

Fun for everyone

Action for Children

**Aiming High Activity Programme
For Disabled Children in Stoke-on-Trent**

October 2024 – December 2024



Hello

Welcome to our Autumn 2024 activity programme

Action for Children has been lead provider for the programme for many years now and the time has really flown by. We have made a number of changes to the way the service runs, hopefully for the better. We are looking forward to the summer and continuing to provide exciting activities for children, young people and families

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About Stoke Aiming High

We run fun activities for disabled children, young people and their families in Stoke-on-Trent.

You can get creative at our cookery, arts and crafts, and music sessions, or get active at our sensory play, trampolining and swimming groups. There are trips to the cinema, meals out and gaming sessions, too.

We – Action for Children – run all the activities. But it's our brilliant local partners that really make things happen.

About Action for Children

We believe every child and young person should have a safe and happy childhood, and the foundations they need to thrive.

For disabled children, this means celebrating small steps and making long-term plans. Our activities and short breaks give children and their carers some time out, and the chance to try new things. This builds confidence and independence, and helps every child to fulfil their potential.

The fun starts here

Get registered

Don't miss out – make sure your child is signed up by emailing us at:
web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk

Choose your activity

You are able to book: 1 core activity for October term time and 1 for October holiday; 1 core activity for November; and 1 core activity for December.

Let us know which activity your child wants to do, and we'll then confirm their place. If you'd like to book extra activities, give us a ring or send us an email after the tenth of the month. We'll explain how it works and how much you'll need to pay.

Telling us you can't make it

We completely understand that you might need to cancel. Please let us know as soon as possible. The sooner we know, the sooner we can offer a place to another child.

We look forward to seeing you at one (or more!) of our activities.



In the know

How many core (free) activities can I book?

You are able to book: 1 core activity for October term time and 1 for October holiday; 1 core activity for November; and 1 core activity for December.

How many extra activities can I book?

As many as you like, as long as there's space! The cost of extra activities is:

- £5 for up to three hours.
- £7.50 for up to five hours.
- £8.50 for five hours, including transport from a central meeting point.
- £7 for a family activity.

Do you allocate activities on a first come, first served basis?

Nope, we don't. When you ring up, give us a few choices and we'll look at your child's activity history. This means activities are allocated fairly, and all children get to take part.

How do I pay for activities and transport?

You can pay by:

- Cheque made payable to Action for Children. Post it to our office: The Brook Centre, Stanier Street, Newcastle, ST5 2SU.
- Postal order sent to our office.
- Credit or debit card over the phone. Call us on 01782 982250.

When do I need to pay?

Either when you book or by the end of the month in which your activity(ies) take place.

I forgot to call or email within the booking period – can we still take part?

Don't worry. Give us a call and we'll see what we can do.

I can't get through on the booking line. How else can I book?

You can email:

web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk

Send us your core (free) activity choice between the first and tenth of the month. If you'd like to book extra activities, give us a ring or send us an email after the tenth of the month. You can send us as many choices as you like. We'll then send you a confirmation letter.

We check our emails Monday to Friday, 9am-4:30pm.

Is an activity suitable for my child?

There are symbols next to each activity, which tell you more about what's involved. The suggested age is only a guide. Give us a ring if you're not sure about anything.

My child lives in Staffordshire, can we come along?

Yes, of course! Families that live in Staffordshire can book activities from the 11th of each month, all activities must be paid for.

Do you provide transport?

Give us a call if you think transport might stop your child from taking part. We'll work out the best way around this and let you know if any costs are involved.

We're here to help. If you have any questions, please call or send us an email.

Your voice, your say

Get in touch

We want to know what you think about the activities and whether there's anything new you'd like to see. Please tell us what your children think, too!

Have your say by calling us on 01782 982250 or emailing:
web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk

Making a complaint

We take every complaint seriously. We promise to help you quickly and in a friendly way.

Please get in touch with the office and ask to speak to a service coordinator. You can also email us using the contact form on the website or write us a letter. If you'd like to speak to someone who's not from the service, please write to:

Complaints Manager
Action for Children
3 The Boulevard
Ascot Road
Watford, WD18 8AG



Our amazing partners



Gifted – DJ and production workshops

The workshops give disabled children an opportunity to explore their creative talent through music production. Using contemporary mediums, Gifted works with disabled children and young people, young people not in employment, education or training. Each workshop is fun and develops confidence, independence, personal and social development.



Project Indi (Previously known as Helping Angels Charitable Association).

We are a local, grassroots charity based in Stoke-on-Trent. We support vulnerable adults, children, and their families to reach their full potential.

We deliver regular activities for young people with special education needs or disabilities (SEND) in Staffordshire. This includes school holiday activities, after school clubs, seasonal events, and day trips. Our sessions offer young people a safe and welcoming environment, allowing them to connect with other young people, build confidence and develop life skills. We partner with Helping Angels Ltd, a CQC registered company, to provide care and support during these sessions.

There is a wide range of activities to choose from, which cater to diverse interests providing a platform for individuals to explore their passions. In addition to this we also offer seasonal free or affordable family focused community events. Our goal is to establish a safe and inclusive environment where young people can grow, connect, and thrive.



Family Focus

Family Focus Staffordshire

Teams work across the county to make sure every child that comes to the activity has a fun time in a safe environment. Children make friends and parents have a well-deserved break. The sessions are personalised to meet the needs of the individual children attending on the day. One-to-one care is available and staff have NVQ Level 3 qualifications plus safeguarding, Makaton and behaviour management training.

Staffordshire Angling

The Staffordshire Angling Regeneration Team – AKA The Star Team – is a teaching group in Stoke-on-Trent that consists of six angling clubs. The group, through angling, brings together people from all communities to encourage better understanding of the environment and awareness of our surroundings.



Bee Active

Bee Active is Staffordshire and Cheshire's leading sports and physical education provider. With an innovative approach to teaching sports and physical activity they've created a real 'buzz' in our local area. Bee Active aims to inspire children to lead a more active and healthy lifestyle.



Our Space

Our Space is a charity that provides social and recreational opportunities for children, young people and adults with disabilities. We offer a range of sessions throughout the week, catering for a range of different age groups. Activities include popular family session on a Saturday afternoon where the whole family can come and enjoy our facilities at The Brook Centre in Newcastle-under-Lyme.

The Brook Centre has more than an acre of outside space, an indoor soft play area, a large kitchen and fully accessible toilet facilities. We also provide playschemes during the school holidays and Family Fun Days.



Jump 2 It Coaching

Providing fun and friendly trampolining lessons for disabled children across Stoke-on-Trent. The team run two types of lessons: one for children with learning disabilities and another for children with physical disabilities. The sessions are great for helping with balance, coordination, muscle tone, fitness and much more. Being bounced also gives the children the sense of freedom. Parents/carers need to provide a sling for wheelchair users to use with their hoist. All coaches have been certified by British Gymnastics. The lead coach has training in disability and sport, and the team is fully trained in rebound therapy, first aid, safeguarding children and safe handling.



YMCA

YMCA GO is part of YMCA North Staffordshire. Every second Sunday of the month, YMCA GO will run a session covering dance, drama and performance. The organisation's youth workers have unique skillsets in this area and deliver an exciting, engaging and interactive class that promotes independence, socialisation, communication, mobility and self-awareness. The venues are naturally lit, accessible and safe spaces, and our staff are DBS checked and safeguarding trained. The dance workshops offer a wide range of benefits beyond the obvious improvements in coordination and physical fitness. Regular dancing can lead to strengthened muscle tone, help to maintain concentration and focus and build a person's sense of self-confidence. Dance can also provide a valuable outlet for self-expression that can be enormously beneficial for people who might have difficulty communicating in other ways. This helps to reduce their sense of frustration and enables them to build better relationships with people.



Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

The Trust prides itself on the quality, variety and expertise of its community engagement work. They work with individuals, groups, families and organisations across the county to connect people to conservation and wildlife. They do this by taking positive action in our communities, through fantastic volunteers or specific conservation projects. They provide exciting and fun Wildplay and Wildfamilies sessions, giving children and young people the chance to enjoy the outdoors.

October 2024

Book core activities for September between 1-10 June and additional activities between 11-15

Tuesday 1 October

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 0-8 years

3 Spaces



Tuesday 1 October

Bee Active

Circus Skills

Wallace Sports and Education Centre

5-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



Wednesday 2 October

Family Focus Staffs

Games & Crafts

The Bridge Centre

4-6pm

Ages 4-11 years

6 Spaces



Wednesday 2 October **Project Indi**

Drama Workshop

The Indi Club

4:30-6:30pm

Ages 12-17 years

15 spaces



Saturday 5 October

Action for Children

Youth Club

Our Space

9-11am

Ages 5-17 years

8 Spaces

Saturday 5 October

Family Focus Staffs

Just Kidding

9-11am

Ages 0-8 years

5 Spaces

Saturday 5 October

Staffordshire Angling

Family Fishing and Pond

Dipping

Sammie's Pool

10am-2pm

Ages 7-17 years

8 Spaces

Saturday 5 October

Action for Children

Youth Club

Our Space

11am-1pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 Spaces

Saturday 5 October

Action for Children

Pony Experience with SCEAP

Great Eaves Farm

2-4pm

Ages 11-17 years

6 spaces

Sunday 6 October

Jump2It

Trampoline Coaching for Learning Disabilities

The Wallace Centre

11:30am-1:15pm

Ages 5-17 years

6 spaces

Sunday 6 October

YMCA

Dance and Drama

YMCA

2-4pm

Ages 10-17 years

12 spaces



Tuesday 8 October

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 0-8 years

3 Spaces



Tuesday 8 October

Bee Active

Superheroes

Wallace Sports and Education Centre

5-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



Wednesday 9 October

Family Focus Staffs

Bowling & Meal

Tenpin

4-6pm

Ages 5-11 years

5 Spaces



Friday 11 October

Action for Children

Bowling and a meal

Festival Park

5-7pm

Ages 8-17 years

8 Spaces



Saturday 12 October

Our Space

Aiming High Family Session

9:30am-12:00pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 50 people



October 2024

Book core activities for September between 1-10 June and additional activities between 11-15

Saturday 12 October

Action for Children

Cinema at Odeon

Film TBC closer to the time

9:45am-12pm

Ages 7-12 years

8 Spaces

Tuesday 15 October

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 8-15 years

3 Spaces



Saturday 19 October

Action for Children

Youth Club

Our Space

9am-11am

Ages 5-17 years

8 Spaces



Saturday 12 October

Action for Children

Mcdonalds and Crazy Golf

Festival Park Drop at

Mcdonalds, collect from Crazy Golf

1pm-3pm

Ages 8-17 years

6 spaces

Tuesday 15 October

Bee Active

Pirates

Wallace Sports and Education Centre

5-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



Saturday 19 October

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

10am-12pm

Ages 4-11 years

3 Spaces



Saturday 12 October

Action for Children

Family Swim

Jubilee 2

3:45pm-4:45pm

Ages 0-17 years

Max 30 people



Wednesday 16 October

Family Focus Staffs

New Florence wacky warehouse

4-6pm

Ages 0-11 years

5 Spaces

Saturday 19 October

Staffordshire Angling

Family Fishing and Pond Dipping

Sammie's Pool

10am-2pm

Ages 7-17 years

8 Spaces

Sunday 13 October

Action for Children

Fun and Games with Bug Hotels and Bug Hunting

Our Space

10am-1pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 Spaces



Wednesday 16 October

Project Indi

Puppet Show & Storytime

The Indi Club

4:30-6:30pm

Ages 5-11 years

15 spaces



Saturday 19 October

Action for Children

Youth Club

Our Space

11am-1pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 Spaces



Sunday 13 October

Action for Children

Fun and Games with Bug Hotels and Bug Hunting

Our Space

1:30pm-4:30pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



Wednesday 16 October

Gifted

Creative Music and Media

Wesley Hall

5-7pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



Saturday 19 October

Action for Children

Pony Experience with SCEAP

Great Eaves Farm

2-4pm

Ages 11-17 years

6 spaces



October 2024

Book core activities for September between 1-10 June and additional activities between 11-15

Sunday 20 October

Jump2It

Trampolining Coaching for Learning Disabilities

The Wallace Centre

11:30am-1:15pm

Ages 5-17 years

6 spaces

Sunday 20 October

Action for Children

Sensory Play and Games

Chestnut Lodge

2pm-4pm

Ages 5-17 years

6 Spaces



Tuesday 22 October

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 8-15 years

3 Spaces



Tuesday 22 October

Bee Active

Target Sports

Wallace Sports and Education Centre

5-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



Wednesday 23 October

Family Focus

Bowling

4-6pm

Ages 8-15 years

5 Spaces



Friday 25 October

Action for Children

Meal at Pizza Hut

Festival park

5-7pm

Ages 8-17 years

8 spaces



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Saturday 26 October

Gifted

Creative Music and Media

Wesley Hall

10am-12pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



Saturday 26 October

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Wildfamilies

Hem Heath Woods (follow signs from the World of Wedgewood carpark) Wedgewood Drive, ST12 9ER

10pm - 12pm

Ages 2-16 Years

14 spaces

Saturday 26 October

Action for Children

Spooktacular Circus

Trentham Gardens

2pm-4pm

Ages 8-17 years

8 Spaces



Sunday 27 October

Action for Children

Spooktacular Circus

Trentham Gardens

2-4pm

Ages 8-17 years

8 Spaces

Monday 28 October

Action for Children

Mc Donalds, Crazy Golf, Table Tennis At Clubhouse

Meet at Our Space

10am-1pm

Ages 8-17 years

8 Spaces

Monday 28 October

Action for Children

Autum Fun

Trentham Gardens

2-5pm

Ages 6-15 years

8 Spaces



Tuesday 29 October

Our Space

Places at Our Space Family Session

9:30am-12pm

Ages 0-5 years

Up to 15 people



Tuesday 29 October

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

10:45am-12:45pm

Ages 4-11 years

3 Spaces



Tuesday 29 October

Family Focus Staffs

Tubing

Festival Park

1:30-3pm

Ages 4-11 years

5 Spaces

October 2024

Book core activities for September between 1-10 June and additional activities between 11-15

Tuesday 29 October

Our Space

Places at Our Space Family Session

1:30pm-4pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 15 people



Wednesday 30 October

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Wildplay

Hem Heath Woods (follow signs from the World of Wedgewood carpark) Wedgewood Drive, ST12 9ER

10pm - 12pm

Ages 8-16 years

6 spaces

Wednesday 30 October

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

10:45am-12:45pm

Ages 0-8 years

3 Spaces



Wednesday 30 October

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

1-3pm

Ages 0-8 years

3 Spaces



Wednesday 30 October

Our Space

Places at Our Space Halloween Themed Family Fun Day

11am-3pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 15 people



Thursday 31 October

Action for Children

Adventure Village,

Festival Park

10am-12pm

Ages 5-10 years

5 spaces

Thursday 31 October

Project Indi

Halloween Party

The Indi Club

12-2pm

Ages 5-11 years

20 spaces



Thursday 31 October

Jump2It

Trampoline Coaching for Learning Disabilities

The Wallace Centre

12:45-2:30pm

Ages 5-17 years

6 spaces

Thursday 31 October

Project Indi

Halloween Party

The Indi Club

2-4pm

Ages 12-17 years

20 spaces



Thursday 31 October

Jump2It

Trampoline Coaching for PMLD

The Wallace Centre

3:50-5:35pm

Ages 5-17 years

4 spaces



November 2024

Book core activities for October between 1-10 July and additional activities between 11-15

Friday 1 November Action for Children

Fun and Play

Our Space
2-5pm
Ages 5-17 years
8 Spaces



Saturday 2 November

Family Focus Staffs

Bowling & Meal

Tenpin
10am-12pm
Ages 0-11 years
5 Spaces



Saturday 2 November

Staffordshire Angling

Fishing and Pond Dipping

Sammie's Pool
10am-12pm
Ages 7-17 years
8 Spaces

Saturday 2 November

Action for Children

Pony Experience with SCEAP

Great Eaves Farm
1-3pm
Ages 11-17 years
6 spaces

Sunday 3 November

Action for Children

Bowling and a Meal

Festival Park
11am-1pm
Ages 8-17 years
8 Spaces



Sunday 3 November

YMCA

Dance and Drama

YMCA
2-4pm
Ages 10-17 years
12 spaces



SCHOOL HOLIDAY ENDS

Tuesday 5 November

Family Focus Staffs

New Florence Wacky Warehouse

4-6pm
Ages 0-11 years
5 Spaces

Tuesday 5 November

Bee Active

Glow Sports

Wallace Sports and Education Centre
5-7pm
Ages 4-12 years
8 spaces



Wednesday 6 November

Family Focus Staffs

Jumbo Fun & Play (Newcastle)

4pm-6pm
5-11 years
5 Spaces

Saturday 9 November

Our Space

Aiming High Family Session

9:30am-12pm
Ages 0-17 years
Up to 50 people



Saturday 9 November

Gifted

Creative Music and Media

Wesley Hall
10am-12pm
Ages 5-17 years
8 spaces



Saturday 9 November

Action for Children

Adventure Village,

Festival Park
12:30- 2:30pm
Ages 5-10 years
5 spaces

Sunday 10 November

Places at Our Space Family Fun Day with Dance activity

11am-3pm
Ages 0-17 years
Up to 15 people



Sunday 10 November

Jump2It

Trampoline Coaching for Learning Disabilities

The Wallace Centre
11:30am-1:15pm
Ages 5-17 years
6 spaces

Sunday 10 November

Action for Children

Sensory Play and Games

Chestnut Lodge
2pm-4pm
Ages 5-17 years
5 Spaces



Tuesday 12 November

Family Focus Staffs

Bowling & Meal

Tenpin
4-6pm
Ages 4-11 years
5 Spaces



Tuesday 12 November

Bee Active

Multi Sports

Wallace Sports and Education Centre
5-7pm
Ages 4-12 years
8 spaces



November 2024

Book core activities for October between 1-10 July and additional activities between 11-15

Wednesday 13 November

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 0-11 years

3 Spaces



Wednesday 13 November

Project Indi

Movie Night

The Indi Club

4:30-6:30pm

Ages 12-17 years

15 spaces



Friday 15 November

Action for Children

Bowling and a meal

Festival Park

5pm-7pm

Ages 8-17 years

8 spaces



Saturday 16 November

Action for Children

Youth Club,

Our Space

9am-11am

Ages 8-17 years

8 Spaces



Saturday 16 November

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

10am-12pm

Age 0-11 years

3 Spaces



Saturday 16 November

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Wildplay

Hem Heath Woods (follow signs from the World of Wedgewood carpark) Wedgewood Drive, ST12 9ER

10pm - 12pm

Ages 8-16 years

6 spaces

Saturday 16 November

Staffordshire Angling

Family Fishing and Pond

Dipping

Sammie's Pool

10am-2pm

Ages 7-17 years

8 Spaces

Saturday 16 November

Action for Children

Youth Club,

Our Space

11am-1pm

Ages 8-17 years

8 Spaces



Saturday 16 November

Action for Children

Pony Experience with SCEAP

Great Eaves Farm

2-4pm

Ages 11-17 years

6 spaces

Saturday 16 November

Action for Children

Family Swim

Jubilee 2

Newcastle

3:45-4:45pm

30 spaces



Sunday 17 November

Action for Children

Fun and Games

Our Space

10am-1pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 Spaces



Sunday 17 November

Action for Children

Fun and Games

Our Space

1:30pm-4:30pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



Tuesday 19 November

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 3-11 years

3 Spaces



Tuesday 19 November

Bee Active

Circus Skills

Wallace Sports and Education Centre

5-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



Wednesday 20 November

Family Focus Staffs

Bowling & Meal

Tenpin

4-6pm

Ages 8-15 years

5 Spaces



November 2024

Book core activities for October between 1-10 July and additional activities between 11-15

Sunday 24 November

Jump2It

Trampolining Coaching for Learning Disabilities

The Wallace Centre

11:30am-1:15pm

Ages 5-17 years

6 spaces

Sunday 24 November

Action for Children

Sensory Play and Games

Chestnut Lodge

2pm-4pm

Ages 5-17 years

6 spaces



Wednesday 27 November

Project Indi

Movie Night

The Indi Club

4:30-6:30

Ages 5-11 years

15 spaces



Wednesday 27 November

Gifted

Creative Music and Media

Wesley Hall

5-7pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



Saturday 30 November

Action for Children

The Adventures of Aladdin and the Magic Lamp

The Potteries Museum & Art

Gallery, Forum Theatre

11:45am-2pm

Ages 6-15 years

8 spaces

Tuesday 26 November

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 8-15 years

3 Spaces



Friday 29 November

Action for Children

Christmas Meal at Brewers Fayer

Festival Park

5pm-7pm

Ages 8-17 years

8 spaces

Tuesday 26 November

Bee Active

Superheroes

Wallace Sports and Education Centre

5-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



Saturday 30 November

Action for Children

Youth Club

Our Space

9-11am

Ages 8-17 years

8 Spaces



Wednesday 27 November

Family Focus Staffs

Games & Crafts at

The Bridge Centre

4-6pm

Ages 4-11 years

6 Spaces



Saturday 30 November

Family Focus Staffs

Jumbo fun

Newcastle

10am-12pm

Ages 4-11 years

5 Spaces

December 2024

Book core activities for November between 1-10 August and additional activities between 11-15

Sunday 1 December

Our Space

Places at Our Space Fun Day with Christmas wreath making activity.

11am-3pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 15 people



Sunday 1 December

Jump2It

Trampoline Coaching for Learning Disabilities

The Wallace Centre

11:30am-1:15pm

Ages 5-17 years

6 spaces

Sunday 1 December

Action for Children

Christmas Sensory

Chestnut Lodge

2-4pm

Ages 5-17 years

6 Spaces



Tuesday 3 December

Family Focus Staffs

Bowling & Meal

Tenpin

4-6pm

Ages 4-11 years

6 Spaces



Tuesday 3 December

Bee Active

Pirates

Wallace Sports and Education Centre

5-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



Wednesday 4 December

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 8-15 years

3 Spaces



Wednesday 4 December

Action for Children

Festive Light trail

Trentham Gardens

5pm-7pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



Friday 6 December

Action for Children

Christmas Meal at

Brewers Fayre, Hanley

5pm-7pm

Ages 8-17 years

8 Spaces

Saturday 7 December

Action for Children

Breakfast with Santa

at the Redwood, Newcastle

9-11am

Ages 5-10 years

8 spaces

Saturday 7 December

Our Space

Aiming High Family Session

9:30am-12pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 50 people



Saturday 7 December

Staffordshire Angling

Family Fishing and Pond

Dipping

Sammie's Pool

10am-2pm

Ages 7-17 years

8 Spaces

Saturday 7 December

Pony Experience with SCEAP –

Family Session

Great Eaves Farm

2-4pm

Ages 11-17 years

6 spaces

Tuesday 10 December

Family Focus Staffs

Games & Crafts

The Bridge Centre

4-6pm

Ages 4-11 years

6 Spaces



Tuesday 10 December

Bee Active

Target Sports

Wallace Sports and Education Centre

5-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



Wednesday 11 December

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 8-15 years

3 Spaces



Wednesday 11 December

Gifted

Creative Music and Media

Wesley Hall

5-7pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



December 2024

Book core activities for November between 1-10 August and additional activities between 11-15

Saturday 14 December

Action for Children

Youth Club with Gifted Music & Media

9am-11am

5-17 years

8 spaces



Saturday 14 December

Family Focus Staffs

Just Kidding

9-11am

Ages 4-11 years

6 Spaces

Saturday 14 December

Staffordshire Angling

Family Fishing and Pond Dipping

Sammy's Pool

10am-2pm

Ages 7-17 years

8 Spaces

Saturday 14 December

Action for Children

Youth Club, Christmas Crafts

11am-1pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 spaces



Saturday 14 December

Project Indi

Christmas Party

The Indi Club

12-2pm

Ages 5-11 years

20 spaces



Saturday 14 December

Xmas Wildfamilies

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust

Hem Heath Woods (follow signs from the World of Wedgewood carpark) Wedgewood Drive, ST12 9ER

1pm - 3pm

Ages 2-16 Years

14 spaces

Sunday 15 December

Action for Children

Christmas Party

Our Space

10am-1pm

5-17 years

8 Spaces



Sunday 15 December

Jump2It

Drop in session to see the sessions, meet the provider and try an activity

The Wallace Centre

11:30am-1:15pm

Ages 5-17 years

Parents/carers to stay

Sunday 15 December

Action for Children

Christmas Party

Our Space

1:30-4:30pm

Ages 5-17 years

8 Spaces



Monday 16 December

Our Space

Places at Our Space Family Christmas Disco and Party night (with Christmas games and a visit from Santa)

6-8:30pm

Ages 0-17 years

Up to 15 people



Tuesday 17 December

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 0-8 years

3 Spaces



Tuesday 17 December

Project Indi

Christmas party

The Indi Club

4:30-6:30

Ages 11-17 years

20 spaces



Tuesday 17 December

Bee Active

Glow Sports

Wallace Sports and Education Centre

5-7pm

Ages 4-12 years

8 spaces



Wednesday 18 December

Family Focus Staffs

Swimming

Dimensions

4-6pm

Ages 0-11 years

3 Spaces



Saturday 21 December

Action for Children

Adventure Village

Festival Park

10am-12pm

Ages 5-10 years

5 spaces

December 2024

Book core activities for November between 1-10 August and additional activities between 11-15

Saturday 21 December

Pony Experience with SCEAP

Great Eaves Farm

1-3pm

Ages 11-17 years

6 spaces

Saturday 21 December

Action for Children

Family Swim

Jubilee 2

Newcastle

3:45-4:45pm

Max 30 People



Sunday 22 December

Action for Children

Bouncy Castle and Games

2pm-4pm

Ages 5-12 years

8 Spaces

Thursday 2 January

Project Indi

Pantomime

Regent Theatre

12:30-14:30

Ages 7-18 years

15 Spaces



Important information

Activity addresses

Action for Children – Sensory Sessions

Church Street, Chesterton,
Newcastle, ST5 7HJ

Family Focus

The Bridge Centre, Birches Head
Road, ST2 8DD
Tel: 07726 721 433

Dimensions Leisure Centre

Scotia Road, Stoke-on-Trent,
ST6 4G

Gifted

Wesley Hall, Noblett Road,
Sneyd Green, ST1 6HR
Tel: 07970 770 990

Project Indi

Hanley Park Lodge, Cleveland
Road, Hanley, ST14DX

Project Indi, The Indi Club,

Ralph Drive, Sneyd Green,
Stoke On Trent, ST1 6HZ

Jump2It Coaching

The Wallace Centre, Abbots Road,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8DU
Tel: 07732 814 510

Jubilee 2, Swimming Baths

80 Brunswick Street,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, ST5 1HG

Our Space

The Brook Centre, Stanier Street
Newcastle, ST5 2SU
Tel: 01782 436 758

SCEAP

Great Eaves Farm
Eaves Lane, Bucknall, ST2 8LY

Staffordshire Angling

Sammie's Pool, Fenpark Road,
Fenton, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2PD
(off Sloane Way ST4 3QZ)

YMCA

Harding Rd, Stoke-on-Trent
ST1 3AE

Bee Active

The Wallace Centre, Abbots Road
Stoke-on-Trent, ST2 8DU

Abbey Hill School

Box Lane, Stoke On Trent,
ST3 5PP

Other venues

Just Kidding Hanley

Etruria Road, Hanley,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST1 5NH

Fenton Manor Sports Complex

City Road, Fenton,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 2RR

Westfield Children's Centre

Buccluch Road, Longton,
Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 4RF

Blurton Children's Centre

Oakwood Road, Stoke-on-Trent,
ST3 3AR

Jumbo Fun and Play

9 Liverpool Road,
Newcastle under Lyme, ST5 2AU

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust:

Hem Heath Woods (follow signs
from the World of Wedgwood
carpark) Wedgwood Drive,
Barlaston

Green Door Cycles

Westport Lake, Stoke-on-Trent
ST6 4RZ

New Florence Wacky Warehouse

Sussex Place, Lightwood Road
Stoke-on-Trent, ST3 4TP

The important details

If you can't make it

Please give us at least 24 hours' notice if you can't make an activity. The sooner you let us know, the sooner we can offer a place to another child.

If you don't turn up for three sessions in three months (without telling us beforehand), we may, sadly, not be able to offer you places in the future. We completely understand there may be times when you won't be able to let us know in advance, like emergency appointments or your child being ill. Please get in touch within 48 hours of the activity finishing.

Non-payment

As well as core activities, you can book extra sessions. The price of these varies. Transport to and from an activity also costs extra. You'll need to pay for extra activities and any transport by the end of each month. We'll tell you how much this is before you book. If you want to talk about payments, please call the service coordinator on 01782 982250.

Bullying, harassment and abuse

We take a zero-tolerance approach to physical or verbal bullying, harassment and abuse. Anyone who abuses Action for Children staff or volunteers risks ruining the activity programme for other families.

We know that caring for children can be

stressful, and hope that our short break activities will help. Sadly, there have been times when a parent or carer has got frustrated or angry on the phone. We'll always try to help, but there may be occasions when we won't be able to. Our staff will put the phone down and ask that a parent or carer calls back when they're feeling calmer.

Parents and/or carers staying with their children at activities

As a rule, we suggest that parents and/or carers don't stay with their children at our activities. The aim of the programme is to help children pick up new skills and build independence. We also want to give you a break. We do understand that some children need help to settle in, though, and will happily talk to you about a short-term plan. You can speak to the service coordinator to find out more. We also run activities for the whole family to enjoy together.

Children coming for the first time

We want every child to have a brilliant time and feel safe. We've introduced a policy for children who are new to the programme. A child's first two sessions are limited to between two and three hours, and will take place near your home. This means we can get your support if needed. We'll explain this when you book for the first time.

Get in touch

Booking line

01782 982250 (Monday to Friday, 10am-4pm)

Out of hours

To inform us that your child is unable to attend any activity or your transport has not arrived please call 01782 656458.

Booking email address - web.stokeontrent@actionforchildren.org.uk

Action for Children office address - The Brook Centre, Stanier Street, Newcastle, ST5 2SU.

Please visit - [Services.actionforchildren.org.uk/SAH](https://services.actionforchildren.org.uk/SAH) for more information.



The legal bit

When your child starts using an Action for Children project – or takes part in any of our activities – we record their personal data. Depending on the type of project, this might include sensitive information. This will always be kept safe and secure.

We'll ask you for your consent first. We want you to feel happy about what you've given us, understand what it might be used for and who it might be shared with. Because we have a duty to protect children and young people, we'll share information with other organisations to keep a child (or someone else) safe.

Data protection

Action for Children works within legal data protection guidelines. We support your right to privacy and to see, change and challenge information we hold about you.

We also have our own rules about how your information is stored and used. Lots of the services that Action for Children runs are paid for by other organisations, including both local and national government. If this is the case, the data you give us will also be shared with that organisation.

Action for Children and the organisations we work with may jointly 'control' the data. In some cases, one organisation will control the data. A data controller is the organisation (or organisations) responsible for making sure your information is dealt with in the right way. The data controller depends on the project or service you use.

The data controller is legally responsible for what they do with your information. Action for Children is responsible for what we do with your personal information.

What we do with your information

We need your information to help us run high quality services for children, young people and their families. We keep this information either in an electronic or a paper file.

The file contains details about you and the important people in your life. This includes anyone who lives with you, as well as social workers, teachers and doctors.

You can ask to see your information at any time, just ask a member of the team.

A senior manager and the staff who are working with you look after your file. This file is always stored somewhere secure. Other managers and staff may monitor (audit) your file.

We keep your file for as long as we need to, by law. The length of time we keep your file depends on the service you're using.

Find out more

If you'd like more information, please speak to someone at Stoke Aiming High or get in touch with our Information Governance Officer. You can call 01923 361 500 or visit: www.actionforchildren.org.uk

You can read about the Data Protection Act and your rights on the Information Commissioner's website: www.ico.gov.uk

Action for Children isn't responsible for the content of external websites.



Safe and happy childhood

Action for Children protects and supports children and young people, providing practical and emotional care and support, ensuring their voices are heard, and campaigning to bring lasting improvements to their lives.

Find out more

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