HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD!

across St Helens Borough

Fun activities and free meals for kids and young people!



20 December 2026 - 3 January 2027

#HAF2026

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Families and children 4-18 years in receipt of benefits related free school meals

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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 via targeted Universal Credit 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 page 14 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.

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Sunday 20 December

Sports & Fun Activities SE L 5-16
Inclusive Sports 4 All. Halton Leisure Centre, Widnes. 9.00am – 1.00pm. 20 places available

Monday 21 December

SEND Only - Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am. Parent to attend with children
45 places available

Multi Sports and Arts & Crafts S L 4-11
Apollo Active - St John Vianney Catholic Primary School
9:00am – 1.00pm. 40 places available

Sports & Winter Activities SA L 5-16
Learn Active - Wargrave CofE Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm. 40 places available

Xmas Special Sports Camp SA L 4-11
The PE Academy - Legh Vale Primary School
9.00am – 3.00pm. 30 places available

Sports, Activities & Games SA L 5-15
Raring Stars - Eaves Primary School
9.15am – 1.15pm. 15 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-13
Active Future - St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm. 30 places available

Digital Tech & Minecraft S L 5-16
ComputerXplorers - Hope Academy
10.00am – 2.00pm. 15 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 SA L 5-16
Saints CDF - Allanson Street Primary School
10.00am – 3.00pm. 15 places available

Dance, Acrobatics, Singing/Acting & Crafts S L 4-16
Supreme Dance Academy - HAMMA Gym
10.00am – 2.00pm. 16 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session S L 4-15
Air Nation St Helens
10.30am – 12.00pm
Parent to attend with children. 70 places available

Minecraft Social S L 5-16
ComputerXplorers - St Helens Library
10.30am – 2.30pm. 15 places available

Digital Creativity S L 8-11
Digital Arts Box CIC - Park Farm Community Centre
10.30am – 12.30pm. 15 places available

Christmas Eve Box Making S L 4-11
Haydock Library - St Helens Library Service
10.30am – 11.30am. 10 places available

Christmas Eve Box Making S L 4-11
Eccleston Library - St Helens Library Service
10.30am – 11.30am. 10 places available

Christmas Eve Box Making S L 4-11
Thatto Heath Library - St Helens Library Service
10.30am – 11.30am. 10 places available

Christmas Stranger Things 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. 13 places available

Christmas Party S L 4-11
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
1.00pm – 3.00pm. 25 places available

SEND – Polar Express Film Screening SS F L 4-18
Friends Play - Lucem Cinema
1.00pm (Show starts 1.30pm). 50 places available

Digital Creativity S L 11-16
Digital Arts Box CIC - Park Farm Community Centre
1.30pm – 3.30pm. 15 places available

Christmas Eve Box Making S L 4-11
Moss Bank Library - St Helens Library Service
3.00pm – 4.00pm. 10 places available

Christmas Eve Box Making S L 4-11
Chester Lane Library - St Helens Library Service
3.00pm – 4.00pm. 10 places available

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS T 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
6.00pm – 7.30pm
Parent to attend with children. 45 places available

Tuesday 22 December

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

Multi Sports and Arts & Crafts S L 4-11
Apollo Active
St John Vianney Catholic Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm
40 places available

Sports & Winter Activities SA L 5-16
Learn Active
Wargrave CofE Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm
40 places available

Xmas Special Sports Camp SA L 4-11
The PE Academy
Legh Vale Primary School
9.00am – 3.00pm
30 places available

Sports, Activities & Games SA L 5-15
Raring Stars
Eaves Primary School
9.15am – 1.15pm
15 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-13
Active Future
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
30 places available

Digital Tech & Minecraft S L 5-16
ComputerXplorers
Hope Academy
10.00am – 2.00pm
15 places available

Sports, Games & Physical Activities SS L 5-18
Everton in the Community
4F Centre, Rainhill
10.00am – 2.00pm
15 places available

Dance, Acrobatics, Singing/Acting & Crafts S L 4-16
Supreme Dance Academy
HAMMA Gym
10.00am – 2.00pm
16 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session S L 4-15
Air Nation St Helens
10.30am – 12.00pm
Parent to attend with children
70 places available

Digital Creativity S L 8-11
Digital Arts Box CIC
Park Farm Community Centre
10.30am – 12.30pm
15 places available

Christmas Eve Box Making S L 4-11
Newton Library
St Helens Library Service
10.30am – 11.30am
10 places available

Christmas Eve Box Making S L 4-11
St Helens Library
St Helens Library Service
10.30am – 11.30am
10 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-16
HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
13 places available

SEND Activity Day SS L 5-16
Saints CDF
Brewdog Stadium
11.00am – 12.30pm
10 places available

Sports Half Activity Day SA L 5-16
Saints CDF
Brewdog Stadium
1.00pm – 3.00pm
15 places available

Digital Creativity S L 11-16
Digital Arts Box CIC
Park Farm Community Centre
1.30pm – 3.30pm
15 places available

SEND – Spaceworld with Santa SS L 4-12
Friends Play
Spaceworld
4.00pm – 6.00pm
20 places availabl

Wednesday 23 December

Multi Sports and Arts & Crafts S L 4-11
Apollo Active
St John Vianney Catholic Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm
40 places available

Sports & Fun Activities SE L 5-16
Inclusive Sports 4 All
Halton Leisure Centre, Widnes
9.00am – 1.00pm
20 places available

Sports & Winter Activities SA L 5-16
Learn Active
Wargrave CofE Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm
40 places available

Xmas Special Sports Camp SA L 4-11
The PE Academy
Legh Vale Primary School
9.00am – 3.00pm
30 places available

Sports, Activities & Games SA L 5-15
Raring Stars
Eaves Primary School
9.15am – 1.15pm
15 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-13
Active Future
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
30 places available

Digital Tech & Minecraft S L 5-16
ComputerXplorers
Hope Academy
10.00am – 2.00pm
15 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 SA L 5-16
Saints CDF
Brewdog Stadium
10.00am – 3.00pm
15 places available

Dance, Acrobatics, Singing/Acting & Crafts S L 4-16
Supreme Dance Academy
HAMMA Gym
10.00am – 2.00pm
16 places available

Digital Creativity S L 8-11
Digital Arts Box CIC
Park Farm Community Centre
10.30am – 12.30pm
15 places available

Christmas Eve Box Making S L 4-11
The Orangery, Downall Green (Garswood)
St Helens Library Service
10.30am – 11.30am
10 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-16
HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
13 places available

Christmas Eve Eve PJ Party S L 4-11
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
1.00pm – 3.00pm
25 places available

Digital Creativity S L 11-16
Digital Arts Box CIC
Park Farm Community Centre
1.30pm – 3.30pm
15 places available

Thursday 24 December

Sports & Winter Activities SA L 5-16
Learn Active
Wargrave CofE Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm
40 places available

Digital Creativity S L 8-11
Digital Arts Box CIC
Park Farm Community Centre
10.30am – 12.30pm
15 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-16
HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
13 places available

Digital Creativity S L 11-16
Digital Arts Box CIC
Park Farm Community Centre
1.30pm – 3.30pm
15 places available

Saturday 26 December

SEND Only - Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session S L 4-15
Air Nation St Helens
10.30am – 12.00pm
Parent to attend with children
70 places available

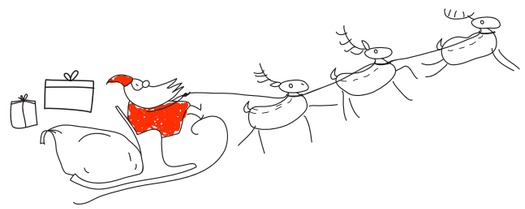
Sunday 27 December

SEND Only - Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

SEND Only - Inflatable Bounce Session SS T 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
5.00pm – 6.30pm
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

Sports & Fun Activities SE L 5-16
Inclusive Sports 4 All
Halton Leisure Centre, Widnes
9.00am – 1.00pm
20 places available

Merry Christmas



Monday 28 December

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

Games, Crafts & Sensory Play S L 5-16
Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 2.00pm
20 places available

Games, Team Sports, Crafts & Sensory Activities SS L 7-14
Therafit
Chain Lane Community Centre
9.00am – 1.00pm
18 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-13
Active Future
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
30 places available



Dance, Acrobatics, Singing/Acting & Crafts S L 4-16
Supreme Dance Academy
HAMMA Gym
10.00am – 2.00pm
16 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-16
HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
13 places available

SEND – Soft Play SS T 4-12
Friends Play
Crazy Club, Superbowl
4.00pm – 5.30pm
20 places available

SEND – Ten Pin Bowling SS T 4-18
Friends Play
Superbowl
4.00pm – 6.00pm
100 places available

Tuesday 29 December

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

Games, Crafts & Sensory Play S L 5-16
Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 2.00pm
20 places available

Games, Team Sports, Crafts & Sensory Activities SS L 7-14
Therafit
Chain Lane Community Centre
9.00am – 1.00pm
18 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-13
Active Future
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
30 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
Sensory Hive, Whiston
10.00am – 11.30am
10 places available

Dance, Acrobatics, Singing/Acting & Crafts S L 4-16
Supreme Dance Academy
HAMMA Gym
10.00am – 2.00pm
16 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session S L 4-15
Air Nation St Helens
10.30am – 12.00pm
Parent to attend with children
70 places available

Minecraft Social S L 5-16
ComputerXplorers
Newton Library
10.30am – 2.30pm
15 places available

Christmas Drama Club 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
13 places available

Festive Doodles Workshop with Jamie Stockley S L 8-16
St Helens Library
St Helens Library Service
11.00am – 12.00pm
15 places available

SEND – Sensory Hive SS L 4-18
Friends Play
Sensory Hive, Whiston
12.00pm – 1.30pm
10 places available

SEND – Sensory Hive SS L 4-18
Friends Play
Sensory Hive, Whiston
2.30pm – 4.00pm
10 places available

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS T 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
6.00pm – 7.30pm
Parent to attend with children
45 places available



Wednesday 30 December

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

Multi Sports and Arts & Crafts S L 4-11
Apollo Active
St John Vianney Catholic Primary School
9.00am – 1.00pm
40 places available

Sports & Fun Activities SE L 5-16
Inclusive Sports 4 All
Halton Leisure Centre, Widnes
9.00am – 1.00pm
20 places available

Games, Crafts & Sensory Play S L 5-16
Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 2.00pm
20 places available

Games, Team Sports, Crafts & Sensory Activities SS L 7-14
Therafit
Chain Lane Community Centre
9.00am – 1.00pm
18 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-13
Active Future
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
30 places available



Minecraft Social S L 5-16
ComputerXplorers
Newton Library
10.00am – 12.45pm
15 places available

Sports, Games & Physical Activities SS L 5-18
Everton in the Community
4F Centre, Rainhill
10.00am – 2.00pm
15 places available

Dance, Acrobatics, Singing/Acting & Crafts S L 4-16
Supreme Dance Academy
HAMMA Gym
10.00am – 2.00pm
16 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session S L 4-15
Air Nation St Helens
10.30am – 12.00pm
Parent to attend with children
70 places available

The Grinch's Christmas Games SA L 4-6
Powered by Hip Hop
YMCA Youth Hub
10.30am – 1.30pm
Children need to attend with a parent/carer
15 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-16
HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
13 places available



Thursday 31 December

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

Games, Crafts & Sensory Play S L 5-16
Rockets Community Club
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre
9.00am – 2.00pm
20 places available

Games, Team Sports, Crafts & Sensory Activities
SS L 7-14
Therafit
Chain Lane Community Centre
9.00am – 1.00pm
18 places available

Sports, Games & Activities SA L 4-13
Active Future
St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic Academy
10.00am – 3.00pm
30 places available

Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-16
HAMMA Gym
11.00am – 2.00pm
13 places available

Festive Film Screening S L 4-11
Newton Library
St Helens Library Service
11.00am – 12.00pm
15 places available



Friday 1 January

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

Inflatable Bounce Session S L 4-15
Air Nation St Helens
10.30am – 12.00pm
Parent to attend with children
70 places available

SEND – Gulliver's Land of Lights SS F 4-18
Friends Play
Departing from Central Link Family Hub
(limited transport available)
5.45pm – 8.45pm
100 places available

Saturday 2 January

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

SEND – New Year Party SS L 4-12
Friends Play
The Tunza Centre
11.00am – 1.00pm
30 places available

Sunday 3 January

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS L 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
9.00am – 10.30am
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

SEND Only – Inflatable Bounce Session SS T 4-16
Air Nation St Helens
5.00pm – 6.30pm
Parent to attend with children
45 places available

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/2j6p3rzm
email: afwarrington1@gmail.com

Air Nation:
https://tinyurl.com/2baesy86
Telephone: 01744 302660

Apollo Active:
https://tinyurl.com/y78hkbs2
email: Info@apolloactivenw.org.uk

ComputerXplorers:
https://tinyurl.com/mtj2cf4y
email: bolton@computerxplorers.co.uk

Derbyshire Hill Family Centre:
https://tinyurl.com/2r3me428
Telephone: 07716 856403

Digital Arts Box CIC:
https://tinyurl.com/4j9eahnj
email: info@digitalartsbox.org

Everton in the Community:
https://tinyurl.com/ydjhn29z
email: steve.johnson@evertonfc.com

Family Hubs:
Telephone: 01744 673445 or 671788

Friends Play:
https://tinyurl.com/4yym3pjd
email: info@friendsplay.org.uk

HAMMA Gym:
https://tinyurl.com/5n972wmz
email: hammaltd@hotmail.co.uk

Inclusive Sports 4 All:
https://tinyurl.com/nx7bvw99
email: inclusivesports4all@gmail.com

Learn Active NW:
https://tinyurl.com/yy72wsd5
email: learn.active@outlook.com

Library Services:
https://tinyurl.com/2md93tnz
email: libraries@sthelens.gov.uk

Powered by Hip Hop CIC:
https://tinyurl.com/mrmm4n9p
email: hello@poweredbyhiphop.org

Raring Stars:
https://tinyurl.com/5d59d6cf
email: contact@raringstars.com

Rockets Community Club:
https://tinyurl.com/3cz5rt33
email: rocketscommunityclub@outlook.com

Saints Community Development Foundation:
https://tinyurl.com/2hfhfyr4
email: scdf@saintsrlfc.com

Supreme Dance Academy:
https://tinyurl.com/yyryucnd
Telephone: 07584034324

The PE Academy:
https://tinyurl.com/muz8x49j
email: andyleather@thepeacademy.co.uk

Therafit:
https://tinyurl.com/2p8y2f5r
email: info@therafituk.co.uk

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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

Be Winter Prepared

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

www.sthelens.gov.uk/sthelenstogether

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Find 10 differences







Flu? SNOW THANKS!

FREE flu nasal spray for 2-3s at your GP or participating pharmacy

School-aged children are offered a vaccination at school.

Don't miss a moment this winter.

For more information visit:
www.sthelens.gov.uk/staywellflu

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