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The Parents' Forum for Bradford and Airedale

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Latest news



The Bradford local area SEND parent support groups are currently meeting every half term to discuss challenges and agree joint working. As part of this work the group have chosen to produce a joint annual parent/carer questionnaire which will be collated at the end of the summer and shared with the SEND Strategic Partnership Board.

Have your say [here](#).

Thank you if you joined us for our trial EHCP Q&A on Facebook last month. We plan to do this again, in addition to running more in-person workshops after the summer break.

The recording is available to view by parents who are members of our closed group. To join the group, please click [this link](#) and answer a few very short questions.



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PFBA Engagement Manager's visits



I was invited to the first SEN coffee morning at Rainbow Leadership Academy and it was lovely to meet all of the parents who attended and there were a lot! There were parents at the start of their SEN journey and parents who had been living it for a while but it was good for them to connect and to empower and support each other.



Miss Newton, the SENCO, had made sure that there was a lovely selection of buns, cakes, biscuits and other yummy treats. We were able to chat and share experiences with each other as parents of children with additional needs. I am really pleased to have been invited to go back and host some more coffee mornings after the six week holidays. See you in September!

School holiday activities on a budget



The 6-week summer break is here again! Every July, I make a little planner, fill in days when there's something specific going on, like the school's holiday club, and then wonder how I am going to fill the many blank spaces!

Here are some ideas for ways to fill days - some fun things to do that won't break the bank.

Getting around

If you don't have access to a car, or you feel like a break from driving, there are some good train and bus services in West Yorkshire.

All the different bus companies seem to offer their own saver tickets, but if you are going to use more than one service, it's probably easier to get a Metro ticket which will cover you for all travel in West Yorkshire.

They have a wide range of tickets available, so it's advisable to have a look to see which would suit your family best. For example, the ticket that gives up to two adults and three children, or one adult and up to four children unlimited bus and train travel for a day costs £14.20. Another option is to get an adult's WY DaySaver for the bus for £5.50, plus a MyDay ticket for 5-18 year olds which cost £2.25. There is an app for ticket purchases - to find out about this and for more types of ticket, visit [their website](#).

You can see a map showing how far you can travel by clicking [here](#) You can look for live bus times via a map [here](#)



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Summer Activities



Still subject of getting out and about, I had a search for good local routes for wheelchair users. I didn't really find what I was looking for - if you know of a good local listing please let me know!

The Yorkshire Tots website has a lot of great information, not just for little ones, and they have some good suggestions for pram friendly walks [here](#). A lot of these have things to do in addition to the walk, including playgrounds, trails, even a rare breeds farm!



Temple Newsam and Lotherton Hall also offer free entry with a Max Card. If you don't already have one, see our [own website](#).

This map of the Bingley area has been created to inspire greener, healthier travel among residents and visitors. It shows some interesting places to enjoy in Bingley Rural, reachable on foot, by bike, or by bus.

You can view the whole map, and find out more about it by clicking on the small map on the right.



If you are travelling a bit further this summer, the [Rough guide to Accessible Britain](#) might be useful. Visit the Motability web page and download the [guide here](#).

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Summer activities

The Local Offer website for the Bradford district has information about activities, and they have a dedicated page for the summer holiday which you can visit by clicking the logo on the right.



The School's Out section of the Bradford Council website has details of different holiday activities. Click the logo to view what is on today, and find things to do by category too.

Aware, the local autism support group, put together a fantastic guide to summer activities and you can view that [here](#). While some is specifically for children and young people who are autistic, a lot of the information is applicable to other disabilities.



What's on in the city centre?

The Science and Media Museum has some special holiday events on, as well as their usual exhibits. Find out more and book free tickets [here](#).

With a smartphone and the Loyal Free app, you can take part in the Dinosaur Trail. Find out more [here](#). The app has other trails on that you can follow too.

Join the Gadgeteers Summer Reading Challenge at the Central Library. Other libraries in the region are running this too. Find out about this and the related activities on offer [here](#).

Social Media

The Facebook group [Free Things to do in 6wks Holidays](#) is a brilliant page with lots of suggestions for local things to do.

There are many other events and activities that I have not had room for. We often share on our [Facebook page](#), so keep an eye on us. Even better, join our closed group and share your ideas with other parents.

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Future events



Our Engagement Manager Adele, has been holding SEN coffee mornings in schools with the aim to empower parents and to be able to support each other. The feedback from parents and schools have been fantastic.

We are really pleased to be able to announce that after the summer holidays the new schools that we will be holding them at are

- Farfield Primary
- Midland Road Nursery School
- Laycock Primary
- Abbey Green Priamry
- Barkerend Leadership Primary
- Rainbow Primary
- Clayton Village Primary

Adele looks forward to seeing you there if your child attends one of these schools. If you would like your school to hold an SEN coffee morning, either contact Adele or ask your SENCO to adele@pfba.org.uk

We would love to know what you think of this newsletter! Do you have any good ideas for future articles? Please let us know [here](#)