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**ACTION FOR CHILDREN**

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Spring 2021

# HOT OFF THE PRESS!

## Essex Short Breaks Clubs and Activities

A Spring edition of Events and Activities happening online and face-to-face activities from Providers of Short Breaks Clubs and Activities across Essex.



**BOSP Activity fun sessions over February Half-Term**

Sessions running at Wat Tyler Country Park, Pitsea

Monday to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for young people aged 4 - 18yrs

Sessions times:

10:00am to 2:45pm

10:15am to 3:00pm

10:30am to 3:15pm

Please note: we are currently at full capacity for these sessions. Telephone: 01268 553117 or email:

[bookings@bsp.co.uk](mailto:bookings@bsp.co.uk)



**Discovery Club**

Half-Term Discovery Club is only available for students of Columbus School this February, due to school bubbles.

Based at Columbus College Campus, days run from 9.30am - 3.30pm, Monday 15<sup>th</sup>-Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February, cost £30 per day.

Booking forms to be completed via Parentmail by 30<sup>th</sup> January. For enquiries contact Sarah Lambert, Discovery Club Manager 07531846988

[slambert@columbusschoolandcollege.org](mailto:slambert@columbusschoolandcollege.org)



**SNAP**

**February Half-Term Holiday sessions**

including NEW sessions: Magic Monday and Taskmaster Tuesday!

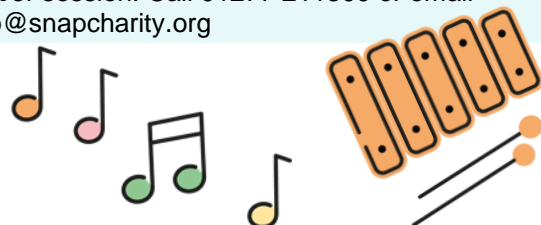
**Sensorise** Virtual sensory music, including sensory stories and music to help develop social and communication skills for 0-25-year-olds with profound or complex needs who are registered with SNAP.

**Virtual Bingo** for children and young people aged 12-25 years. Play and interact with peers from our usual SNAP+ sessions.

**Magical Monday** magic workshops lead by Skittleman for children and their siblings. Learn magic tricks (requires pack of cards and A4 piece of paper)  
Session 1 for Children with SEN 7 - 10yrs + SIBS  
Session 2 for Young people with SEN 11+yrs + SIBS

**Taskmaster Tuesday** fun and games sessions lead by Skittleman. Activities, fun 'tasks' and music  
Session 1 for Children with SEN 7-10 yrs + SIBS  
Session 2 for Young people with SEN 11+yrs + SIBS

**After-school clubs** including NEW SNAP Choir, Yoga, Drama and SNAPASTIC sessions for children and young people registered with SNAP, virtual and Centre sessions. Access to virtual sessions via Zoom £5 per session. Call 01277 211300 or email [info@snapcharity.org](mailto:info@snapcharity.org)



**diddi dance in da House!**

diddi dance weekly LIVE sessions on Facebook with Charlotte at 4pm every Thursday. All ages and abilities welcome. For more information like and follow <http://www.facebook.com/diddicolchester>

**Action for Children: Essex Short Breaks, Clubs and Activities would like YOU to get involved!**

Please let us know what you enjoy. Write a review on our Facebook page, message or email us at [essexshortbreaks@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:essexshortbreaks@actionforchildren.org.uk) for individual advice and support.



## Parent Support online

<https://parcessex.wufoo.com/forms/s1xevsv01od60le/>



## Mushroom Theatre Company Online

Contact [jenna@mushroomtheatre.co.uk](mailto:jenna@mushroomtheatre.co.uk) to book Zoom activities 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February



### Mushroom Theatre Company



Virtual Short Breaks ZOOM sessions for Children with Additional Needs



#### February Half Term

Performing arts based holiday ZOOM sessions for children with disabilities aged up to 19 years.



Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021

Join us for interactive performing arts based Zoom sessions during the school holidays - we'll play games, dance, sing, read/act out stories, play musical instruments (maybe even mums favourite saucepan!)

Contact us for more information and to collect the log in codes etc. We look forward to seeing you (virtually) then :)



MTC, Equal People Performing Arts

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Families InFocus (ESSEX)

## Saturday Activity Club

Families InFocus (Essex) Saturday club is online!

Further updates via the Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/FamiliesInFocusEssex>

Email [alex@familiesinfocusessex.org.uk](mailto:alex@familiesinfocusessex.org.uk) to register your interest in joining the closed Activity Club group on Facebook

## MERCURY SEND Online Arts Award



Gain an Arts Award Discover with a six week one to one course delivered online through creative play. With thanks to Action for Children and Essex Short Breaks.

[mercurytheatre.co.uk](http://mercurytheatre.co.uk)  
01206 573948

£10 per child

6 week course of one-to-one online tuition to obtain an Arts Award Discover certificate.

Available for young people with SEND aged 5 - 18 years for a cost of just £10. Find out more and book a place online:

<https://www.mercurytheatre.co.uk/event/send-online-arts-award/>

**FAMILIES INFOCUS (ESSEX) SATURDAY AC**

IS NOW ONLINE!

Join us for virtual half term fun!

Activities will include:

- ★ Yoga
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Baking
- ★ Games
- ★ Story time
- ★ Competitions
- ★ Scavenger Hunts
- ★ an end of week party!

To register your interest for the party and to be sent a link to the closed Facebook group, please email [alex@familiesinfocusessex.org.uk](mailto:alex@familiesinfocusessex.org.uk)

All Essex Short Breaks, Clubs and Activities require a Shortbreaks ID from Essex County Council to access, visit <https://shortbreaks.essex.gov.uk/what-are-short-breaks/> to register