

FRIENDS SUMMER NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to our Summer Newsletter!

We hope you've all enjoyed the warmer weather and have had a fantastic start to the summer. It's been another busy few months at Friends, with lots of exciting activities, trips and events bringing our families together.

As we look ahead, we have an action-packed summer programme with even more opportunities for children and young people with SEND to have fun, make memories and enjoy new experiences in a safe and supportive environment.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We can't wait to see many of you over the summer holidays!

Paula, Mel and Emma x

What a summer so far!

Over the last three months we've welcomed hundreds of families to activities across St Helens and beyond. Whether it has been exciting days out, making new friends or trying something completely new, it's been wonderful to see so many smiling faces. We couldn't do it without the continued support of our volunteers, fundraisers, supporters and members. Thank you for being part of our Friends family.

Who are we?

Friends – Play for Disabled Children is a registered charity supporting families in St Helens and the surrounding areas.

Our charity number is 1167995.

We are registered in England & Wales.

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Join Our Friends Family

Membership is required to attend our activities and trips.

Do you have a child or young person with SEND and live in St Helens or the surrounding areas?

We would love to welcome you — register now at: friendsplay.org.uk/registration

www.friendsplay.org.uk

30th June 2026



Charity Skydive

£9,211 Raised!

A huge thank you to our incredible charity skydivers who took to the skies to raise funds for Friends – Play for Disabled Children. Thanks to the amazing generosity of sponsors, supporters and everyone who donated, an incredible £9,211 was raised to help us continue providing inclusive trips, activities and opportunities for children and young people with SEND.

Every person who took part stepped well outside their comfort zone to make a difference for our families. We are so proud of what they achieved, and incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make this fundraising challenge such a fantastic success.

From all of us at Friends – thank you for helping us create more opportunities, more memories and more smiles. 💙

Donations Received

Thank you to everyone who has supported Friends this quarter. Every donation helps us continue providing inclusive trips, activities and opportunities for children and young people with SEND.

Donations received from:

- Give as you Live – **£15.91**
- Community Lottery – **£128**
- Kirsty Hackers – **£50**
- Charity Skydive – **£9,211**

Community Lottery total raised since launch: £786.50 🎉



Help Us Fundraise



Give as you Live

Raise free donations every time you shop online.



Community Lottery

Just £1 per week supports Friends and other local good causes.

What's Coming Up...

We've got another action-packed summer ahead! 
From exciting days out and outdoor adventures to creative workshops and family fun, there's something for everyone. Keep an eye on your emails and our Facebook pages for booking announcements—we can't wait to make more memories with you!

Don't Miss Out!

Our trips and activities are available to registered Friends members.
Have a child or young person with SEND living in St Helens or the surrounding areas?
Join our Friends Family today!
friendsplay.org.uk/registration

Booking Reminder

 **17** Booking links are emailed to members and shared on our Facebook pages. Keep an eye on your emails and Facebook so you don't miss out!



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LOOK WHAT'S COMING UP THIS SUMMER!

SO MUCH FUN, FRIENDS & AMAZING MEMORIES AWAIT!

 CONWY CASTLE	 LUCEM CINEMA	 SCIENCE BOFFINS	 ROLLER DISCO	 GREENWOOD FAMILY PARK
 PUDDLE PROJECT	 BEACH PARTY	 FAIRY FOREST	 COMMANDO RUN	 ARTS & CRAFTS
 DRAYTON MANOR	 K-POP PARTY	 SPACEWORLD BREAKFAST	 BUBBLE WORKSHOP	 WINDERMERE DAY TRIP
 ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS	 READY STEADY BOUNCE	 DANCE WITH EMMA	 FUN & FLOATS	 DELAMERE FOREST
 SENSORY HIVE	 SPACEWORLD DINNER (TEA)	 FAIRY FOREST (AGAIN!)	 SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! ALL AGES & ABILITIES!	

MAKE NEW FRIENDS, TRY NEW THINGS & CREATE AMAZING MEMORIES TOGETHER!
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THIS SUMMER!

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Regular Weekly Activities

Join us every week during term time!

 **Monday** – LEGO Club & Sing and Sign Choir

 **Tuesday** – Funky Friends Dance

 **Wednesday** – Aerial Hoops

These sessions help children build confidence, develop coordination, make friends and, most importantly, have fun in a relaxed and understanding environment.

What have we been up to...?



Chester Zoo

A Wildly Wonderful Day at Chester Zoo
Our families enjoyed an unforgettable day exploring the zoo, meeting amazing animals and making wonderful memories together. From elephants and giraffes to monkeys and penguins, there were smiles all around and plenty of opportunities to learn, explore and enjoy a fantastic day outdoors.



Circus Starr

A Wonderful Evening at Circus Starr
Circus Starr once again provided a magical evening of entertainment in an inclusive and welcoming environment. Families enjoyed spectacular performances, laughter and excitement, creating special memories together.



Dino Adventure

A Roar-some Day at the East Lancashire Railway

Our dinosaur-themed railway adventure was packed with excitement! Families enjoyed meeting prehistoric favourites, exploring the heritage railway and sharing lots of smiles along the way.



BeWILDerwood

Adventure Around Every Corner

BeWILDerwood was the perfect place for our families to climb, explore, play and let their imaginations run wild. From giant slides to magical woodland adventures, it was a fantastic day full of fun and laughter.



Thank You

Thank you to every family, volunteer, fundraiser, supporter, venue and donor who helps make Friends such a special community. We can't wait to see what the next few months bring!