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Dear Parents / Carers

Isle of Wight Council invites eligible families to sign up for free activities this Christmas as part of the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme.

The programme is funded by the Department for Education so that we can offer healthy food and enriching activities in the school holidays to children who receive income-based free school meals. To check your eligibility please see the following webpage: <https://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/>

A small number of places are also available on a discretionary basis : please click the following link to see if you are eligible <https://www.iow.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/holiday-activities-and-childcare/holiday-activities/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/>

The Christmas Programme is packed full of exciting activities across the Island. All activities can be booked on our HAF booking System - please follow the QR Code or Link below.



<https://eequ.org/hafontheisleofwight>

If your first choice is fully booked, we would encourage you to check other HAF activities or leave your details on a waiting list as there are often cancellations.

Please see below for details of the holiday activities available this Christmas:

Activity Provider	Venue	Type of Activity
Aspire Ryde	Soft Play, Aspire Ryde, Dover Street, Ryde, PO33 2BN	Soft play, crafts and group activities for the family
	Creative Hub, Aspire Ryde, Dover Street, Ryde, PO33 2BN	Music, crafts and digital media based activity
	Creative Hub, Young Persons & Family Centre, Sibden Road, Shanklin, PO37 7LY	Music, crafts and digital media based activity
CM Sports	Barton Primary School, Furlongs, Newport, PO30 2AX	Multi-Activity Club including sports, crafts and group games
Connect IOW	Connect Centre, 7 Bowling Green Lane, Newport, PO30 1RR	Specialist SEND Activity

Easel Peasels	Goose Island, Fakenham Farm Eddington Rd, Ryde, PO33 1XS	Art based activity including bubble slime
Football Fun Factory	The Bay CE Secondary Site Sports Hall, The Fairway, Sandown, PO36 9JH	Football based activity including inflatables
The Holt	136 Pyle Street, Newport, PO30 1JW	Specialist SEND Activity
Island Riding Centre	Island Riding Centre, Staplers Road, Newport, PO30 2NB	Horse riding activity including horse care and yard/stable maintenance
John Cattle's Skate Club	St Marks Church, Wootton, PO33 4RA	Skateboarding and additional crafts
LJR Coaching	Broadlea Primary School, Newport Road, Sandown, PO36 9PE	World Cup football days and multi sports coaching days
	Lanesend Primary School, Love Lane, Cowes, PO31 7ES	
	St Mary's Primary School, 2 Amphil Road, Ryde, PO33 1LJ	
	East Cowes Vics FC, Beatrice Avenue, East Cowes, PO32 6PA	
Premier School Sports Coaching (PSSC)	Barton Primary School, Furlongs, Newport, PO30 2AX	Multi sports coaching including cheerleading days
	Dover Park Primary School, Dover Street, Ryde PO33 2BN	
	St Francis Catholic and Church of England Primary Academy, Newport Road, Ventnor, PO38 1BQ	
IOW Rare Breeds (including specialist SEND activity days)	Isle of Wight Rare Breeds, Oaklea Farm, Alverstone, PO36 0EX	Family farm-based activities including meeting animals, scavenger hunts and crafts (includes Specialist SEND Activity)
The Starlight Academy	Unit 8 Barry Way, Newport Business Park, Newport, PO30 5GY	Mix of dance, aerial, acrobatics and cheerleading, themed around the circus
Fun Club - West Wight Nursery	West Wight Nursery, Summers Lane, Totland, PO39 0HQ	Multi-Activity Club including drama llama

You can use the following link [IW Family Information Hub \(HAF\) \(iow.gov.uk\)](https://www.iow.gov.uk) to search for activities and contact local providers directly or access this webpage using the QR code below.

To find out more about the HAF Programme visit the [Holiday Activities webpages](#). For queries, **please email holidayactivities@iow.gov.uk in the first instance.**

Kind regards



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