



SEN newsletter Summer 2025

A chance to share!

At Whinstone Primary we strive to ensure we are meeting the needs of all pupils. In order to do this, we want to make sure we keep parents and carers aware of what support is available for SEN pupils, both in school and within the local area.

Our SEN newsletters will hopefully allow us to provide parents/carers with useful information.



Remember...

Our school website offers a range of information on our school SEN offer, and what is available in the local community, through the local offer.

<https://www.whinstone.org.uk/send/>

Bookings will soon be open for May half-term Holidays Are Fun (HAF) programme!

There are hundreds of spaces on offer across Stockton including boxing, arts and crafts, sports and games, climbing wall and SEND specific sessions.

In half-term, HAF provides 2 hours of enriching activities and a nutritious meal to children with SEN, who are in receipt of free school meals, in financial difficulty or referred by a relevant Children's Service's support worker.

Bookings are available on a first come, first served basis and can be made via the link below.



[Holidays Are Fun \(HAF\) Programme - Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council](#)

All Together For You

Monthly multi-agency drop-in sessions



Pop along to ask questions and get advice from a variety of services to help support your family.

Ask questions, get advice on the support available or make a plan on how to tackle your issues.

No appointment needed, just turn up!

Each month, the Family Hubs offer a Professional drop-in session – a chance for parents to talk to a range of multi-agency representatives about SEND concerns.

These are held on different days at the Family Hubs. More information can be found at – 01642528525

FamilyHubs@stockton.gov.uk

<https://stockton.gov.uk/family-hubs>

Or on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stockton-Family-Hub-199176687517594/>



Daisy Fest 2025 – 25th August



Daisy Chain Open Day is back for 2025!

Held on August Bank Holiday Monday (25th August 2024) at Daisy Chain's main site in Norton. Free entry, no booking for entry is required.

Join in for a day of family fun, from farm experiences to inflatables, rides, games and entertainment.

When: August Bank Holiday Monday (25th) / 10AM - 4PM

Where: Daisy Chain, Calf Fallow Farm, Calf Fallow Lane, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, TS20 1PF.



SNAPS Tees Valley
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Looking for some activities suitable for SEN children? Check out SNAPS

[SNAPS Tees Valley | Facebook](#)

SHOWCASE PRESENTS Autism Friendly Screenings

Showcase cinema offers a dedicated Autism friendly screenings every

Sunday morning at 10:30am

[Autism Friendly Cinema - Showcase Cinemas - UK](#)

Does your child need a new game for reading and maths?

Check out Teacher you Monster to Read [Teach Your Monster: Free Phonics, Reading and Mathematics Games](#)



Fancy reading some new books?

Visit [The Reading Teacher](#) to find '100 recommended reads' book lists for all age groups. It also gives exciting new books for each month! [The Reader Teacher | Children's Books | Reads, Reviews & Recommendations](#)



More information and signposting to services can be found on the Stockton Local Offer

[SEND Local Offer directory listings - Stockton Information Directory](#)

Moving on up for Year 6 pupils!

There are lots of new things you will need to practice to be ready for secondary school. Try some of these challenges over the summer holiday.

Can you...?

Challenge	Tick when you can
Remember a parent/carers phone number by heart	
Tie a tie	
Iron your shirt	
Get dressed in your uniform in under 5 minutes	
Get into and out of your PE kit in under 5 minutes (with all items on the right way round!)	
Check there are labels with your name in your uniform	
Tell the time on an analogue clock	
Read a bus timetable	
Write down your home address and postcode	
Buy something and work out the correct change from £5	
Tie your shoelaces	
Use the checklist to pack your school bag in less than 5 minutes	
Wear your new school shoes for a day	
Plan or make a "what-if wallet" with your home contact details, bus ticket or emergency money	
Choose a special object that makes you feel calm and positive, whatever your day brings. Decide where you will keep it in your new uniform or bag.	

Challenge	Tick when you can
Set an alarm on a clock or mobile phone	
Make yourself a healthy packed lunch	
Look at the school website and find out the times of the start and end of the day, break and lunch times	
Cook a meal for your family	
Look at the school website and know the names of key staff eg Headteacher or Principal, Form tutor, Head of Year 7	
If you are going to walk to high school: Can you walk the route safely by yourself? Time yourself doing it, then add at least 5 minutes. What time will you have to leave home to get there on time?	
If you are going to catch a bus to high school: Can you find out what time the bus goes, and from which stop? Can you walk the route safely by yourself? Time yourself doing it, then add at least 5 minutes. What time will you have to leave home to get there on time?	
Attach a document to an email and send it to a parent or teacher	
Make a checklist of the equipment that you will need for school	

You may not be ready to do all of these things by yourself yet.

Find out which ones you need to practice and ask the adults at home to help you.

HOLIDAYS ARE **FUN**


**Free, fun activities for
school age children from
Reception to Year 11.**

To be eligible, families must
be in receipt of benefits-related
free school meals,
in receipt of
Universal Credit
or experiencing
financial difficulties.


**BOOK
NOW!**

**Scan to
register:**



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