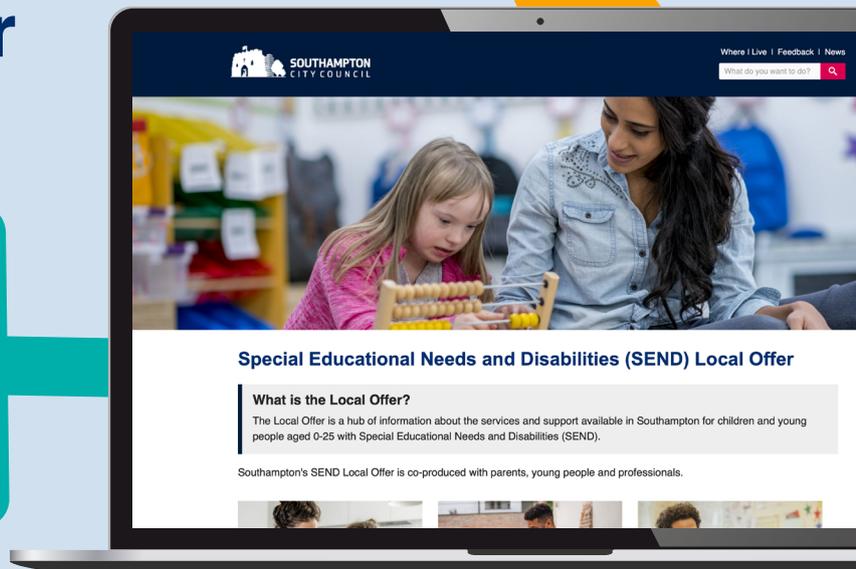
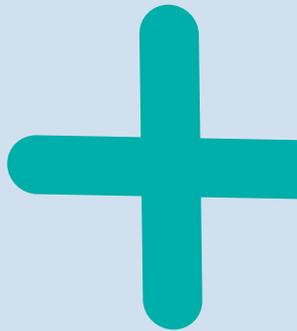


# Newsletter

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Local Offer

March/April 2023



### Welcome

The Local Offer is a hub of information (showcased within a website) about the services and support available in Southampton for children and young people aged 0 - 25 with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). Southampton's SEND Local Offer is co-produced with parents, young people and professionals.

The Easter Holidays seem to have crept up so quickly. Keep reading for updates and information about activities going on over the next few weeks and the Easter Holidays! Have an wonderful Easter!

### Our new website is live

The new website is very much a work in progress and we need your help to tell us what you think. Could you spare some time to click the button below, have a look and share your feedback with us please?

[View website](#)

Please forward feedback to:  
[clairepritchard@roseroad.org.uk](mailto:clairepritchard@roseroad.org.uk)

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# Whats on

## Southampton Children's Play Association

The Southampton Children's Play Association (SCPA) are running an Easter holiday free and open access playscheme and pop-up play week from Tuesday 11 April - Friday 14 April.

Playschemes will take place in Weston and Sholing Tuesday - Thursday that week from 10am - 3pm but close for one hour at lunchtime between 12pm - 1pm.

You can register through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) website [here](#).



*Southampton  
Children's Play  
Association*



Hot food will be provided at playschemes to be eaten during sessions or to take away. If your child or young person is entitled to free school meals you will have priority.

You are welcome to attend and join in play sessions with your child or young person.

To find out more email [office@scpaplay.org.uk](mailto:office@scpaplay.org.uk) or visit [scpaplay.org.uk](http://scpaplay.org.uk).

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# Whats on

## SeaCity Museum Brickextravaganza

3 weeks to go! Join us Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 April for Brickstraveganza! Enjoy the amazing LEGO brick displays in the main hall at SeaCity Museum, get building in the build room or hunt the LEGO Easter eggs around the museum.

Book tickets to SeaCity Museum to join in the fun here - [bit.ly/3ZBe1GQ](https://bit.ly/3ZBe1GQ).

Also, as part of Brickstravaganza, SeaCity Museum are also hosting Titanic family tours



and workshops. Follow these links to pre-book these activities:

Saturday 1 April

[wegottickets.com/event/570166](https://wegottickets.com/event/570166)

Sunday 2 April

[wegottickets.com/event/570178](https://wegottickets.com/event/570178)

Looking for Easter half-term activities to keep the kids entertained? SeaCity Museum has lots of fun creative workshops, from all-day clubs, to family workshops. Find all their activities listed here:

[wegottickets.com/southamptonCulture](https://wegottickets.com/southamptonCulture)

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# Whats on

## Testlands Spring Holiday Club

We have paid and funded spaces available with:

- Southampton Holiday Activities & Food Programme
- Bevois Town Primary School
- St Denys Primary School
- Hamble Sports Complex with ID PE & Sport
- Tanners Brook Primary School



- Oasis Academy Lord's Hill
- St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School
- Oakwood Primary School (*new site*)

Childcare vouchers are accepted and they offer key worker discount, sibling discount and Southampton HAF funded spaces.

To book please visit: [testlands.com/holidayclub](https://testlands.com/holidayclub).

A promotional poster for Testlands Holiday Clubs. It features a photograph of children playing on a blue and orange playground. The text on the poster includes:

**TESTLANDS HOLIDAY CLUBS**  
**SPRING HALF TERM**  
3-6 APRIL 11-14 APRIL

**PAID & HAF FUNDED SPACES AVAILABLE**

LONG AND SHORT DAYS  
MULTIPLE SITES  
OFSTED REGISTERED  
KEY WORKER DISCOUNT

**ACTIVITIES INCLUDE**

FOOTBALL - NETBALL - SWIMMING - BASKETBALL  
CAPTURE THE FLAG - DODGEBALL - ARTS & CRAFTS  
INFLATABLES - DANCE & MORE!

\*ACTIVITIES DEPEND ON CLUB SITE

WWW.TESTLANDS.COM/HOLIDAYCLUB  
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/TESTLANDSCVFF

Logos for Testlands, Southampton HAF, and Southampton City Council are at the bottom.



# Whats on

## Southampton Mencap Easter Playscheme

The Southampton Mencap playscheme will be held in Portswood, for ages 5 - 17 years old (Year 1 or above). All activities will be differentiated by ability. To be eligible, you will need a Max Card Plus (or open to Jigsaw). The taster session is free of charge and an application form will need to be completed following the taster session.

Southampton Mencap provide a range of creative, physical and sensory based activities appropriate for children and young people



with SEND. Their team of fully trained, experienced Activities Workers ensure that all children attending are well cared for and given the opportunity to explore, play and have fun while in a safe environment.

The playscheme runs from 9.30am - 4pm and costs £17.50 per session. The dates are:

- Monday 3 April - Thursday 6 April
- Tuesday 11 April - Friday 14 April

Email [admin@southamptonmencap.co.uk](mailto:admin@southamptonmencap.co.uk) to book and find out more.

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# The Buzz Network:

maxcard



## What is the MAX card?

The MAX Card and MAX Card Plus have replaced the Buzz Passport. The MAX Card has been issued to all children and young people registered with The Buzz Network. It gives discounts or benefits to the holder and one other person at a range of venues and organisations within Southampton and further afield.

The card can only be used by the registered child and their parent/carer so please do not lend to anyone else.

The MAX Card can be used at a large number of venues within Southampton and beyond. The list includes:

- Southampton Go Ape! Itchen Valley Country Park
- Partyman World of Play
- Longdown Dairy Farm
- New Forest Wildlife Park
- SeaCity Museum

Find out more via the [MAX Card website](#) about participating venues.

## Who can access the card?

The MAX Card is available to any child or young person registered on The Buzz Network. If you are not a member of the Buzz Network and would like further information or to join then please [click here](#).

Those within the medium level of support (in receipt of DLA or PIP and evidenced to the Short Breaks Officer) will receive a MAX Card Plus. This will give additional benefits such as access to specialist playschemes.

MAX Cards are issued based on The Buzz Network eligibility criteria. These will be reviewed every 2 years, however it is your responsibility to let us know of any changes to circumstances within this time.

You are eligible to join The Buzz Network if:

- Your child or young person is under 19
- You live at a Southampton address
- Your child or young person has SEND

Visit [The Buzz Network information page](#) to find out more.

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# Other organisations and activities



## Re:Minds

Re:Minds is a Southampton based organisation supporting families whose children/young people have Autism, ADHD or other neurodiverse needs and/or mental health needs - with or without a diagnosis. Our aim is to allow people whose children face similar issues to meet up in an informal setting to share knowledge and talk about any challenges our families are facing. They don't claim to be experts, just other families who understand what it can feel like to be on this journey. They are the primary link between families and Southampton Specialist CAMHS and offer speakers on a range of topics.

[reminds.org.uk](http://reminds.org.uk)



## Rose Road Association

The Rose Road Association Playscheme is sadly fully booked for April/Easter Holidays but they do sometimes have cancellations.

The dates for the May playscheme are Tuesday 30 May to Friday 2 June. If you would like more information, please email:

[claireheadington@roseroad.org.uk](mailto:claireheadington@roseroad.org.uk)

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# Other organisations and activities

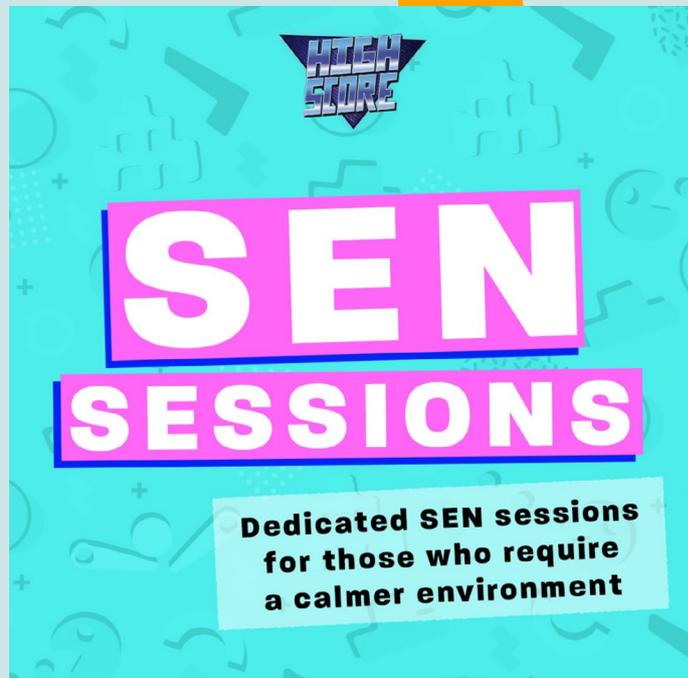


## Active Nation

Commissioned by Southampton City Council, our short breaks provide children and young people with disabilities, or additional needs, an opportunity to spend time away from their parents, engage in fun activities and enjoy time with their friends. They offer parents/carers a break from their caring responsibilities and time to spend with other family members and to catch-up on other daily tasks.

View the [SEND timetable](#), or for more information or any queries, please contact:

[communities@activenation.org.uk](mailto:communities@activenation.org.uk)



## High Score Arcade

The High Score one hour SEN sessions are for small groups and machines will be turned down to suit the needs of those attending. Tickets cost just £6 and carers are included in this price.

To book a SEN session and find out more visit:

[highscorearcades.co.uk](http://highscorearcades.co.uk)



# Southampton Parent Carer Forum

## SEND Family Fun Day

Thursday 6th April - 10am to 2pm

### For Children and Young People:

Princess the Unicorn  
Crazy Creatures  
Bouncy Castle  
Crazy M



Register here or  
turn up on the day:



### For Parent Carers:

Range of Service providers  
Refreshments



INFLUENCING  
POSITIVE  
CHANGES



Southampton Parent Carer Forum

And lots more...

Oasis Academy Mayfield, Ashley Crescent,  
SO19 9NA



For more information  
follow us on Facebook



The parent and carer led forum welcomes any parent or guardian of a child or young person aged 0 - 25 years old with an additional need (with or without a diagnosis). The forum works alongside Southampton City Council, Education and health services as well as businesses and leisure providers, to let our collective

voice be heard. We aim to improve local services for all our families with children with extra needs. We want to make the city accessible to all.

Visit the Southampton Parent Carer Forum [Facebook page](#) to find out more.

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# Southampton Parent Carer Forum

## Coffee Morning 31 March 2023

The next Southampton Parent Carer Forum coffee morning will be on 31 March at the Mercantile Flea and the first hot drink and cake will be on the Southampton Parent Carer Forum!

Cakes have been pre ordered ready for all attendees at the event. Just turn up on the day or pre-book using this link:

[Coffee morning tickets](#)



## Food Bank: Referrals Available

The Southampton Parent Carer Forum have been approved to issue food bank vouchers. Please do get in touch with them if you are struggling and need some support at [chair@sotonpcf.org.uk](mailto:chair@sotonpcf.org.uk).

You will be sent a link to complete a form. A voucher will then be emailed to you.

Please don't struggle.

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