Help to create a lifelong reader

Help your child on their reading journey with the Bookstart Scheme!

Sharing books with your child early can help create a lifelong reader. Bookstart was set up in 1992, providing free resources to every local authority in England and Wales, guiding you on your child’s reading journey from 0 to 5 years.

In Rotherham, Bookstart packs are distributed by a health visitor and a child’s school or nursery. Children will receive one pack at 0 to 12 months called ‘the baby pack’ and one pack at 3 to 4 years called ‘the treasure pack’.

In addition to the Bookstarts universal packs, children with additional needs are also entitled to receive one of the following packs:

- Bookshine is for children who are deaf and consists of a rhyme place mat (with babies signing) or a bookmark showing British Sign Language and guidance for sharing books.

- Booktouch is for children who are blind or partially sighted. This pack has two touch-and-feel books and guidance around sharing books with blind and partially sighted children.

- Bookstart Star is for children who have disabilities that impact on or delay the development of their fine motor skills. Each pack has a copy of ‘Off to the Park!’ (an exclusive touch-and-feel book from Child’s Play publishers), a board book, a finger puppet for playing along with the story and guidance sheets.

A set amount of these books are available for Rotherham families. Please contact your health visitor for more information.

To receive this newsletter for free register online at: www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org/s4s/WhereILive/Council?pageId=980
**South Yorkshire’s best indoor inflatable adventure zone is back for TEN DAYS ONLY this SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

From Monday 6th August to Friday 10th August, and Monday 13th August to Friday 17th August

**Autism Friendly SEND Mayhem Sessions** will be on Tuesday 7th August and Thursday 16th August, both at 2pm.

**Call 01709 72002 or visit www.visitmagna.co.uk/magna-mayhem from more information**

**Elephants in Steps & Tumbi Club**

Monthly themed activities for disabled children/young people at Dalton Youth Centre. Activities include:

- Arts and crafts
- Themed games
- Karaoke and music

**Tumbi Club (7 to 12yrs)**
- 25th September – Hogwarts Reunion
- 23rd October – Frite Nite!
- 20th November – Pyjama Party
(All 4.30pm – 7pm)

**Summer sessions:**

**Elephants in Steps Club (13 to 25yrs)**
- 21st to 23rd September – Crowden residential

New members will need to complete a registration form before taking part.

For further information please contact Claire Haddon on 07791789570

**MAGICAL MYTHICAL CREATURES**

Tuesday 14th August
There’s a unicorn in the Museum… A dragon in the park… what else will you find as you enter this world of mystery and magic? Dream up your own mythical creatures and bring them to life using a variety of art materials.

**LET’S GO ON AN EXPEDITION**

Tuesday 21st August
Step out into the unknown with us this summer and discover different cultures and countries in the Museum. Create your own expedition kit, with binoculars and compasses, ready for the expedition of a lifetime!

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Tuesday 28th August
Design and decorate your very own animal masterpiece or wooden spoon puppet (includes one free entry into Rotherham Show’s children’s art class as part of the Horticultural Show).

**Clifton Park Museum**

Tuesdays just got better with great workshops throughout August! Two sessions on each day 11am to 12.30pm and 1.30pm to 3pm

**SEASIDE TREASURES**

Tuesday 7th August
Oh we do like to be beside the seaside! Decorate your very own ceramic seaside keepsake.

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**Boston Castle**

Wednesdays are wonderful with workshops throughout August! Two sessions on each day 11am to 12.30pm and 1pm to 2.30pm

**FAIRIES, Gnomes AND TROLLS**

Wednesday 15th August
Dress up in your magical finery and head to the enchanted castle to create your own fairy door or gnome home.

**MAKING ART WITH NATURE**

Wednesday 22nd August
Explore the Castle grounds, forage for leaves, twigs and whatever you can find to make your own piece of nature-inspired art.

**Boston Castle Superheroes**

Wednesday 29th August
Dust off your cape, grab your favourite sidekick and join us at the Castle for an unforgettable adventure. Dream up and create your own superhero using a variety of art materials.

All workshops at Clifton Park Museum and Boston Castle are for young people aged 4 to 11 years old, who must be accompanied by an adult.

The workshops are £3.50 per child except Seaside Treasures which is £4 per child (non-refundable).

Please call Clifton Park Museum on 01709 336633 to book a place.
ArtWorks is a community and arts organisation providing quality day and work opportunities within the creative industries for young people 16+ with learning disabilities, autism, sensory disabilities and physical disabilities. They provide group work placements at venues like Sheffield Documentary Festival, Site Gallery, Wentworth Woodhouse and The Wildlife Trust. They will support you to be independent, healthy, and have an active role in the community. The new service is running Monday to Friday 9am until 4pm. Free Taster days are available so please get in touch.

£65 per day
e. Info@artworks-sy.co.uk
t. Liz on 07540133622 or Kayleigh on 07765705932
www.artworks-sy.co.uk

Sensory Planet have a range of sensory environments with a high quality selection of equipment and various unique sensory toys. Their aim is to provide great sensory experience for all children and adults with or without disabilities.

- Tuesday 10am to 6pm
- Wednesday 10am to 2pm
- Thursday 10am to 6pm
- Friday 10am to 4pm
- Saturday 10am to 2pm
60 minutes for £8. Please visit www.sensoryplanet.co.uk for group prices and further information.

t. 01709881735

Rotherham Parent Forum are running a number of activities over the summer holidays. Please look for regular updates on www.rpcf.co.uk or by ringing the office 01709296262 9.30am – 2.30pm Monday to Friday term time only.

Activities that are happening in August include:

- 9 August, meet us for a chat and let the kids play at Rother Valley, 11am – 2pm
- 13th and 20th August 2 Swinton Lock sessions, 2 hours each session, £6 each.

AJS community Fitness
Fun based sports and activities for people with autism and mild/moderate learning disabilities 14 years and over.
Fir Close Community Centre
Wath-upon-Deare S63 7NU
Every Sunday 10.30am to 12 noon £8
Small snack provided
Call Anthony or June for more information
t. 07597690506 or 07800906383
e. junemendoza.jm@gmail.com or Tonyanthonywilson@icloud.com

Rotherham African Drummers
Why not join us?

Contact Amy on: 07533092225
Email: amy@drummers.org.uk
Find out about resources, services, support, activities and events for children and young people in Rotherham with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Visit the website
www.rotherhamsendlocaloffer.org

A comprehensive guide for children and young people aged 0 – 25 years and their families.
If you need help to access and navigate the site, please contact us on 0800 073 0230

The Autism Family Support Teams
Basic Support Strategies booklet can is now available in Polish, Punjabi, Slovak, Urdu and Mandarin as well as English.
The booklet is free for families and aims to provide simple straightforward information to support children and young people with a social communication difficulty including autism.
To request a booklet
t. 01709 336404 or
e. AutismFamilySupportTeam@rotherham.gov.uk

Parents/ Carer Short Breaks Survey
We are looking for views from parents/carers of children/young people with SEND who have accessed a type of short break. These can be youth clubs, after school clubs, scouts or staying at a short breaks overnight stay.
Completing the survey will enter you in a prize draw for a £50 Meadowhall voucher.
The survey will close on 31st August 2018.
www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KP7GBC5

Core Assets whose Independent Support (IS) service has been supporting families through the Education Health and Care process are no longer taking direct referrals.
Current IS families will continue to receive support until the 31st August, families who still require support after 31st August will be signposted on to SENDIASS.
Families will be actively supported with this process should they specifically request it.
www.coreassets.com

SENDiass offer impartial information, advice and support if you are:
• a parent or carer for a child or young person up to the age of 25 with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities
• a child up to 16 who has SEND
• a young person aged 16 – 25 who has SEND
The services they offer include:
• confidential and impartial information, advice and support
• information about education, health and social care, voluntary organisations and support groups
• training for parents
• support through the EHC process
t: 01709 823627
www.rotherhamsendiass.org.uk

For up to date information on activities, events and services for children and young people with disabilities contact Andy Lound. Rotherham Councils Children’s Disability Information Officer t: 01709 336423 e: andrew.lound@rotherham.gov.uk

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