut Lodge School
Transport provided - Departing 9am from Dream Car Park
9.00am – 1.00pm
20 places available

SEND Spaceworld **SS L** 4-12

Friends Play - Spaceworld
9.30am – 11.00am
20 places available

Sports, Games & Activities **SA L** 4-12

Active Future
St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
35 places available

Sports Activity Day Camp **SA L** 5-16

Saints C.D.F.
Allanson Street Primary School
10.00am – 3.00pm
15 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness **SA L** 4-16

HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
30 places available

Dick Whittington – Salford Arts Theatre **F L**

Family Hubs
Departing from Central Link Family Hub
12.30pm – 5.00pm
90 places available



CHRISTMAS

word search puzzle

I	P	C	I	R	F	B	E	L	L	M	F
S	K	C	X	G	A	R	L	A	N	D	I
T	X	S	K	U	Y	S	N	O	W	O	R
A	S	N	S	A	N	T	A	H	S	E	E
R	T	C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S	P
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V	I	D	F	G	E	A	D	J	L	T	E
E	N	O	I	L	C	I	L	J	Y	R	D
S	G	L	S	S	F	X	C	O	J	E	Y
E	L	F	M	W	R	E	A	T	H	E	B

Words may be horizontal, vertical and diagonal.

ELF
STOCKING
WREATH
FIREPLACE

SNOW
GARLAND
EVE
TREE

HOLLY
BELL
LIGHTS
SLEIGH

CARD
CHRISTMAS
STAR
SANTA



Friday 2 January



Sensory Play, Arts & Crafts, Games & Activities

S L 4-11

Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 12.00pm
20 places available

Sports & Fun Activities **SE L** 5-16

Inclusive Sports 4 All
Chestnut Lodge School
Transport provided - Departing 9am from Dream Car Park
9.00am – 1.00pm
20 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session **S L** 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
10.00am – 11.30am
Parents/carers to attend with children
70 places available

Sports, Games & Activities **SA L** 4-12

Active Future
St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
35 places available

Activity Camp **S L** 5-11

Active Sports
Sutton Leisure Centre
10.00am – 2.00pm
20 places available

Sports, Games & Physical Activities **SS L** 5-18

Everton in the Community
4F Centre, Rainhill
10.00am – 2.00pm
15 places available

SEND Sensory Hive **SS L** 4-18

Friends Play
10.00am – 11.30am
10 places available

Sports Activity Day Camp **SA L** 5-16

Saints C.D.F.
Broad Oak Community Primary School
10.00am – 3.00pm
15 places available

SEND Activity Session **SS L** 5-16

Saints C.D.F.
Allanson Street Primary School
10.00am – 11.30am
10 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness **SA L** 4-16

HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
30 places available

Dylan's Reptiles **S F L** 4-11

St Helens Library Services
St Helens Library
11.00am – 12.00pm
25 places available

SEND Sensory Hive **SS L** 4-18

Friends Play
12.30pm – 2.00pm
10 places available

SEND Sensory Hive **SS L** 4-18

Friends Play
2.30pm – 4.00pm
10 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session **S T** 4-15

Air Nation St Helens
5.00pm – 6.30pm
Parents/carers to attend with children
70 places available





Private Fostering arrangements can include:

- By law you are required to tell the local authority that you are part of a private fostering arrangement. We can advise you on legal matters and provide help and support whilst you care for the child.



Community Food Pantries

Pantries operate as a member-led neighbourhood hub and are just like a shop, in that you choose the food you want from the shelves. Members pay a small subscription each week they visit, and in return can choose groceries worth many times more, often saving up to £1,000 a year on shopping bills.

How it Works

- STEP 1** Find your nearest pantry (**you must live in the area in which it is based**).
- STEP 2** Go along and join on the day it is open, remembering it is open to everyone in that community.
- STEP 3** Pay your membership each time you visit. Sit and have a cuppa while you wait for your turn.
- STEP 4** Choose your shopping, which will always be worth more than your weekly membership fee.
- STEP 5** Tell your neighbours and get them to join too.

There are five community food pantries available to residents in St Helens town centre, Thatto Heath, Haydock, West Park and Sutton.

HOPE Pantry

Wesley Methodist Church, Corporation Street, St Helens WA10 1LF.
Opening times: Tuesday, 11.00am - 1.00pm

St Mark's T.A.N.G.O. Pantry

Park Street, Haydock, St Helens WA11 0BH. Opening times: Thursday, 8.50am - 11.00am

St Matthew's Centre Pantry

St Matthews Grove, Thatto Heath, St Helens WA10 3SE
Opening times: Monday, 6.30pm - 8.00pm & Wednesday, 8.45am - 11.30am

St Luke's Pantry

Knowsley Road, St Helens WA10 4PU. Opening times: Wednesday, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Sutton Pantry St Michael & All Angels Church

Gartons Lane, St Helens WA9 2RA. Opening times: Sunday, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

There are also four mobile community food pantries available in Sutton, Newton-le-Willows, Moss Bank and Peasley Cross.

Sutton Family Hub

Ellamsbridge Road, Sutton, St Helens WA9 3PY. Opening times: Tuesday, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Cross Lane United Church

Earlestown, Newton-le-Willows WA12 9PT. Opening times: Monday, 10.00am - 12.00pm

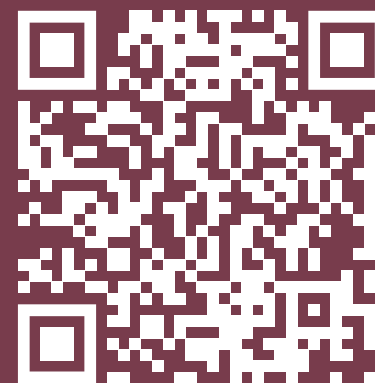
Park Farm

54 Kentmere Avenue, Carr Mill, St Helens WA11 7PG. Opening times: Thursday, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Peasley Cross URC

Beaufort Street, St Helens WA9 3BQ. Opening times: Friday, 8.45am - 10.15am

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advice and contacts
to help you stay warm,
well and safe this winter.

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Xmas maze

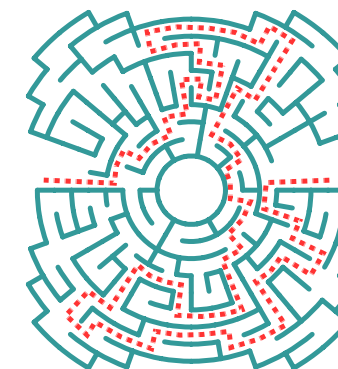
Help the reindeer
to get the gift



Help the penguin to join his friends.



ANSWER:



HOW TO ACCESS THE VIRTUAL SESSIONS/BOOK PLACES

Go to: www.sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun for all activity links, alternatively enter the web link below for each provider into your web browser. This will take you to Eventbrite, where you can search all of the activities which the provider is hosting over the winter programme. For example, YMCA, this will show you all of this providers activities. Alternatively, please contact your local Family Hub on: **01744 673445**.

Active Future:

<https://tinyurl.com/ynzvm3hu>

email: afwarrington@activefuture.info

Active Sports:

<https://tinyurl.com/2fu3nhub>

Telephone: 0800 740 8855

Air Nation:

<https://tinyurl.com/mv4zx7ws>

Telephone: 01744 302660

ComputerXplorers:

<https://tinyurl.com/3969rw23>

email: bolton@computerexplorers.co.uk

Everton in the Community:

<https://tinyurl.com/cx9h55hv>

email: steve.johnson@evertonfc.com

Family Hubs:

Telephone: 01744 673445 or 01744 671788

Friends Play:

<https://tinyurl.com/yc5cteme>

email: info@friendsplay.org.uk

HAMMA Gym:

<https://tinyurl.com/55fcpf3a>

email: hammaltd@hotmail.co.uk

Inclusive Sports 4 All:

<https://tinyurl.com/5exdak5v>

email: inclusivesports4all@gmail.com

Learn Active NW:

<https://tinyurl.com/2p9v7fde>

email: learn.active@outlook.com

Library Services:

<https://tinyurl.com/4deytd9n>

email: libraries@sthelens.gov.uk

Powered by Hip Hop CIC:

<https://tinyurl.com/2t292ztc>

email: hello@poweredbyhiphop.org

Raring Stars

<https://tinyurl.com/h35ymyne>

email: contact@raringstars.com

Rockets Community Club:

<https://tinyurl.com/4ywwj4m4>

email: rocketscommunityclub@outlook.com

Saints Community Development Foundation:

<https://tinyurl.com/3rsxcxpf>

email: scdf@saintsrlfc.com

Therafit:

<https://tinyurl.com/3ayj3m32>

email: info@therafituk.co.uk

Upbeat Academy

<https://tinyurl.com/bdh9k9cf>

email: mail@upbeatacademy.co.uk

YMCA:

<https://tinyurl.com/m969rh5j>

email: youthwork@ymcasthelens.org.uk



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