

SEND NewsLetter

October 24, 2025



Support While You Wait - Children's Health Appointments

Some of our Herefordshire Children's Community Health services are continuing to experience a high volume of referrals and unfortunately that means children and young people are waiting longer than usual for their first appointment.

We understand that the length of time waiting for services can be worrying and frustrating.

Support is available to children and young people, as well as their families, who find themselves experiencing long waits for appointments with Health services in Herefordshire.

To access information and find out more about the support available, please visit the dedicated '[Support While You Wait](#)' section of the Herefordshire and Worcestershire ICB website.

A new academic year...

Our pupil's are settling well and making the school proud!

With the start of a new academic year, we are delighted to see pupils settling in so well to school life. It has been wonderful to observe students building positive relationships with their teachers, support staff, and key adults, while also forming strong and lasting friendships with their peers. Pupils have embraced their new roles and responsibilities with enthusiasm, showing great adaptability as they learn the routines and expectations of their new class. Their growing confidence, curiosity, and sense of community are already shining through, setting a positive tone for the term ahead.

Coming soon...

New SEN parent workshops. More information to follow soon.

Online video library - NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire



NHS Herefordshire and Worcestershire have an online video library which includes lots of helpful videos for parents and carers.

From guidance for finding and treating head lice to top tips about raising a child with a learning disability or difficulty, these videos offer advice based on national guidance.

Access all of the videos on the ICB website: [Herefordshire and Worcestershire NHS - Children's health information video library](#).

What's on?



Autumnal fun this half term in Herefordshire

If you're looking for ideas to help you and your family stay active and entertained during the autumn half term, Talk Community have put a list together of some of the fun activities and events taking place across Herefordshire. The good news is this includes plenty of free and low cost activities! There's everything from spooky WildPlay, to drama workshops and a Halloween pool party.

Find activities for you and your family on the [Talk Community Directory](#), and don't forget to check out the [what's on calendar](#) for even more inspiration!

New SEND session for early years children at Herefordshire Museums

Herefordshire Museums & Galleries has announced a new series of monthly activity groups for babies and early years children, including those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

'Baby Pips' (for children aged 0-2 years), 'Little Pips' (for children aged 2-4 years) and 'Twinkle Pips' for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) will be held monthly at the History Store, Friar's Street, Hereford HR4 0AS from this month.

- Baby Pips will take place between 10.30am and 12 noon from Monday 13 October, then every second Monday of the month thereafter.
- Little Pips will take place between 10.30am and 12 noon from Tuesday 14 October, then every second Tuesday of the month thereafter.
- Twinkle Pips will take place between 1pm and 2.30pm from Monday 10 November, then the second Monday of the month thereafter.

All sessions cost £5 per child with their accompanying adult. Advance booking is required via the [Hereford Museums Eventbrite webpage](#).



Children and young people's events at HANDS Hub



Chill and Chat with Friends

An opportunity to spend time with friends with optional activities including arts and crafts, Lego, sensory play and gaming.

- High School aged sessions are held every other Saturday from 10am - 12noon.
- Primary School aged sessions are held every other Saturday from 12noon - 2pm.

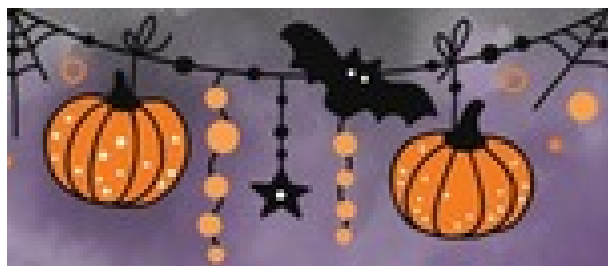
To book onto any of these sessions, email info@hands-hub.co.uk or visit the website:

[HANDS Hub](#)

Halloween Party - Friday 31st October, 3pm - 5pm

You are invited to HANDS Hub for a Halloween Party which will include refreshments, games, music and more.

To book a place please contact Lucy by email: info@hands-hub.co.uk



The Courtyard inclusive events

There are lots of inclusive activities coming up at The Courtyard for children and young people with SEND. These events are always very popular so read on to find out more and get in touch to secure your space.

Inclusive Drama

Step into the spotlight with Inclusive Drama — a fun, welcoming, and empowering drama class designed especially for young people with SEND. Whether you're a born performer or just curious to try something new, this class celebrates every voice and every imagination.

No experience needed— just bring your creativity and a willingness to play!

Inclusive Juniors (ages 6-12) 4.30pm-5.15pm

Fridays during term time, £100 for the term

Inclusive Intermediates (ages 13-20) 5.30pm-6.15pm

Fridays during term time, £100 for the term

<https://www.courtyard.org.uk/events/inclusive-drama/>



Myths and Legends Inclusive Workshop

Thursday 30 October - 3pm (Ages 8-15)

A fun-filled day bursting with creativity! Explore a variety of exciting arts activities, make new friends, and let your imagination run wild!

The Courtyard's experienced team of practitioners and staff are fully trained in working with young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), ensuring a supportive and inclusive environment for everyone.

Joy Club Juniors Inclusive Rave

Friday 31st October 2pm

For ages 8 - 17 years - under 12s must be accompanied by an adult for the whole session.

Christmas Party Inclusive Workshop

Sunday 14th December 10.30am

Start your day with a delightful performance of Hansel and Gretel, followed by an afternoon of Christmas games and party. Suitable for ages 8 - 15.

To book a place on any of these events or for more information, please contact Rebecca Cook at rebecca.cook@courtyard.org.uk or call 01432 346511

