2025-2026 ACTIVITY GUIDE

Short breaks and activities for children and young people in Suffolk with additional needs and disabilities

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Here at Activities Unlimited, we give grants to activity providers around Suffolk each year to support them in providing fun and inclusive short break activities for children and young people with additional needs and disabilities.

More information about each provider can be found on the link for each listing in the guide. There's some information outlining the activities and a guide to the support levels at each, alongside details to enable you to get in touch with providers directly.

We also publish school holiday activity guides - follow us on <u>Facebook</u> or <u>X</u> (formerly known as Twitter). You can also view <u>our What's On page</u> to see what activities are available.



The Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) is a service that provides free access to activities for children and young people who receive free school meals. The HAF is only available with certain providers. Learn more about the HAF on page 32.

Key to support levels:

Each activity has a number to let you know the level of supervision and support available:

- 1: Activities for your family to enjoy together
- 2: Inclusive mainstream activity group supervision only
- 3: For children with SEND supervision provided but no qualified carers on-site
- 4: For children with SEND, qualified carers on-site (additional fees may apply)

Key to icons:

The icons on each listing tell you whether activities take place in term time or during school holidays, whether the activity is aimed at young carers and whether free places are available to families who are eligible for free school meals.











If you're struggling to find a short break suitable for your child or you've got any other queries about short breaks or what's on in your area, <u>email our Family Advice team</u>.

Lastly, we're always on the look out for new providers and activities, so if you know of or if you are an organisation who provides inclusive activities, we'd love to get to know you! Drop us a line at <u>auprovision@suffolk.gov.uk</u>

The Activities Unlimited Team





Befriending Scheme – Family Farm Days

Location: Lindsey (near Sudbury) Support Level: 1 Age Groups: 0–25

SEND Family sessions on the Farm! Get out in the fresh air, take care of animals, feed them, pet them, learn all about them. Join the Befriending Scheme on the allotment, planting seeds, tending beds and harvesting crops. Join in with naturebased crafts, group games and conservation. If you fancy meeting Rodney the Goat or Billie the Bearded Dragon, go along to any of their summer holiday sessions.

Contact: info@thebefriendingscheme.org.uk or 01787 371333





The Bridge School

Location: Ipswich Support Level: 4 Age Groups: 4-7

The Bridge school run a holiday activities programme with staff known to the children on roll at The Bridge School. The activities are varied and tailored to suit the individual children's needs. There are a mix of activities on offer, both indoors and out, and extensive play equipment in all areas to engage the children and keep then stimulated throughout the day. Parents can relax and enjoy a short break knowing that their child is in a familiar environment, with staff who know them well and care for all their needs. This project takes place during the main school holidays.

Contact: via school invitation



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Bridge the GAP Bridge the Gap

Location: Bury St Edmunds Support Level: 1 Age Groups: 5–16

Bridge the Gap is for children and their families who struggle to attend school and their families. Your child can enjoy activities including sensory circuits, creative space, brick and tile construction station, games and sensory room. It also gives families the chance to connect with professionals to gain the support they need to overcome the barriers to accessing school regularly.

Contact: <u>emma@bridgecommunitychurch.co.uk</u> or <u>07501</u> <u>408608</u>



Brightstars – Saturday Club

Location: Bury St Edmunds Support Level: 2–4 Age Groups: 5–19

Activities are tailored around the abilities of the children in a fun and ultimately, safe and secure environment. Each session is organised around activities designed to engage and stimulate the children according to ability. A snack and a drink are provided. Activities include outdoor play, weather permitting.

Contact: <u>brightstarsbse@btinternet.com</u> or <u>07875 886990</u>













Bumblebees Miracles in Movement

Location: lpswich Support Level: 1 Age Groups: 0-5

Miracles In Movement is specific to children who have a delay in acquiring their physical skills. They offer a supportive environment for children and parents to attend fun filled sensory sessions. Located in Sproughton, sessions are grouped on the child's ability and are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. This involves individual planning for the child whilst using specialised equipment to help develop their physical development

Contact: <u>bernadett@bumblebeechildren.org.uk</u> or 01473 652822



Cabin Crew

Location: Ipswich Support Level: 2–3 Age Groups: 5–11

Based at Sidegate Lane School in Ipswich, Cabin Crew's Holiday club offers activities including free play, arts & crafts, den building, bikes and scooters, team games, construction, cooking, as well as assorted visiting workshops.

Contact: amy.barker@thecabincrew.org.uk or 01473 715151















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Chapters offer a variety of activities for children and young people, including social clubs, music, day trips, and more. **Contact:** <u>info@chapters-activities.co.uk</u> or <u>07712 132809</u>

Music and Games

Location: Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich, Sudbury Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 12–25

Music and games evenings for young people with additional needs. Meeting new friends at disco nights for fun and games leads to developing social skills and confidence through dancing and singing. Motor skills are improved through playing games, learning about money handling at the tuck shop and boosting confidence and self-esteem through learning DJ skills.

Saturday Club

Location: Bury St Edmunds Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 9–16

Activities for young people with additional needs, enabling the development of social/communication skills and improvement of self-esteem through working as a team. These activities are also designed to help improve motor skills, fitness, health and wellbeing. Sports/exercise (football, tennis, boccia, rounders, bowls, yoga), music (karaoke singing, samba drumming, dancing), games, crafts and lots more are included. Discos, bowling and special events take place throughout the year, especially at Christmas, Halloween and Easter.









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Creative Construction Club



Location: Bury St Edmunds Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 12–25

Creative Construction challenges for young people with additional needs, allowing them to show off their skills and enthusiasm for building models in a safe, supportive environment. Working together in teams as planners, engineers and builders, with social skills being key to achieving successful projects. They also run an annual trip to Legoland for club members.





DanceEast Location: Ipswich Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 4–25

Classes at DanceEast run throughout the year – they believe dance is for everyone. They have a range of classes that they aim to make accessible for all movers. If you are interested in dance and need some additional support in the studio, get in touch and they can work with you to put things in place for you to join.

Contact: hayley.lemon@danceeast.co.uk or 01473 295245













Deben Community Farm Saturday Farmer

Location: Melton Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 8-25

Sessions include activities such as feeding the animals, collecting eggs, grooming guinea pigs and cleaning out the ponies' stables. The young people can build on their interests, creativity and natural talents, and learn life skills such as how to problem solve, plan ahead and express themselves. The learning-by-doing approach and focus on the process, not the outcome, means young people can build self-esteem by celebrating every success relevant to the individual.

Contact: <u>Heidi.Dalby@baswindependent.co.uk</u> or 07515715753



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East Coast Adventures Activity Days

Location: Sutton Hoo, Easton Support Level: 2-3 ADVENTURES Age Group: 7–12

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East Coast Adventure Days offer outdoor holiday activities, such as archery, axe throwing, geotagging, mountain biking, kayaking, paddleboarding and bushcraft.

Contact: hello@ecadventures.co.uk or 07388 091459





East Anglian Sailing Trust

Location: Levington Marina Support Level: 1-3 **Age Group:** 10–25

Opportunities for young people with SEND to experience sailing activities from the Suffolk Yacht Harbour base on the River Orwell. Sessions encourage youngsters to participate in basic sailing skills in conjunction with RYA Sailabilty and OnBoard programmes, while concentrating on younger adult and children leisure sailing. Available April to September.

Contact: sailorsupport@e-a-s-t.org.uk or 07881 813599



Eastern Angles Theatre Company

Location: lpswich Support Level: 2 Age Group: 7–16

Eastern Angles clubs are facilitated by educational practitioners to assist children with their homework using computers and educational resources, as well as facilitating performance activities using workshop exercises in a safe and welcoming environment.

Contact: <u>callum@easternangles.co.uk</u> or <u>01473 218202</u>















EM Tuition - Active Minds

Location: Ipswich Support Level: 3-4 Age Group: 5-10

Art, craft and play programme offering fun, engaging sessions daily during school holidays at Castle Hill Community Centre. Designed for children with SEND, children will enjoy a mix of arts and crafts with indoor and outdoor sensory activities. Morning sessions start 09:30, afternoon sessions at 12:30. Experienced SEN staff ensure a nurturing, supportive environment.

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Contact: helen@emtuition.org.uk or 01992 637336

Exning Holiday Club

Location: Exning. nr Newmarket Support Level: 3-4 Age Group: 4–11

Based at the SEND Unit at Exning Primary School, Exning wraparound care provide SEND holiday clubs during the school holidays. There is a wide range of free choice and adult supported activities and games on offer, including activities, construction and investigation toys, messy play, crafts, games, puzzles, a sensory room and a ball pit.

Contact: <u>Rachel.donald@easterneducationgroup.ac.uk</u> or 01638 600123

Explore Outdoor Adventure Days

Location: Exning. nr Newmarket Support Level: 2-3 Age Group: 8–12

Adventure Days are a great experience for young people, building confidence through a range of activities and challenges. It gets young people physically active, building relationships with peers and reducing screen time.

Contact: exploreoutdoor@acleisure.com or 07983 918318





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Eye Arts Club

Eye Arts Club

Location: Eye Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 7–17

Children and young people can participate in art and craft, dance, drama or animation activities on the theme. Activities that promote wellbeing, confidence and co-operation. Siblings and children with additional needs can participate and enjoy sessions together. Running Saturday mornings.

Contact: lizwaugh@btinternet.com or 01379 668464



Eye Opportunity Group

Location: Eye Support Level: 1–4 Age Group: 0–5 or 5–11

The sessions are held in their cottage which is well equipped with toys, a soft play/multi-sensory room and outdoor play area. The children can enjoy tailor-made activities, including arts and crafts, music and singing, group games and outdoor play in a safe, non-threatening setting. They also offer holiday sessions at Easter and in the Summer that older siblings may join in with. Alongside activities for children, they provide a support group for carers who gain friendship from each other: a family support worker is on hand to offer advice on benefits, education, family problems etc as well as emotional support.



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Contact: familyliaison@btconnect.com or 01379 870975







Hill Farm Riding School Pony Days

Location: Elmswell Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 5–16

Offering children a chance to interact and ride ponies and horses, this is an outdoor activity that is accessible to both disabled and able-bodied young people. They participate in all aspects of care for the ponies, including grooming, mucking out, cleaning tack and riding.

Please note: In the interests of horse welfare and safety, all riders must be under 14 stone, including the weight of all riding equipment. If not able to ride, young person can still engage with the ponies and be involved in pony care, mucking out and other pony related activities.

Contact: hillfarmridingschool@yahoo.com or 07845 320424



Hillside Special School After School Club

Location: Sudbury Support Level: 4 Age Group: 7–18

An after school youth club for pupils who currently attend Hillside Special School, all of whom are children or young people with Severe and/or Profound Special Educational Needs. Pupils take part in a wide range of activities. Families will be written to termly, inviting them to apply for a place for their child.

Contact: via school invitation















Indigo Opportunities

Location: Various Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 13–18

Supported adventure days and access to activities with a group setting offering a variety of activities. Includes:

Venue based activity days. Where groups come together to socially interact, learn new skills, share ideas and have fun. Community based activity days. Where groups can interact with the community to help, volunteer or just join in with activities such as tree planting, project building, conservation and lots more.

Adventure based activity days. Where groups travel together via coach or mini bus to experience activities such as alpaca walking, sailing, or Thorpe Woodlands Adventure Centre.

Contact: info@indigo-opportunities.org.uk or 07766 166255



SPIRE Inspire – Porch Project: Empower Spaces Location: Hadleigh

Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 11–19

The Inspire 'Empower Spaces: Life Skills for Neurodiverse Teens' project offers a safe, supportive space for 11-19-yearolds with Autism and ADHD. Running weekly for 90 minutes, sessions focus on developing life skills such as snack preparation, personal hygiene, and emotional expression. Participants will enjoy creative activities like scrapbooking, plus socialising in a relaxed environment. This program helps build independence, confidence, and meaningful peer connections. Term-time, 10 weeks per term.

Contact: porchproject@inspiresuffolk.org.uk or 03300 550033













INVULVE Involve Active - Get Together

Location: Lowestoft Support Level: 1–4 Age Group: 8–25

Get Together is a monthly social get together, enabling young people to develop social opportunities and have fun. They feature activities such as board games, music, games, tuck shop and space to spend time with friends. Twice a year, at Valentines and Christmas, there are a family themed discos, as well as and a family BBQ in the summer. There are also two family events: a Mad Hatter's tea party at Easter and a Halloween spooktacular.





Ipswich Community Media

Location: Ipswich Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 11–15 and 16–25

ICM deliver weekly music, media, creative and social sessions for local young people with additional needs requiring tuition and mentoring that supports their development and life goals. They can also provide one-to-one music and media tuition as well as pastoral support to young people who may find a group activity too challenging. There will be a range of options available – all within the exciting environment of music, media, creative arts and radio podcasting. Young people with additional needs will be supported to integrate with Saturday (11 to 15s) and Thursday music group (16 to 25s) sessions.

Contact: helen@ipswichcm.org.uk or 01473 852552















Ipswich Deaf Children's Society

Location: lpswich Support Level: 1-3 Age Groups: 0–18

IDCS provides British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter supported access to various activities and adrenaline filled sports for deaf children and young people. Activities will help build confidence and opportunities to try new experiences that they will take forward in life. Whole family days offer less adrenaline filled activities, but mutual support to all families.

Contact: richard.bsl4you@gmail.com or 07979 798595 (text only)



Ipswich Opportunity Group

Location: Ipswich Support Level: 1–4 Age Group: 0–5

These informal, friendly sessions run during term times for 0-5s and their parents/carers. Activities include creative, constructive and physical play. Snack and music times are an important part of the sessions, providing social time, opportunities and independence, while parents/carers can chat to support staff and other parents.

Contact: ips.opportunitygp@btinternet.com or 07746 580132











Leading Lives

Night Hubs

Location: Ipswich, Lowestoft, Sudbury Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 13–25

Night Hubs offer a welcoming, friendly, comfortable and safe space for young people to make friends, engage in activities and have fun. Young people are involved in deciding a weekly programme of activities. This timetable is flexible and young people are encouraged to input and share their ideas and thoughts to develop the programme for each Night Hub



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Contact: nighthubs.info@leadinglives.org.uk or 01473 351639

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Location: Lowestoft Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 13–19

The programme will be flexible and young people are encouraged to input and share their ideas and thoughts. The activities are designed to maximise interaction, skills, mix with peers, be creative and fun. There are trips out as well as setting based activities.

Summer Clubs

Location: Lowestoft, Stowmarket Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 13–19

Fun and exciting groups for young people with learning disabilities and/or autism. The club develops, with its young people, a 'core activities' program, allowing members to: relax, have fun and learn new skills, socialise & develop relationships, improve independence, confidence and self-esteem and give their family /carers a break.

Contact: info@leadinglives.org.uk Tel: 01473 351639









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LEAPS Suffolk provides community based support for people with a variety of additional needs.



Contact: info@leapssuffolk.org.uk or 07761 397535

Holiday Clubs

Location: lpswich Support Level: 2–4* Age Group: 4–25

Huge variety of activities, you name it we will probably have it, or try to get it! Indoor activities – table top games, small world, sensory, role play, dancing, cooking, karaoke, arts, craft, obstacle courses, large scale team games and lots of 3rd party entertainment, from police, Zumba, mini donkeys, fire, animal world petting. A chance to make new friends and find new interests – no phones or computer games!

Out, Not In!

Location: lpswich Support Level: 2–4* Age Group: 9–25

Activities including, bowling, meals, zoo, theatre, cinema, park meets. They help reduce isolation, encourage independence and encourage people to get active, make new friends and find new interests. These events also help provide a muchneeded lifeline for families who find it challenging to go out with their child.

*Please note, LEAPS have limited capacity for 1:1 places.









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Contact: info@leapssuffolk.org.uk or 07761 397535

Saturday Clubs

Location: lpswich Support Level: 2–4* Age Group: 5–25 ALL YEAR ROUNDI

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An abundance of activities - construction, cooking, dance, role play, small world, tabletop games, larger scale games, parachute, animals, hex bugs, Minecraft, team games. Two very large outdoor areas with equipment and gym for those energetic ones! Offering independence, chance to make friends, be themselves! Saturday Clubs are a tech free zone.

*Please note, LEAPS have limited capacity for 1:1 places.



Limitless Futures Wild Hearts Holiday Club

Location: Cavenham Support Level: 1-3 Age Group: 7-16

Join the Wild Hearts sessions 10am to 2pm during school holidays for fun-filled weekly themes focused on wellbeing and creativity, all in our beautiful nature setting! Each session encourages exploration, mindfulness, and creative activities like woodland crafts, gardening, cooking, outdoor games, and storytelling. Let your child reconnect with nature while building confidence and social skills or come as a parent and childcouple or family for quality time and shared experiences.

Contact: info@limitlessfutures.org.uk or 07368 500749









Mistley Kids Club

Based in a village hall in Mistley, near Manningtree, Mistley Kids Club offer outside play, multi sports, play park and woodland fun.

Contact: julie.robinson@mistleykidsclub.co.uk or 07809 176252

Holiday Club Location: Mistley Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 4–19

Open every day during school holidays, Mistley Kids Holiday Club offers the full range of Mistley Kids Club activities for a fun holiday for children and young people with SEND and their siblings.

Saturday Club Location: Mistley Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 4–19

Open all year round, Mistley Kids Saturday Club offers the full range of Mistley Kids Club activities for a fun holiday for children and young people with SEND.















Offshoot Foundation

Location: Bury St Edmunds Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 9–18

The Offshoot Foundation run filmmaking workshops for young people with disabilities/additional needs and young carers, led by people working in film/television and education. If you want to learn how to make films, either being behind the camera or in front, then this workshop is for you. You will learn many soft skills whilst taking part such as teamwork and communication and each term they have an Oscars evening where they screen the created films to parents.



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Contact: theoffshootfoundation@gmail.com or 07740 308048



Outloud Music – The iRock Social

Location: lpswich Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 10–25*

The iRock Social is a relaxed Saturday social hangout for young people with additional needs aged 10-25 (*or 8 years+ subject to approval and additional risk assessment). These feature a mixture of percussion, music making, retro and modern gaming, music tech, video and podcasting. They provide a safe and engaging space for young people to meet, socialise, express themselves, game and be creative.

Contact: enquiries@outloudmusic.org or 01473 852555









Press Start Gaming Lounge – Stars

Location: Ipswich Support Level: 1–3 Age Group: 5–18

Press Start Stars is offering Sunday video gaming in a safe place, where children and young people can gain a better understanding around interactions with other young people, developing their social skills and dealing with conflict and help develop a rapport with others who have similar interests. Multiple consoles are available for play, including: Xbox Ones, Xbox Series Ss, PlayStation 4s, PlayStation 5s and virtual reality.



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Contact: contact@psglounge.com or 01473 410970



Prestige Sports Mega Activity Camp

Location: Haverhill Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 5-12

The mega activity camp will run on a Friday each week of the school holidays, at a primary school location in Haverhill. During the camps, children will be able to take part in a wide range of activities such as different sports, arts and crafts, games and play on our inflatables. Some of the activities include soft archery, kin ball, inflatable fun, boccia, bracelet making, fort building, rock painting, tag games.

Contact: <u>nickwilderspin@prestigesportsdevelopment.co.uk</u> or 07539 294165











Pro Corda Residential

Location: Leiston Support Level: 2-4 Age Group: 12-25

Pro Corda Music Theatre Saturday workshops and weekend residentials take participants on a magical trip through musical theatre - from West End shows to Disney! Participants explore artwork in technical theatre, song writing, stage performance and vocal /instrumental skills with our specialists.



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Contact: jodie@procorda.com or 01728 835354

Queech Woodland Activities

Location: Barham, near Claydon Support Level: 1 Age Group: 6–25

Immerse yourself in a family woodland experience for a morning of archery, air rifle and catapults followed by a campfire lunch. After lunch you will get to learn some bushcraft skills like fire lighting, shelter building or knife skills. During Easter and Christmas sessions, make a rustic log rabbit or reindeer to take home and summer sessions will explore the whole woodland area.

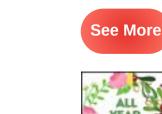
Contact: neil@queechwood.co.uk or 07941 009256



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Reboot Education: Tech Tribe

Location: lpswich Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 7–16



Reboot Computer Club provides children an opportunity to spend time learning how to code, create computer games, design worlds in Minecraft, programme robots, design objects and print them on a 3D printer and create artwork using a circuit machine. Children who are neurodiverse and that have SEND are welcome to come along. The club is run by two qualified teachers. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Contact: office@reboot-education.co.uk or 01473 948282











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Riverwalk School

Location: Bury St Edmunds Support Level: 4 Age Group: 4-19

At the Riverwalk School Holiday Club there will different activities each day including a visiting Zoo experience with an SEN specialist company, Theatre Royal activities, and a Dino Disco jump & slide, sports, Easter arts & crafts/outdoor water activities, and much more.

Contact: via school invitation







Schools Out

Location: Bury St Edmunds, Felixstowe, Ipswich, Woodbridge Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 4–16

Schools Out camps are run during the school holidays:

- Early Explorers (for ages 4 to 6) is a course designed by primary teachers to aid development and social skills, while having fun.
- Creative Crew (for ages 7 to 12) allows children to bake, craft, dance and perform.
- Adrenaline Adventure (for ages 7 to 12) is jam packed with a range of sports and activities.
- Next Generation (for ages 13 to 16) teaches children leadership skills.

Contact: info@schoolsoutactivities.co.uk or 07535 058005



Suffolk Sight Juniors Club

Location: Ipswich Support Level: 1 Age Group: 5–25

Suffolk Sight Juniors is a social group for visually impaired children and their families. We aim to bring people together to share information, access advice and have fun as a family. The group is held at Redwoods, Red Gables, Ipswich Street, Stowmarket on the first Saturday of each month, 10:30am to 12:30pm. The sessions usually have a theme, such as Music, Art or Animals.

Contact: a.eaves@suffolksight.org.uk or 01284 748800















Stowmarket ASD Club

Providing social activities for children and teenagers with Autism Spectrum Disorders aged between 5 and 18 years, Stowmarket ASD Club provide opportunities to socialise with others in a non-competitive environment where ASD is understood and taken into account.

Contact: <u>leah@stowmarketsaturdayclub.co.uk</u> or <u>07920</u> <u>714611</u>

Saturday Club

Location: Stowmarket Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 5–11

Each session is set up to encourage social interactions, building friendship skills while playing in a free flow environment that practises positive communication and life skills including shopping, cooking and team activities. The club has a sensory room and garden to set up activities that the members help to plan, including craft, cooking, consoles, gaming, sports, music, garden, mindfulness and more.

Youth Club

Location: Stowmarket Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 11–18

Attendees can choose what activities they take part in, with a wide range available including art, craft, games, sports, sensory play, gaming consoles, role play, music, gardening, construction and more. Sessions are intended to bring young people together to reduce isolation and create opportunities to communicate with others and build on friendships.







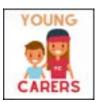






Thorpe Woodlands Family Holiday Pods

Location: Shadwell Support Level: 1 Age Group: 8-25



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Thorpe Woodlands offers ' Pods' for families of 5, to stay in for two nights. Families are supported throughout their stay by experienced staff members and have opportunities to take part in pre book activities such as cycling, canoeing, climbing, archery, high ropes etc, at an additional cost. Everybody can also spend time chatting around the campfire and cooking meals together.

Contact: admin@thorpewoodlands.co.uk or 01842 763564





Topcats

Topcats offer a number of clubs and activities for children and young people of all ages.

Contact: annemarie@topcats.org.uk or 07919 207771

Afternoon Clubs

Location: Lowestoft Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 8–18

Topcats Afternoon Club offers activities for children and young people after school. This is for the young person to spend time with their peers, and it gives carers a break to do something for themselves. Young people access themed sessions including movie nights, games, karaoke etc. A healthy snack is always offered alongside two meals.

<u>Cats</u>

Location: Lowestoft Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 5–12

Cats offers children a chance to explore Topcats and the facilities there, including sensory room, music room, soft play area and indoor swing. Outdoors includes a sunken trampoline and outdoor classroom. Children are always offered a variety of different sensory activities, messy play, arts and crafts. It is a chance to be independent, make friendships and have a break from their usual routines.











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Tiny Cats Location: Lowestoft Support Level: 1-4 Age Group: 0-5

Tiny Topcats provides a session for children aged 0 to 5 years and their carers/siblings to come along to Topcats and access the bespoke facilities, including soft play area, interactive floor projector, a sensory room, indoor swing and outside area. It is a chance to make friends and socialise in a safe place suited to their needs. It is an opportunity for parents/carers to meet others and become familiar with Topcats staff and what is offered.

Holiday Clubs

Location: Lowestoft Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 5-18

Holiday club is open 10 weeks of the year offering children/young people a variety of onsite activities. Topcats has an accessible kitchen/dining area where cooking and craft can take place, a sensory room with interactive floor projector, soft play area, indoor swing, music room, and spacious outside area with outdoor classroom, sunken trampoline, sensory arbour and polytunnel where they grow their own produce. They also have activities such as bingo, karaoke and discos.











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Contact: annemarie@topcats.org.uk or 07919 207771

Youth Disco

Location: Lowestoft Support Level: 2–4 Age Group: 10–18



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Topcats provides fortnightly discos to children and young people to come along to a fun Friday night out where they can dance, sing and play games such as bingo and other party games. Most young people can attend independently and be part of clubs and groups without the need for support.

Gap Cats

Location: Lowestoft Support Level: 2–3 Age Group: 12–18

A new weekend group for young people who have lower support needs (1:3/1:5). This runs as a 'youth group' with limited staff intervention to give these young people the opportunity to connect with peers of their age. Activities are planned by the young people, they share their ideas with staff and plan future sessions together.







Waveney Deaf Children's Society

Location: Lowestoft Support Level: 1-3 Age Group: 0–25

Waveney Deaf Children's Society provide a variety of fun events and activities for deaf children and their families which are 'deaf friendly' and have communication support in place. This enables deaf children to connect with deaf friends and try out new experiences whilst creating opportunities for parents to give informal support to one another by sharing knowledge and experiences.



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Holiday CLUB

Contact: waveneydcs@gmail.com or 07812 344818



Youth Theatre Squared & Youth Theatre Plus

Location: Ipswich Support Level: 2-3 Age Group: 11–16 and 16–25

Weekly youth theatre sessions that offer a relaxed space for learning disabled and neurodivergent young people to take part in bespoke, creative activities in a safe, inclusive and supported environment. Sessions are engaging and fun, build self-confidence and resilience, develop creative and communication skills, and raise aspirations.

Contact: KEdonmi@wolseytheatre.co.uk or 01473 295930









Woolverstone Project

Location: Alton Water Support Level: 1-3 Age Group: 8–18

The Project provides a weekly after school activity from April to September for children with SEND at Alton Water. They will be taught basic sailing techniques and boat handling by gualified instructors, in a safe environment.

Contact: info@woolverstoneproject.org.uk or 01473 715495



YMCA

Location: Lowestoft Support Level: 1-3 Age Group: 8-13

Growing Friends holiday programme provides an immersive hands-on experience, engaging young people in nature and the outdoors. Sessions will include planting, nurturing and harvesting produce and wildflowers, encouraging wildlife through making bird and butterfly feeders and take part in craft activities whilst learning about climate change and the environment.



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Holiday CLUB

Contact: Josie.Trowsdale@ymcatrinity.org.uk or 07912 209841

Haverhill The Zone **Zone**Location: Haven Support Level: 1

Location: Haverhill Age Group: 0-25

The Zone in Haverhill is a bi-weekly soft play centre with laser tag and a small sensory room. The families meet at The Zone and the children can have fun at the centre using the different areas available. This allows the parent and carers time to network. They also hold an older age group youth club bimonthly, to enable the older young people with SEND to use The Zone facilities to keep their friendship groups going.

Contact: <u>sue.pitches@haverhill-tc.gov.uk</u> or <u>01440 710071</u>







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Suffolk Holiday Activity & Food Programme

Funded by the Department of Education, the Holiday Activity & Food (HAF) Programme enables children and young people who are eligible for free school meals to access fun and enriching activities.



The holiday activities can involve helping young people experience new activities from sports, music, dance, to art, digital creativity, culture, cooking, and gardening. As well as improving socialisation, HAF-funded activity programmes help children and young people have fun with friends during the Easter, Summer, and Christmas holiday periods.

To be eligible for a HAF place, a child must be registered as eligible for benefit-related free school meals.

Eequ is a booking portal that can automatically check a child's eligibility for a HAF activity. Those who don't qualify can still book a paid for place.

Some of our Activities Unlimited providers who serve children with higher levels of need are not hosted on Eequ. Please use the details listed for the providers within this guide to contact them directly.

Also note that not all HAF providers within Suffolk receive funding from Activities Unlimited.

Visit Eequ to find out about more HAF activities