

# Newsletter



## October E-Bulletin 2023

In this edition you will find information on local and free events for the Autumn half term.



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### Contacting SEND and You

For first time enquirers, or those who have not contacted us in over 6 months, we will signpost you to [the contact form on our website](#). If you are having issues accessing this, you can still call or email to let us know. The form helps us to gather important information about your query so we can get back to you in the most appropriate way and offer you more time to talk through your query during the call.

### Online Information Sessions October- December 2023

We still have spaces available at our free online events on the following topics:

- SEND Support in Schools
- Applying for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)
- Annual Review of an EHCP
- School Exclusions.

Please do visit our [EVENTS PAGE](#) for more information on times, dates and how to book a free space.



## Local Area Events for Half Term



### **North Somerset**

#### **Halloween Stay and Play**

*Wednesday, 25 October 2023 with the North Somerset Parent Carer Forum  
10am-12pm or 1-3pm*

Please click [HERE](#) to complete an expression of interest form if you would like to find out more.

#### **Castle Batch Children's Centre and Family Hub Open Day**

*Wednesday 26 October between 12:15 and 4pm*

A range of free attractions for families in the local area. No booking required. Click the link below for more information.

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/news/free-family-fun-half-term-castle-batch>

## **South Gloucestershire**

### **Free Halloween Crafts for Families**

*Friday 27th October 9.30 - 11.30am, Yate Sunnyside Bowling Pavilion*

Organised by South Gloucestershire Community Learning. Free for adults aged 19+ with few or no qualifications; or experiencing other barriers to work. Please follow the link below for more information:

<https://myyate.co.uk/yate/e/46908/free-halloween-crafts-for>

### **Free Spooky Face Painting**

*Saturday 28th October 12-4pm at Kings Chase Shopping Centre, Kingswood*

<https://www.facebook.com/KingswoodCommunity>

## **Bristol**

### **The Ardagh Halloween Party, Horfield**

*Saturday October 28th at 4pm-8pm*

This event is free entry with donations welcome to fundraise for The Ardagh Community Trust. Follow the link below for more information:

<https://theardagh.com/event/the-ardagh-halloween-party-2023/>

### **The Ranch at Southmead Adventure Playground**

*12-3pm on 24th, 25th and 26th October*

Children and Families Free Play  
Halloween themed activities. Follow on Facebook to view the flyer and find out more.

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthmeadAdventurePlayground>

## **National SEND News**

## Children out of school: your top questions - IPSEA

If you missed IPSEA's recent webinar 'My child is out of school - what can I do?' you can still [catch up on the recording by clicking HERE](#). Topics include:

- Reasons why children may not be in school,
- What to do if a child or young person with an Education Health and Care (EHC) plan is out of school,
- What to do if a child or young person without an EHC plan is out of school,
- What the law says for different age groups, and
- Next steps and where to go for help.

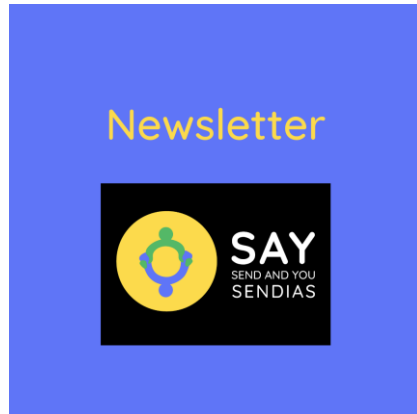
## Working together to improve school attendance - Department for Education

The Department for Education (DfE) has updated its [guidance](#) on working together to improve school attendance for schools, academy trusts, governing bodies and local authorities in England.

Updates to the guidance include: a toolkit to support schools with communicating with parents and carers about attendance; and example letters and emails that schools can use for parents and carers.



**Wishing you all a great half term break!**



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