



What's On in the Christmas Holidays 2023?

In this update, we give you news of some of the events and activities for children and young people with SEND, which will be taking place over the holidays in (or close) to the Enfield area as well as some days out in London and nearby.



We have included a link to the Local Authority’s booklet on playschemes and some activities and days out. Some of these are specifically aimed at children and young people with additional needs and others are more general but may be suitable for some. Please do check individual websites and talk to the venues/organisers if you are not sure whether something may be suitable.

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure that this information is accurate, we would recommend that you check with individual venues and providers in advance of any visit. Our website also includes some [activities to keep your child entertained at home](#) which may be useful.

We will update this guide with any other relevant information, so if you do hear of something that you think would be useful for other families, do let us know (contact details are at the end of this update).

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'Local Offer' information

The Local Offer is the Local Authority website bringing together information about all aspects of provision for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). It contains a section on [activities and things to do](#) and information about ['Short Breaks'](#)

More information is in the attached [Enfield Children and Young Person's Service Guide for parents and carers](#) on local free and affordable activities. There is also information about [accessible toilets and changing facilities](#).

General Guidance

Visiting a new venue can be a daunting experience if you have children with either physical disabilities or sensory impairments. From issues around wheelchair access and accessible toilets to combating your child's anxieties over an unfamiliar environment, the relevant information isn't always easy to find. The [AccessAble](#) website gives detailed (and free) information about the accessibility of thousands of venues in the UK - including more than 200 in the Borough of Enfield. The information is available in easy-read format (often useful if you want to look at it with your child/young person) as well as a variety of different languages. Please do note however that some information may have changed as a result of the pandemic, so do check directly with the venue as appropriate. You may also find these guides useful:

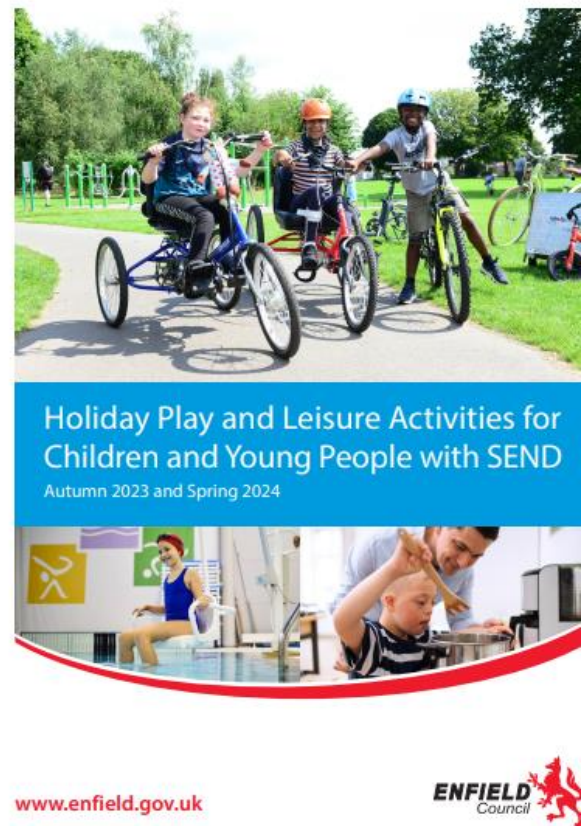
- London attractions: [Accessible attractions - London Attraction - visitlondon.com](#)
- Rough Guide to Accessible Britain <https://www.motability.co.uk/news/rough-guide-to-accessible-britain/>
- Accessible days out Disability Horizons [10 accessible days out across the UK for disabled people \(disabilityhorizons.com\)](#)

Playschemes and other activities

The Local Authority publishes a booklet setting out playschemes and activities for the school holidays. The latest version of this is on the Local Offer [here](#) (entitled Holiday Play and Leisure Activities booklet) along with additional information about playschemes and after-school clubs.

This includes specialist playschemes (including ALWA, Centre 404 VIP and Cheviots), inclusive playschemes like Endorphins, and other activities. You can see presentations from some of these providers on our website [here](#) as well as an overview from the Joint Service for Disabled Children, who manage ['Short Breaks'](#) in Enfield.

Please note there is very limited availability over the Christmas period.



Soft play party

Fun Junction Soft Play in Cheshunt has an SEN Christmas party (for children with SEN and their friends and family) on 21st December from 3.30 to 5.30 pm.

You can book now at <https://funjunction.co.uk/book-softplay/>



FUN JUNCTION'S CHRISTMAS DISCO'S 2023

THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER

£18 For 1 Adult & 1 Child Additional Children £13

Extra adult £5. Max 2 adults per child (more than 2 adult are charged at £13 each)

INCLUDES.

**A Hot Meal For Each Child, Make Your Own Reindeer Food
With The Elves, Unlimited Soft Play, Disco With Santa &
Olaf, Sweet Treat On Departure For Each Child.**

3 PARTY TIMES

10am-12pm

12.45pm-2.45pm &

SEN CHRISTMAS PARTY 3.30pm-5.30pm

(This session is for children with SEN and their friends and family)

**You Can Book Your Preferred Time Online 24 Hours A Day 7 Days A
Week funjunction.co.uk Under BOOK SOFTPLAY And Click On The 21st
December To Book Your Space.**

Ice skating

Skating sessions at Somerset House this Christmas include wheelchair-exclusive sessions and 'chilled out' sessions for those who need a quieter environment.

Wheelchair accessible ice-skating at Somerset House

All information about wheelchair-accessible skating [here](#). Wheelchair users can skate in all public sessions using a wheelchair subject to availability. Wheelchair users are entitled to one free PA Companion Skate ticket (bookable over the phone) as well as on-ice support from the Ice Marshalls. You are asked to give at least 2 weeks' notice if possible, to ensure sufficient staffing. Additionally, there will be a dedicated wheelchair session on Sunday 7th January at 3 pm, for wheelchair users and their companions only. There will also be a Changing Places toilet and changing facility available (as well as standard accessible toilets).



Chilled out skating sessions at Somerset House

For those who would prefer to skate in a more relaxed setting, Somerset House are offering a few reduced-capacity skate sessions. During these sessions, there will be music at lower levels, and an extra indoor area as a chill-out area for anyone who needs a break.

During the school holidays, these will be from 10 am to 10.45 am Saturday 6th Jan and Wednesday 10th January 11 to 11.44 am.

Details, social story and booking links [here](#).

Queens House Ice Rink – relaxed sessions



The Queen's House Ice Rink in Greenwich offers a relaxed session for anyone who needs a calmer more relaxed environment. Their session during the Christmas holidays will be on Wednesday 3rd January from 6 – 6.45 pm

Information and booking link [here](#).

Theatre and Cinema

Pantomime – relaxed performances

Although there are no relaxed performances available at our local pantomimes (at Millfield Theatre, Edmonton and Wylotts in Potters Bar), [Jacksons Lane](#) at Highgate is providing two relaxed performances of their Christmas show – ‘The Three Billy Goats Gruff’ – see [The Three Billy Goats Gruff - Jacksons Lane Events - The Home of Contemporary Circus](#)

These shows provide an inclusive and relaxed space for all to enjoy live theatre, and everyone is welcome to attend, regardless of whether they feel they need the additional support that these shows offer or not. Visual story guides and sensory touch tours are also available in addition to relaxed performance adjustments (such as lower volume, lights remaining on, breakout spaces and a relaxed attitude towards audience noise and movement during the show)

There are relaxed performances on **Saturday 16 December at 2 pm (limited tickets available), Thursday 4th Jan at 1.30 pm and Saturday 6th Jan at 11 am (very limited tickets available).**

If you are able to travel further afield there are other relaxed performances in London:

Dick Whittington at Richmond Theatre on 3rd Jan [Dick Whittington - Relaxed Performance Tickets | Richmond Theatre in Greater London | ATG Tickets](#)

Cinderella at the New Wimbledon Theatre on Wed 20th Dec [Cinderella - Relaxed Performance Tickets | New Wimbledon Theatre in Greater London | ATG Tickets](#)

Chickenshed

Chickenshed is an Inclusive theatre company with a strong focus on supporting individuals with SEND. For details of all their current events and activities see the Chickenshed events page [here](#). Venue: **Chickenshed**, Chase Side, Southgate, N14 4PE, UK

During the Christmas holidays, they will be showing ‘Christmas Tales Presents Cinderella in Boots’ from 11th to 30th December a 50-minute pantomime aimed at age 7 and under



Cinema

Use your CEA card when visiting the cinema with a disabled child, to get a free ticket for an accompanying adult – see [here](#) for information.

To find audio-described or subtitled showings of films at Cineworld Enfield, click [here](#), scroll down under ‘Choose a screening’ and select either audio-described or subtitled.



Over the Christmas Holidays, there will be an Autism friendly showing of Wonka (PG) at Cineworld Enfield on Saturday 6th January. You’ll be able to book tickets [here](#).

Keep an eye on the [Dimensions website](#) for details of more Autism-friendly showings coming up.

We hope that you have found this update useful. If you have any feedback, or anything that you think we could be telling our families about, please let us know. Our contact details are:

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