

SEND

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It's time to get ready for half term



Now we are into February many parent carers and young people out there will be planning for the half term.

This runs from 18-22 February.

Don't forget to look at the Short Breaks February Half Term Activity Calendar, which can be viewed online [here](#) or via this [link](#)

Please be aware—The Short Breaks Family Session at Flip Out has a few spaces still available, but the young people's trip to Bowling in Yeovil is full.

Brookside Playscheme also has spaces available.

Other exciting things going on include:

- Fun Days with music and sports activities for ages 11-17 at Selworthy School in Taunton on 19 and 21 February. It's £10 per person—call Amanda on 01278 722100.
- Storming the Town Hall, mask-making and parade in Frome for ages 6-12. Booking essential—01373 462431

Please take a look and call the other providers in the calendar to find out what they still have on offer!

Get to know your schools packs

The Schools Information Pack which contains a range of documents supporting SEND provision in schools is now accessible on the front facing site of Professional Choices.

We are committed in Somerset to all local children accessing local education provision and ensuring every child in Somerset achieves well above expectations and is not held back by their social and personal backgrounds, Special Educational Needs or Disabilities.

If you work in SEND provision please make sure you're up-to-date with the information. Visit the SEND page on [Professional Choices](#).



Local Offer Roadshow back on track

The snow hit Friday's Road Show event in Frome so please note it will be happening this Friday, 8 February.

It follows hot on the heels of Tuesday's event at Victoria Park in Bridgwater.

The Parent Carer Forum - organised event, supported by Somerset County Council and Somerset CCG is at the Frome Assembly Rooms this Friday from 10am-1pm.

The event will include information stands from the

engagement and participation team, SENDIAS, Healthwatch, Somerset Clinical Commissioning group, Preparing for adulthood to mention just a few.

There will also be workshops on OFSTED and CQC local areas SEND inspection, Autism provision in Somerset, short breaks and Somerset Inclusion work. Visit the [Local Offer here](#)

Find out more as well as the remaining [dates here](#).

Have a say on dates

If you would like to have your say on the proposed school term dates for 2020-2021 click the link below.

This shows Somerset County Council's proposed Term Dates and Holidays for 2020-21 for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools.

You will be asked if you agree with the proposed dates and a chance to give additional comments.

So don't delay, have your say! [Visit here](#).

It can be tough out there— let's pool our experience

Somerset County Council's Engagement and Participation team is going to the Department for Working Pensions (DWP) Diversity event and have planned some activities to raise awareness on how challenging it can be to find employment for some people who face additional barriers.

We tested the activities with our colleagues and look forward to attending the event at Butlins in Minehead in March.

If you are an employer and would like to come please email:

TAUNTON.LMRATEAM@DW
P.GSI.GOV.UK or call Adam or Cherry on 01823 349447



You can access all the Engagement and Participation [Team Newsletters here](#).

It's Children's Mental Health Week—February 4-10 [visit here](#) to support and visit Lifehacks for fantastic advice from young people by young people at [Somerset Children and Young People Health and Wellbeing](#).

Get involved! #ChildrensMentalHealthWeek

