



SEND information

The local authority has a variety of resources available on their Local Offer Page. The Local Offer provides information, support and signposting for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) from birth to 25 years, their parents and carers, practitioners, and professionals. Click the link for more information. (mksendlocaloffer.co.uk).

Family Fund

This time of year, can be financially challenging and we wanted to raise awareness of Family Fund.

[Family Fund](#) is a charity in the UK that provides grants and support to families raising children with disabilities or serious illnesses. They offer financial help for various requirements such as, essential items, family breaks, and sensory toys. Families can apply for these grants based on the child's needs and the family's financial situation.

School holiday activities

[Goldilocks and the Three Bears \(Pantomime\) Tickets | Milton Keynes Theatre in Milton Keynes | ATG Tickets](#) Relaxed Performance Tuesday 6th January, 1pm at Milton Keynes Theatre.

[What's On - MK Gallery](#) Relaxed Cinema sessions

- A Paw Patrol Christmas (U) (Relaxed Viewing) – Sunday 21 December, 11am,
- Zootropolis 2 (U) – Sunday 11 January, 11am

[Calendar | The Stables](#) Relaxed Performance

- Stickman – The Stables, Monday 22 December, 1:30pm

[Ice Rink – Woburn Sands Emporium Events](#) SEN Ice Skating Sessions - until 02 January 2026

SEND Team contact information.

SENDSupport@milton-keynes.gov.uk

SENDIAS contact information.

01908-254518 – Advice Line: Monday to Friday 10am to 3pm

Contact@mksendias.org.uk

SENDIAS website [SEND Information, Advice & Support Service | MK SENDIAS](#)



Bradwell Village School

December 2025



Winter Holiday, Activities and Food Programme HAF 2025

What is the Winter Activities and Food programme?

A range of free activities and food for school aged children, young people from 4 – 16 years who are **in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM)** to access from **29 December - 2 January 2026**.

A range of **7,000** free activities and food sessions for children, young people and their families who are in **receipt of benefit related Free School Meals**.

From fun activities to multi-activity camps, Pantomimes, Teen basketball camps, Football camps, Film making, Animal experience sessions, Roast dinner meal boxes, and the Land of Lights, we hope there is something for everyone.

The programme is live from **23rd November** via the online booking system - [After school. In place of school. Beyond school.](#)

More information can be found via the HAF webpage www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/HAF

What SEND specific sessions are available?

Sessions are all inclusive and we have over **400 places** offering a range of fun activities with specific SEND support at **10 locations across MK**.

There is a choice of providers and locations offering HAF SEND sessions across MK, from Climbing experiences to Film clubs, Music and meeting animals including miniature horses, donkeys, rabbits and much more.

All can be view through our [online booking system here](#) and providers individual links are below.

Ice Hockey Trips - <https://eequ.org/book/sen-trip-mk-lightning-with-5-on-it-22165>

SEN ANIMATION WORKSHOP 5 - 11YRS - <https://eequ.org/book/sen-animation-workshop-5-11yrs-with-5-on-it-22168>

MK Film Club - Bletchley SEND Winter 2025 - <https://eequ.org/book/mk-film-club-bletchley-send-winter-2025-with-mk-film-club-7549>

SEND HAF Lets Kick It Broughton - <https://eequ.org/book/send-haf-lets-kick-it-broughton-with-lets-kick-it-6903>

ACTIVE MK - YOUTH CHRISTMAS BOWLING! - <https://eequ.org/book/active-mk-youth-christmas-bowling-with-active-mk-21877>

Miniature Pony and animal experience HAF - <https://eequ.org/book/miniature-pony-and-animal-experience-haf-with-petite-ponies-5855>

SEND Climbing Experience – HAF - <https://eequ.org/book/send-climbing-experience-haf-with-climb-quest-milton-keynes-5692>

Further information can be found on the [HAF website here](#). If you have any questions, please do contact the HAF team: HAF@milton-keynes.gov.uk



Coping with Christmas

[10 Tips for Enjoyable Christmas with a Child with SEN | SENSational Tutors](#)

Christmas brings a change of routine for all children. It is an exciting time but can also bring with it anxiety. The link above has ideas to help **prepare for this time** and the link below is a **collection of activities to help pass the time** that comes with two weeks away from school.

20 Activities for 20 minutes from Young Minds is aimed at getting families having fun and talking.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-mental-health/>

End of term Mental Health & Wellbeing information

Local & national support services:

The local '**How You Feel Matters**' document outlines the range of help and support that can be accessed by children and young people in Milton Keynes. This can be found [here](#)

There are also some national services that can be very helpful:

- www.youngminds.org.uk or Text: **YM** to **85258**: A wide range of support available for young people including 24/7 mental health crisis support
- Call **0808 802 5544** or visit www.youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/ for 24 hour Young Minds support Parents helpline
- www.themix.org.uk or Tel: **0808 808 4994**: The Mix for any issue affecting young people under 25.
- www.samaritans.org or Tel: **116 123**: the Samaritans provides 24/7 information and support
- www.childline.org.uk or Tel: **08001111**: Childline, providing a wide range of support including 1-2-1 counsellor chat
- www.talkgrief.org: Winston's Wish Talk Grief, if you have lost someone and need to chat an online platform for teens and young adults.
- Call **111 Option 2 - 24/7** A free helpline for people of all ages who need **urgent** mental health support. Young people can talk to a CAMHS professional directly who can arrange additional support.

IN ANY EMERGENCY, PLEASE DIAL 999

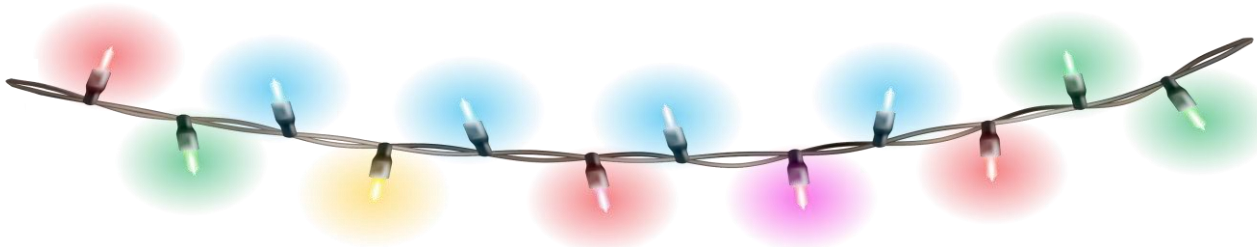


Short Breaks

Families with an EHCP have until 31 March 2025 to use their allocated budget. Milton Keynes City Council has partnered with Bookinglab for easy online booking:

- <https://register.bookinglab.co.uk/miltonkeynescity/37001/register>
- <https://activities.bookinglab.co.uk/miltonkeynescity/37001/login>

As part of the new Milton Keynes SEND Strategy, we are developing plans for delivering respite activities from April 2026. We will be sharing more in the new year about opportunities for Children, Young People and Parent Carers to get involved and help shape future provision.



Merry Christmas to you all.

I look forward to welcoming you all back in 2026! Have a safe and wonderful break.

If you have any SEND concerns or need any advice or support please contact me on Senco@bvs.ilf.education or telephone the school office on 01908-318088.

Best wishes.

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