

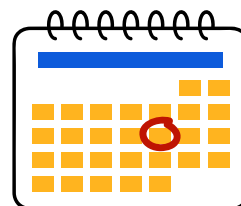


October half-term, your way

Welcome to the second edition of SNAPSHOT Community—our special October half-term issue. Discover local activities and ideas for your family. Remember you can also make memories at home so don't feel you need to be constantly busy. Rest is important too. We are still learning and will continue to develop SNAPSHOT Community.

Diary Dates

- 24 October: Bedford SEND & Sensory Soft Play.
- 25 October: Whipsnade relaxed opening; Rushmere Feed the Birds.
- 26 October: Fairfield workshops; Wardown BIG Draw.
- 27 October: Tring; Higgins sensory play; FUN holiday club.
- 28 October: Wardown crafts; Tring; FUN; silent disco.
- 29 October: Spectrum; Tring; FUN (confirm date).
- 30 October: Houghton Hall trail; sheep walking; Grove Corner parties.
- 31 October / 1 November: Whipsnade relaxed soft play.



SEND WORKSHOP • THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER

A sensory adventure with Spectrum

Music, movement and sensory storytelling at the Forest Centre, Station Road, Marston Moretaine, MK43 0PR.

Ages: 4–17 with complex SEND and/or profound and multiple learning disabilities.

Cost: £10; six spaces per workshop. Check the timetable when booking.

Parents/carers stay and participate. Siblings welcome.

No expectation to sit still.

Free parking advertised for the workshop.

[View timetable and book →](#)



Imagination Dance: two Fairfield workshops

Sensory movement · Monday 26 October, 10–10.45am · £8

For ages 3+ with suspected or diagnosed additional needs who need a parent/carer's support. Explore props, music, movement and sensory play. Confirm price and places when booking.



Dance & Activity · Monday 26 October, 11am–1.30pm · £16

For ages 7+ with suspected or diagnosed additional needs who can participate without a parent/carer. Dance, drama, arts and crafts, and games.

Both workshops: Fairfield Community Hall, Fairfield Park, Stotfold, SG5 4GY. Confirm eligibility, prices and availability.

Book: info.imaginationarts@yahoo.com · 07394 934911.

[Check council term dates →](#)

Please confirm dates, availability, costs and support before booking.



Play and meet other families

SEND Stay & Play offers space to play and meet other families. The sessions below follow regular timetables; please contact each centre to confirm that they run during half-term.

PLAY

MONDAY SESSION · CHECK 26 OCTOBER WITH CENTRE

Leighton Buzzard

Usual time: 10–11.30am · Roundabout Centre.

Additional-needs play and Early Years SEND advice; no diagnosis needed.

0300 300 8880.

[View centre calendar →](#)

TUESDAY SESSION · CHECK 27 OCTOBER WITH CENTRE

Dunstable

Usual time: 9.30–10.30am · Downside Neighbourhood Centre.

Meet other parents and access Early Years SEND support; no diagnosis needed.

Regular listing says booking and a £1 donation. Confirm holiday arrangements: 0300 300 8104 / 8106.

[View centre calendar →](#)

THURSDAY SESSION · CHECK 29 OCTOBER WITH CENTRE

Flitwick

Usual time: 1.30–2.30pm · Flitwick Children's Centre.

Additional-needs play with no pressure to join in; no diagnosis needed. Regular listing says drop-in.

Confirm the holiday session, ages and any charges: 0300 300 8111.

[View centre calendar →](#)

FRIDAY SESSION · CHECK 30 OCTOBER WITH CENTRE

Houghton Regis

Usual time: 10.30–11.30am · Cube building.

Meet other parents and access support; no diagnosis needed. Regular listing says drop-in with a £1 donation. Confirm the holiday session and location: 0300 300 8115 / 8129.

[View centre calendar →](#)



Ask Sandy, Biggleswade, Shefford and Stotfold centres about their holiday activities too.

Register for children's centres here, please click

Please confirm dates, availability, costs and support before booking.

Autumn adventures outdoors

Enjoy autumn colours, explore somewhere new or follow a seasonal trail. Choose an outing that suits your family's interests, energy and access needs.

GENERAL / STEP-FREE • 24 OCTOBER–1 NOVEMBER

Dunstable Downs: Halloween trail



10am–4pm • £3 per child per trail Help break The Curse of Chute Wood, follow clues and try Halloween challenges. No booking needed. Parking charges may apply. The organiser describes the trail as step-free and suitable for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Spooky characters may not suit every child. Borrow sensory bags from the Visitor Hub. Accessible toilets available.



[Trail details →](#)

GENERAL FAMILY EVENTS

Rushmere: autumn trail and birds



Autumn Trail: 23 October–1 November. Collect a trail sheet from Visitor Services. Feed the Birds: 25 October, 10am–3pm. Free to attend; parking charges may apply. The Sculpture Trail has fairy doors and resting spots. Please remember natural surfaces can be muddy; check conditions and the event route for wheelchair access.

[What's on at Rushmere →](#)



GENERAL / ACCESSIBLE VISIT • MARSTON MORETAINE

Forest Centre: explore at your pace



Visit the Sensory Wildlife Garden, watch wildlife and explore level surfaced trails with benches. A Changing Places toilet is available at the centre. Choose route that works for your family. Check opening hours and parking or reserve charges.

[Plan a nature visit →](#)

GENERAL PARK VISIT • HOUGHTON REGIS

Houghton Hall Park



An option for a family walk, fresh air and outdoor play. Check the visitor information for facilities, parking and access before travelling. .

[Visitor information →](#)

Nearby museum ideas

Discover curious creatures, get creative and explore local museums together. October activities are general family sessions, with a dedicated SEND morning at Tring to look forward to in November.

GENERAL FAMILY SESSION · NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM, TRING

Bats and spiders at Tring

27–29 October, 10.30am–12pm and 2–3.30pm.
Free, drop-in at the Natural History Museum, Tring. General family session. Free Explorer Bags and ear defenders are available from the information desk.



[What's on](#)

[Access information](#)

GENERAL FAMILY SESSION · WARDOWN HOUSE, LUTON

The BIG Draw at Wardown House

26 October, 11am–4pm. Free, drop-in.
Drawing for all ages. General family event.



[Event details](#)

GENERAL FAMILY SESSION · LUTON

Halloween Creative Make & Take

Wednesday 28 October, 11.30am, 1pm or 2.30pm.
Wardown House Museum. £4.50, ages 3+, booking required. Make bat bookmarks, spooky masks and other Halloween crafts.



[Details and booking](#)

LOOKING AHEAD · DEDICATED SEND EVENT · NOVEMBER

SENDSational Morning at Tring

Sunday 8 November, 10am–12pm. Free; tickets required.
Ages 5–15; siblings welcome. Handling specimens, crafts, a trail and sensory space with autism-aware facilitators. Contact the museum about availability.



[SENDSational details](#)

Museums, libraries and swimming

Looking for a change of scene? Explore museum activities and find links to your local libraries and leisure centres, with information to help you plan your visit.

GENERAL FAMILY VISIT · LUTON · PHOTO: BUTTRESS

Stockwood Discovery Centre

Free entry and parking. Gardens, galleries and outdoor play at London Road, LU1 4LX.

Usually Wednesday–Sunday, 11am–5pm; also open 26–27 October for half-term. The BIG Draw: 27 October, 11am–4pm, free drop-in.

[Plan a museum visit →](#)



GENERAL FAMILY SESSION · BEDFORD · PHOTO: BUTTRESS

The Higgins: autumn sensory play

27 October, 12–3pm. Free drop-in, all ages.

Autumn crafts and sensory play. Children must be accompanied. General family session. Ask about noise, crowding and support if needed.

[View the family programme →](#)



Central Bedfordshire libraries

Explore activities at your local library using the link below. Not all events are SEND-specific; ask the venue about suitability and support.

[Find library activities →](#)



CONTACT YOUR CENTRE FOR THE HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

Leisure centres

Find activities at your local leisure centre and check accessibility, changing facilities, booking and support arrangements.

[Find your leisure centre →](#)

Get active this half-term

We have found activities that are not all based in Central Bedfordshire but may be of interest...

Get active this half-term

Football, climbing and active fun for 24 October–1 November. Choose an activity that suits your family; check individual support needs and availability before booking. Contact venues to check availability before travelling.

CONFIRMED HALF-TERM CAMP · FREE · AGES 9-16

Watford FC: SEN & pan-disability football

Monday 26 & Tuesday 27 October, 10am–2pm.

Meriden Community Centre, Watford. For young people with SEN or physical and/or learning disabilities, across all abilities. Register interest through the official flyer; places must be confirmed.

[Camp details and registration flyer →](#)



DEDICATED SEND CLIMBING · HOLIDAY DATES TO CHECK

Climb Quest, Milton Keynes

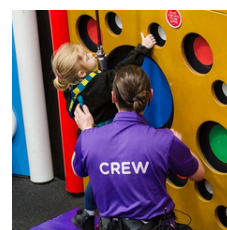
Ages 4+ · £13.50 · 60 minutes including briefing.

Reduced numbers (maximum 14 climbers), quieter music and siblings welcome. Sunday and selected holiday sessions; check exact dates.

Assisted hoist available by prior arrangement.

01908 348900 · mk@climbquest.co.uk

[SEND session information and booking →](#)



PAN-DISABILITY FOOTBALL · CHECK 25 OCTOBER / 1 NOVEMBER

MK Dons Community Trust

Woughton-on-the-Green, Milton Keynes, MK6 3EA.

Regular Sundays: ages 8–11, 3.30–4.30pm; groups covering ages 12–16, 3.30–5pm. Fixture exceptions apply. £40 annual registration advertised; ask about trials and session charges.

[Pan-disability programme and enquiries →](#)



INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL · HOLIDAY ATTENDANCE TO CONFIRM

SSG Celestials, Great Barford

Ages 5–18 · All levels of SEND welcome.

Regular Sundays, 10–11am, Great Barford Primary Academy, MK44 3JU. Ask about 25 October / 1 November, trial places and seasonal fees.

01234 340782 · info@ssgservices.co.uk

[SSG SEND football and holiday activity enquiries →](#)

18+ EXTRA · LUTON TOWN: ABILITY COUNTS

Inclusive adult disability football. Ask the Community Trust about current sessions.

[Luton Town programme information →](#)

Animals, at a gentler pace

From quieter zoo sessions to meeting animals up close, discover an experience your family might enjoy. Check each activity's booking requirements and available support before visiting.

RELAXED SESSION • SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER

Whipsnade: relaxed zoo opening

9–10am early entry for visitors with additional needs. The relaxed slot is free to book, but zoo admission or membership is required. Shops and catering open from 10am. Download the Penguin Pass to help reduce queueing. Essential-carer admission and a Changing Places toilet are available; check evidence requirements.



[Accessibility and booking →](#)

RELAXED SOFT PLAY • 31 OCTOBER & 1 NOVEMBER

Whipsnade: relaxed Hullabazoo



9.30–10.15am with reduced capacity and no music. Equipment is for ages 10 and under. Booking opens at 9.30am the day before. All adults, children and babies need a soft-play ticket.

Free to book with valid zoo admission or membership. Rest of zoo opens from 10am.

[Book relaxed soft play →](#)



Sheep walking

Council-listed sheep walking: Friday 30 October, 10–11am or 11.15am–12.15pm.

Advertised for autistic children aged 3–17 and families; £10. Confirm venue, eligibility, price and places with Autism Bedfordshire.

[Ask Autism Bedfordshire about booking →](#)

GENERAL VISIT / ACCESS SUPPORT

Woburn during half-term



Woburn Safari Park.

Use the accessibility map, Widgit guide and communication boards to plan a safari visit. Concessionary disabled tickets are advertised. Halloween activities are planned, but no park-wide relaxed half-term opening is confirmed in this guide. Ask about your child or young person's needs before booking.

[Woburn accessibility →](#)

Indoor play and making friends

Discover indoor activities, holiday clubs and opportunities to spend time with others. Check the age ranges, holiday dates and support arrangements to find the right fit.

SEND HOLIDAY CLUB • ENQUIRE ABOUT 27 & 29 OCTOBER

Kids in Action, Dunstable



Tuesday and Thursday school-holiday clubs, 10am–3pm, and a Saturday Youth Club for ages 4–18.

Sensory cottage, soft play, games and arts activities at Unit 26, Apex Business Centre, Boscombe Road, LU5 4SB. Contact: 01582 477762.

Please confirm dates, club ages, registration, cost and support before attending.

[Ask about holiday places →](#)

NEARBY OPTION • MILTON KEYNES, OUTSIDE CENTRAL BEDS

Gravity SEN trampoline sessions



Dedicated SEN sessions at Xscape, 602 Marlborough Gate, MK9 3XS. Advertised price: £8 plus online booking fee. Check the live calendar for holiday sessions, age rules, accompanying-carer arrangements and any sock charges.

[Check SEN sessions →](#)

HALLOWEEN PARTY • FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

Grove Corner, Dunstable



Friday 30 October, 4–5.30pm · Free

Ages 13–18, extending to 25 for young people with SEND.

Music, games, snacks and a costume contest. Contest entry requires registration by 2.30pm; read the costume rules.

Ask Grove Corner about support: grovecorner@dunstable.gov.uk.

Friday 30 October, from 6pm until 7.30pm · Free · Ages 10–13

Music, games, snacks and a costume contest. Register for the contest by 2.30pm and read the costume rules.

General youth event so you may wish to ask about SEND suitability and support.

[Party details, costume rules and registration →](#)

More half-term opportunities

Here are more opportunities to explore this half-term, including family holiday clubs, sensory play and creative workshops. Some require membership or advance booking.

COUNCIL SEND BULLETIN · DETAILS TO CONFIRM

Fairfield workshops, Stotfold

Monday 26 October, Fairfield Community Hall.
Sensory Movement Workshop: 10–10.45am.
Dance & Activity Workshop: 11am–1.30pm.
Check ages, cost, booking and support arrangements.



[Council SEND bulletin](#)



SEND FAMILY HOLIDAY CLUB · MEMBERS ONLY

Families United Network (FUN)



27–29 October, 10am–4pm. Members can drop in.
Sensory room, play equipment and crafts. Siblings welcome. Parents or nominated carers attend.
Accessible changing facilities with a hoist.
£7 per child / £18 for 3+ children; adults and under-twos free. Annual family membership £24.
01582 420800 · info@familiesunitednetwork.org.uk

[Venue, membership and holiday club details](#)

DEDICATED SEND SESSION · NEARBY BEDFORD

Just Being Me: SEND & Sensory Soft Play

Saturday 24 October, 3–5pm. Free, advance tickets required.
John Bunyan Sports & Fitness Centre, Mile Road, Bedford, MK42 9TS.



[Event information and booking links](#)

OTHER COUNCIL LISTINGS · SEND ARRANGEMENTS TO CONFIRM

Outdoor ideas



Houghton Hall Park trail: 30 October, 10am–3pm.
Dunstable Downs silent disco: 28, 30 & 31 October, 5.30–6.30pm or 6.45–7.45pm; £3, ages 3–12, booking required.
Sheep walking: 30 October, 10–11am or 11.15am–12.15pm.

[Council bulletin and further details](#)

October Half-Term Activities

At a glance dates for your diary

Planning your week? Use this roundup to spot activities and dates that interest your family, then follow the links for booking information and the latest details.



Dunstable Downs · National Trust / Justin Minns



Houghton Hall Park · venue photograph

Sensory Movement Workshop

Monday 26 October, 10–10.45am
Fairfield Community Hall, Stotfold

Dance & Activity Workshop

Monday 26 October, 11am–1.30pm
Fairfield Community Hall, Stotfold

Sensory Story Exploration Workshops

Thursday 29 October
See organiser's timetable for sessions.

Halloween Trail: Houghton Hall Park

Friday 30 October
10am–3pm

Halloween Trail: Dunstable Downs

24 October–1 November
10am–4pm

Spooky Silent Disco: Dunstable Downs

28, 30 & 31 October · £3 · ages 3–12
5.30–6.30pm or 6.45–7.45pm · Book

FUN Family Holiday Club

27–29 October, 10am–4pm
Confirm 29 October with FUN.

Sheep Walking Experience

Friday 30 October
10–11am or 11.15am–12.15pm

Please note: Activity dates and times are subject to change. Check organisers' websites before attending and keep an eye on the Central Bedfordshire Local Offer Facebook page for updates.

[Full details and booking: Central Bedfordshire Local Offer](#)

Please confirm dates, availability, costs and support before booking.

Theatre, films and library ideas

October half-term · 24 October–1 November 2026

Enjoy a story, a show or a trip to the cinema together.

AUTISM-FRIENDLY CINEMA · DATES TO CHECK

Vue Bedford

Vue's regular autism-friendly programme runs on Mondays and the last Sunday of each month. Check Bedford's listings for 25–26 October: the film and time are not confirmed. Reduced sound, dimmed lights, no adverts or trailers; movement welcome.

[Check autism-friendly listings](#)

Cineworld Luton

Cineworld's regular autism-friendly programme is the first Sunday of each month, usually 11am. Check Luton for 1 November: the local film and session are not confirmed. Reduced sound, low lighting, no adverts or trailers; movement welcome.

[Check autism-friendly listings](#)

CONFIRMED FAMILY EVENTS · HAT FACTORY, LUTON

General family events: ask about SEND suitability and support.

Red Robin's Winter Song

Monday 26 October · 11.30am or 2pm · £10 · ages 3+

Gentle theatre for young children. Free crafts begin an hour before the show.

[Details and booking](#)



Dance in the Dark

Tuesday 27 October · 11.30am or 2pm · £10 · ages 3+

Darkness, sound, scents and interaction feature in this show. Visual story online; check suitability.

[Details and booking](#)

Family Film Club: Monster Family

Friday 30 October · 10.30am · £4 or four for £12 · PG

Crafts, books and café alongside the film. Adjusted sound and lighting are not confirmed.

[Details and booking](#)



School holiday activities

Find family activities, days out and school holiday events across Central Bedfordshire. Discover outdoor adventures, library activities and support for children and young people, including SEND-friendly events.





Useful Links

You don't have to find everything at once. These links are useful places to start.
The SNAP PCF Team wish you a happy half term.

Looking for SEND support?

Central Bedfordshire SEND Local Offer

Find information about education, health and care, plus leisure activities and support groups for your child and family.
Explore the SEND Local Offer



Central Bedfordshire SEND Local Offer

Looking for local family activities?

Family Information Directory

Search for children's centres, childcare, local activities and organisations that offer advice and support.
Search the Family Information Directory



Keep in touch with SNAP PCF

For parent carers in Central Bedfordshire

Visit our website to find out more about SNAP PCF.
Email: admin@snappcf.org.uk
Website: snappcf.org.uk

Visit the SNAP PCF website to find out more and our Facebook page

Remember to check your emails for details of our upcoming events and training



SNAP PARENT CARER FORUM
CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

QR Code for our parent carer membership form



Free to join, open to parent carers who live in Central Bedfordshire & have a child/young person 0-25 years with SEND
www.snappcf.org.uk

SNAP PCF is free to join for parent carers in Central Bedfordshire with a child or young person aged 0-25 with SEND.
Scan the QR code, follow the membership link or email admin@snappcf.org.uk.

