FRIENDS AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

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Well, what a summer that was! ☀️
We've had so much fun making memories, trying new things, exploring new places and, most importantly, spending time together with our wonderful Friends families. From big adventures to those lovely little moments that make you smile, there's been plenty to celebrate!
And somehow, here we are, with autumn well underway and Christmas just around the corner! 🎄 We've got lots more to look forward to, and we can't wait to share some festive magic with you all. So grab a cuppa, get comfy and enjoy a little look back at what we've been up to. We hope it brings back some happy memories!
Lots of love, Paula, Mel and Emma xxx 💕

Sunshine, smiles & special memories! ☀️

What a summer we've had! From seaside fun and magical woodland adventures to thrilling rides, messy activities and plenty of laughter, we've certainly packed a lot in! It's been lovely seeing our children trying new things, growing in confidence, making friends and simply enjoying being themselves. Whether it was a big family day out or a little moment of happiness, every smile made it special. Here's a look back at some of the wonderful memories we've made together!

Who are we?

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

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A summer of adventures

🏖️ Beach Party at Tunza
Who needs the seaside when you can bring the beach to Tunza? We had a fabulous time with traditional Punch & Judy entertainment from Face2Face, seaside games, music and plenty of summer smiles!

🧚 A little Fairy Forest magic
There was magic in the air as our families explored Lumb Brook Valley, hunted for fairy doors, built dens and enjoyed some wonderful outdoor adventures together!

🎢 Thrills and smiles at Drayton Manor
From the excitement of Thomas Land to thrilling rides and meeting favourite characters, our Drayton Manor trip was packed with fun and happy faces!
And that was just a little taste of our summer adventures — we've been busy making memories!

Our summer supporters

A massive thank you to everyone who helped make our summer so special! 💕

Our lovely supporters:
💗 HSBC fund matching – £500
💗 Community Lottery – £141
💗 Easyfundraising – £34.62

And a big thank you for Summer HAF funding and support from the Duchy of Lancaster and Hays Travel.

We couldn't do it without you! 💗

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Little ways to make a big difference 💕

🛍️ 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.

🎄 Looking ahead to Christmas

🎄 It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! 🎅

Can you believe we're talking about Christmas already?! After such a fantastic summer, we're getting ready for even more fun, laughter and magical memories with our Friends families!

We've got some lovely festive adventures to look forward to, and we can't wait to share them with you. Keep an eye on your emails and our Facebook pages for all the exciting details and booking information.

Here's to a wonderful festive season together! 💕





🎁 Festive updates

Christmas plans and booking details will be shared with registered Friends families as they are confirmed.
Please keep checking your email and our Facebook pages so you don't miss the festive fun!

Regular Weekly Activities

Join us every week during term time!

🧱 **Monday** – LEGO Club
💃 **Tuesday** – Funky Friends Dance
🤸 **Wednesday & Sunday**– Aerial Hoops

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

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More summer fun! ☀️

🌳 Outdoor adventures

Fresh air, fun and freedom
From exploring Delamere Forest to getting muddy at the Puddle Project, our families enjoyed plenty of outdoor adventures! There was lots of exploring, discovering nature, making friends and enjoying the great outdoors together.





🏰 Exploring new places

Making memories together
Our families enjoyed some fantastic trips to Conwy Castle and Windermere! From discovering historic places to taking in beautiful scenery, these adventures gave everyone the chance to explore somewhere different and make lovely memories.

🎢 Fantastic family days out

Fun, laughter and excitement
Greenwood Family Park was another brilliant summer adventure! With exciting attractions, outdoor play and plenty to discover, our families enjoyed a wonderful day together, filled with smiles, laughter and lots of fun.





🚲 Trying something new

New experiences, big smiles
From Simply Cycling to sensory adventures at Sensory Hive and Spaceworld, there was something for everyone! These activities gave our children opportunities to try new things, build confidence and enjoy experiences in their own way.

💙 Thank You

Thank you to all our wonderful families, volunteers, activity providers and supporters for making this summer so special! Here's to many more adventures, happy memories and a little Christmas magic! 💗