



# Aiming High

## April Activities



Welcome to the latest edition of the Aiming High Activity Brochure. In here, you will find every activity taking place across Staffordshire in April 2023.

If you see just one child beside an activity (as below), it is for the individual.



If you see all four of our children (as below) beside an activity, it is for the whole family to enjoy together.



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### From the 1<sup>st</sup> March:

To book a place on any of the activities listed, please call:

0300 111 8007

(option 2, then option 5)



Children can have two free activities in April.

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### Double the fun ...

**2 sessions per month will now be the norm!** No more thinking is it one or two this month, we are moving to giving children with SEND who access Aiming High Short Breaks 2 sessions per month. We have done some analysis of the attendance - actual places available to book compared to actual attendance and we have found we have places that are not used or booked, so to make sure children and young people have access to short breaks, we are opening these up from March. This will also help us in our mission to have online booking, as there will be consistency, and the providers who we are speaking too, say it will be easier to put into place. Double the fun ... 2 sessions per month will now be the norm!

So, from the 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> you can call up to book two free sessions and then after the 11<sup>th</sup> to book additional sessions which may be charged. We will review this at the end of March and April to check our systems are working and that there are not too many issues. It may be that we have to look at ensuring there is a fair spread of bookings for our providers who get booked up straight away – by limiting them to one free session and another free one at another provider, but we will wait and see.

### Bookings via the SEND booking line ...

From March when you call up to book, some of the providers and activities may be by **Expression of Interest**. Some of our providers have sessions which are really popular and generate waiting lists, so from March some of the activities you call to book will have an Expression of Interest list. The providers will then get the list and contact you to confirm the booking, this means they can keep the list and follow up with to:

- To confirm your place
- To check any medical or risk assessment needs
- To talk to you about their other activities
- To check if your child needs a 1:1 place, 2:1 place or any additional needs (*many of the providers offer 1:1 support but need to know this before your child attends, the more we know the better we can support, and needing a 1:1 or 2:1 space is not going to stop us trying to ensure your child and you have a short break*)
- To check nearer the date that you still are available to attend
- Offer out any cancelled places to the others on the waiting list
- To ensure there is a fair spread of accessing their sessions
- To hopefully avoid the non-attended booked places

We will trial this for March and April and see how it goes. So, for any activities that the SEND booking team say are **Expression of Interest**, you will then get a confirmation call from the **Provider to confirm your place**.

## Cannock



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> April**

6 – 8pm

Ability Counts

6 – 16 years

Rugeley Church & Community Centre, Burnthill Lane, Rugeley, WS15 2HX



**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023**

10 – 12pm

Chasewater Railway

0 – 15 years

Chasewater Country Park, Brownhills West Station, Pool Lane, Brownhills, WS8 7NL



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

10 – 12pm

Chasewater Railway

0 – 15 years

Chasewater Country Park, Brownhills West Station, Pool Lane, Brownhills, WS8 7NL



## East Staffordshire



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

9 – 12pm

Purple Explorers Club

8 – 18 years

Queen Street Community Centre, Burton-upon-Trent, DE14 3LW



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## Lichfield



**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

2- 5pm

Purple Explorers Club

8 – 18 years

Whittington Village Hall, Whittington, Lichfield, WS14 9LR



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## Newcastle-under-Lyme (1)



### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April

9 - 12pm

Purple Explorers Club

8 – 18 years

 **CAUDWELL**  
*Children*

Caudwell International Children's Centre, Innovation Way, Keele, ST5 5NT



### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

1 – 3pm

Monkey Forest

0 – 15 years



Monkey Forest, Stone Road, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 8AY



### Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April

1 – 3pm

\*\*Monkey Forest

0 – 19 years



Trentham Monkey Forest, Tittensor, Stoke-on-Trent, ST12 9HR

\*\* Expression of Interest

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## Newcastle-under-Lyme (2)



**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

1 – 3pm

**\*\*Lambing Live**

7 – 13 years

Trentham Estate, Stone Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 8JG



**\*\* Expression of Interest**

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## South Staffordshire (1)



**April 2023**

Time & date chosen by family

£100 voucher



West Midlands Safari Park, Spring Grove, Bewdley, Kidderminster, DY12 1LF



**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

10 – 3pm

Easter Activity Day

5 – 19 years



Westcroft School, Greenacres Lane, Essington, Wolverhampton, WV10 8NZ



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

11 – 1pm

Spring Themed Group Riding

5 – 19 years



Gartmore Riding School, Hammerwich, Burntwood, WS7 0JT

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## South Staffordshire (2)



**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

11 – 1pm

1:1 / Semi-Private Sessions

5 – 19 years

Gartmore Riding School, Hammerwich, Burntwood, WS7 0JT



**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

11 – 1pm

1:1 / Semi-Private Sessions

5 – 19 years

Gartmore Riding School, Hammerwich, Burntwood, WS7 0JT



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

11 – 1pm

Spring into Action with Robert

5 – 19 years

Gartmore Riding School, Hammerwich, Burntwood, WS7 0JT



## Stafford (1)



### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

2 – 5pm

Purple Explorers Club

8 – 18 years

Brocton Village Hall, Old Acre Lane, Stafford, ST17 0TW



### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

4 – 6pm

Tenpin Bowling

5 – 19 years

Tenpin, Greyfriars Place, Stafford, ST16 2SD



### **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

10:30am – 12:30pm

Spring Fun at the Farm

5 – 15 years

CARE, Lower Drayton Lane, Penkridge, ST19 5RE



## Stafford (2)



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> April**

4:30 – 6:30pm

Ability Counts

6 – 16 years

Gnosall Village Hall, Lowfield Lane, Gnosall, ST20 0ET



**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

9:30 – 11:30am

**\*\*Breakfast & Wacky**

5 – 12 years

Redhill Brewer's Fayre, Spitfire Close, Stafford, ST16 1GX



**\*\* Expression of Interest**

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## Staffordshire Moorlands



**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> April**

4:30 – 6:30pm

Ability Counts

6 – 16 years

Audley Community Centre, Nantwich Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 8DH



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

9 – 12pm

Purple Explorers Club

8 – 18 years

Westwood First School, Westwood Road, Leek, ST13 8DL



## Tamworth



### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

2 – 5pm

Purple Explorers Club

8 – 18 years

St Peter's Church & Community Centre, Glascote, Tamworth, B77 2HH



### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

1:30 – 4:30pm

Stratfold Barn Railway































0 – 15 years

Statfold Narrow Gauge Museum, Ashby Road, Tamworth, B79 0BU



## April 2023 Calendar



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
					<b>1</b> Purple Explorers (Keele; Stafford)  West Mids Safari Park 	<b>2</b> Purple Explorers (Burton; Lichfield) 
<b>3</b> Monkey Forest (S-O-T)  Bowling (Stafford) 	<b>4</b> Railway (Chasewater) 	<b>5</b> Ability Counts (Rugeley)  Easter Day (Wolfs) 	<b>6</b> Ability Counts (Gnosall)  Spring Themed Horse Riding 	<b>7</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>8</b> 1:1 Horse Riding (Burntwood) 	<b>9</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Monkey Forest (S-O-T) 	<b>12</b> Lambing Live (S-O-T)  Ability Counts (Rugeley)  1:1 Horse Riding (Burntwood)  Spring Fun (Penkridge) 	<b>13</b> Breakfast & Wacky (Stafford)  Ability Counts (Gnosall) 	<b>14</b> Ability Counts (Audley)  Railway (Chasewater)  Railway (Tamworth) 	<b>15</b> Purple Explorers (Tamworth) 	<b>16</b> Purple Explorers (Leek) 
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Ability Counts (Rugeley) 	<b>20</b> Ability Counts (Gnosall) 	<b>21</b> Ability Counts (Audley) 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Ability Counts (Rugeley) 	<b>27</b> Ability Counts (Gnosall) 	<b>28</b> Ability Counts (Audley) 	<b>29</b> Spring into Action Horse Games (Burntwood) 	<b>30</b>

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