



Head's Weekly Newsletter

Week 29



Message from the Headteacher

Mrs Ania Hildrey, Headteacher, headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Dear Students, Families, Colleagues and Friends

Welcome to Term 5 and to this week's copy of the Head's Weekly Newsletter.

I hope that you all had a good and restful break over the Easter holidays and that you are ready for the return to school and all that this term has in store – please check out the Key Diary Dates for the coming weeks and join us for as many of the fantastic events as possible.

I was saddened to have to announce the need to close the school to our students again this term due to the ongoing unresolved dispute between teachers' trade unions and the central government. I sincerely hope that the dispute will be resolved soon to prevent further closures and I am aware of the fact that any such days result in the loss of learning opportunities and put pressure on families. I am very sorry for that. The decision was not taken lightly and I have prioritised health and safety considerations when making it.

We will, however work extremely hard as a team to make sure we catch up on all learning lost on those closure days and I know that the teachers and support staff are already planning for that.

I would like to draw your attention to the events – both internal and external – advertised in this newsletter:

- Online Girls and Autism session will take place on 9 May – a brilliant and important topic for those directly affected and others who find the subject of interest
- Autism Research Café will be back on 23 May 2023 – hope you can join us!
- 8 June Caring for Carers event sound very interesting -see p37-38
- Local Offer event (new venue!) – 5 July 2023 – a must-visit for any person wanting to know what's on offer in the locality

Speaking of July, our **Summer Fair** is back and will take place on Saturday, 1 July 2023 here at Abbot's Lea School! We are looking for anyone willing and able to join our team of volunteers to make this family fun day super special! Contact reception@abbotsleaschool.co.uk to get involved – every penny goes towards our students' residential trips planned for next year!

With kindest regards and best wishes for the weekend ahead!

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher

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Key Diary Dates

School Year Calendar

Term Dates for next academic year:

<http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/09/Term-dates-2023-24.pdf>



Students' school day
9:00am - 3:00pm

Term 5

17 April – students return

May day: Monday 1 May

Ends: Friday, 26 May 2023 at 3pm

Half term: Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023

Term 6

5 June – students return

30 June – School Leavers' Date

7 July – Transition INSET

10-14 Transition Week

Ends: 14 July 2023 at 1pm

17-18 July – INSET (worked in lieu as twilights throughout the year)

Key Diary Dates

Key Diary Dates for Term 5

Date	Activity	Notes
Thursday 27 April	School closure to students due to strike	
Monday 1 May	May Day Bank Holiday	School is closed to all
Tuesday 2 May	School closure to students due to strike	
Friday 5 May	King's Coronation celebration	Classes will be participating in a range of activities to celebrate the King's coronation
Friday 5 May	Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning Assembly times: 9.30 - 10 KS4 and 5 10.05 – 10.35 – Primary 10.40 – 11.10 – KS3 Coffee morning: 9.30 – 11am	We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise Dr Sara Mursic Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
Monday 8 May	Bank Holiday (Coronation)	School is closed to all
Tuesday 9 May	Online training: Girls and Autism	In this session, we will introduce the debate around autism and gender, identify key issues and provide practical school-based support strategies. Our guests will be able to share personal, professional and academic perspectives to this topic. Guest speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mica Jayne Coleman Jones • Michelle Blake Join the session that best suits you: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12pm (noon) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82164843624 • 6pm (afternoon) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88109221317
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Key Diary Dates

Tuesday 16 May	EYFS/KS1 swimming window opens	At some point between 2 May and 12 May, your EYFS/KS1 child will have a 4-day block of swimming lessons.
Friday 19 May	Outdoor Learning Day	Our outdoor learning team will be creating some exciting activities for all classes to enjoy in our school grounds
Friday 19 May	Weekly open assemblies led by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher) and coffee morning Assembly times: 9.30 - 10 KS4 and 5 10.05 – 10.35 – Primary 10.40 – 11.10 – KS3 Coffee morning: 9.30 – 11am	We encourage families to attend where they are able. If there is any topic you would like to hear about or contribute to during the coffee mornings, please advise Dr Sara Mursic Sara.Mursic@abbotsleaschool.co.uk
Monday 22 May	Great British Sandwich Week	Students will be learning about the history of the sandwich, as well as making their own yummy creations!
Tuesday 23 May	Autism Research Cafe	3-4pm (online via Zoom) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82306096671 In this session, we will discuss benefits of visual literacy, comic books and graphic novels for autistic minds. Join us to learn more about the natural connection of visual learners and comics.
Wednesday 24 May	Diversity in: History	Students will learn about aspects of history and which amazing figures were behind some of our well-known historical events.
Friday 26 May	No assembly	No assembly or coffee morning
Friday 26 May	Own Clothes Day	Students may wear their own clothes should they wish. We ask in return for a donation of chocolate for our Summer Fair on 1 July 2023

Assemblies

Assemblies are facilitated by Mrs Tobin (Deputy Headteacher.) However, each week a different person or class will lead the assembly. When your child's class leads the assembly, their teacher will contact you in advance to let you know.

Weekly Attendance Reports

There is clear evidence that strong attendance at school links to strong educational outcomes for students. Mrs Hildrey set out in her letter last week the processes regarding student attendance. Each Friday you will be sent your child's attendance data so that you can support the school in ensuring it remains as close to 100% as possible.

Key Diary Dates

Student Progress Reports

You will have received a mid-term progress report and you will receive an end of year report (5 July 2023) for your child.

The reports summarise progress in all areas of the curriculum as well as providing a summary of the qualities your child displays at school.

If you have any questions on comments related to your child's progress at school, please contact Mrs Tobin on deputy@abbotsleaschool.co.uk

Next Week's Menu



Primary Lunch Menu



Week Commencing 24/04/23

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal We provide a variety of seasonal hot and cold dishes for children to freely choose from	Homemade Wholemeal Pizza served with Wedges and Beans or Coleslaw	Homemade Spanish Chicken served with Rice and Green Beans	Homemade Macaroni Cheese topped with Chilli con Carne	Meatball Sub Served with Fresh Salad and Tortilla Chips	Homemade Battered Fish with Chips and Minted Mushy Peas
Alternative Jacket potatoes with tuna and other fillings available daily	Pesto Pasta	Roasted Pepper Tomato Quiche	Vegetarian Chilli with Rice	Vegetable and Cheese Quesadillas	Veggie Curry with Rice
Homemade Soup	Chef Choice	Split Pea	Chinese Sweetcorn	Leek and Potato	Chef Choice
Starchy Food Various bread choices available	Homemade Pizza Base	Rice	Pasta	Bread	Chips
Vegetables Salad Bar with Hummus	Carrots	Green Beans	Mushrooms	Tomatoes and Cucumber	Mushy Peas
Dessert Fresh fruit, selection of low-fat yoghurts and homemade puddings available every lunch time	Fresh Fruit Salad Mixed Yoghurts	Vanilla Cheesecake Fresh Fruit	Wet Nelly and Custard Yoghurts	Apple Flapjacks Fresh Fruit	Cheese and Crackers Mixed Flavour Yoghurts

Ask for daily chef specials

All our meat is sourced from local suppliers, we use free range eggs and organic flour where possible. All our fruit and vegetables are locally sourced where possible. Halal options available.

Food For Thought is a not-for-profit school meals company owned by its partner schools. Any surplus is reinvested in the company or returned to its member schools.

GOOD FOOD CULTURE

Please, inform the school about any known allergies or dietary requirements for your child. You can do that by sharing information with the class team or by calling the school office. Thank you



Ireland class



Have a lovely weekend Ireland Class!



Wales class





Italy class



Class News



Portugal class



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Class News



Spain class



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France class



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Canada class



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Peru class



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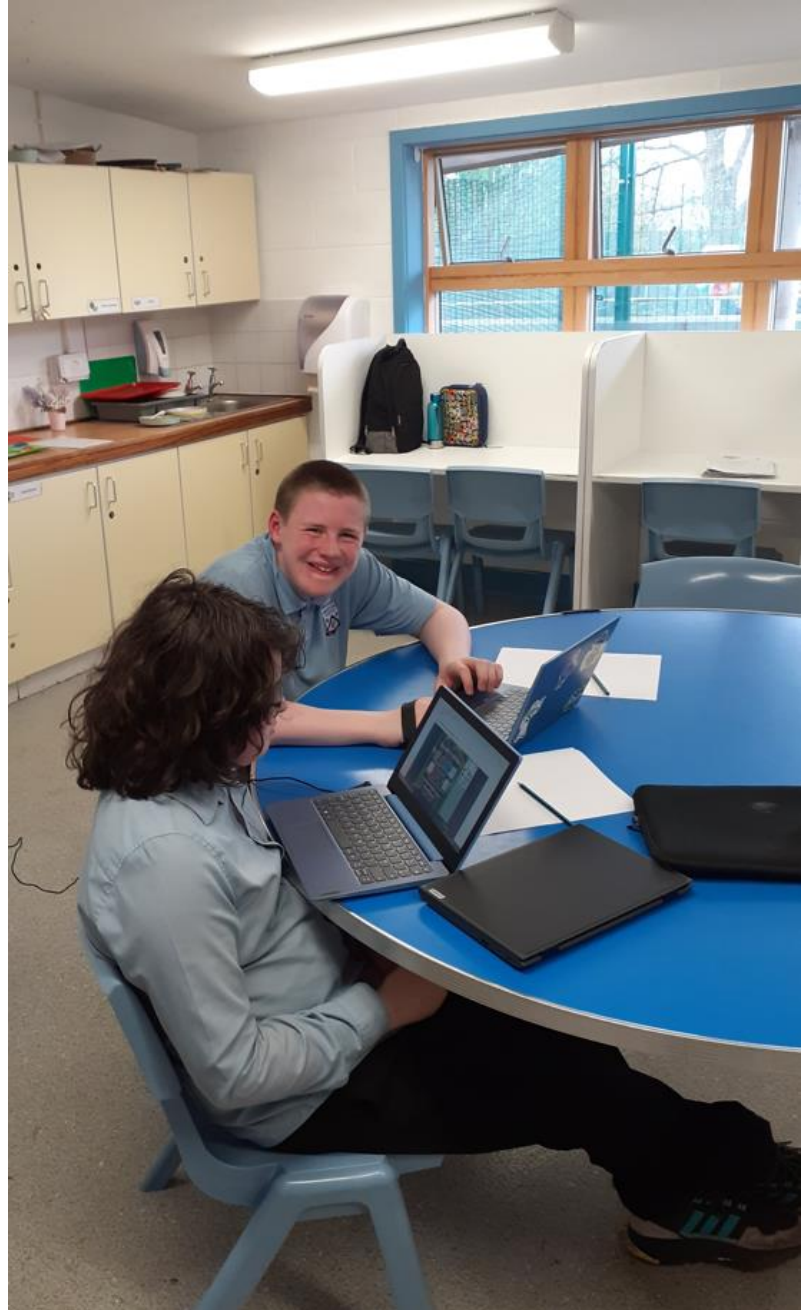
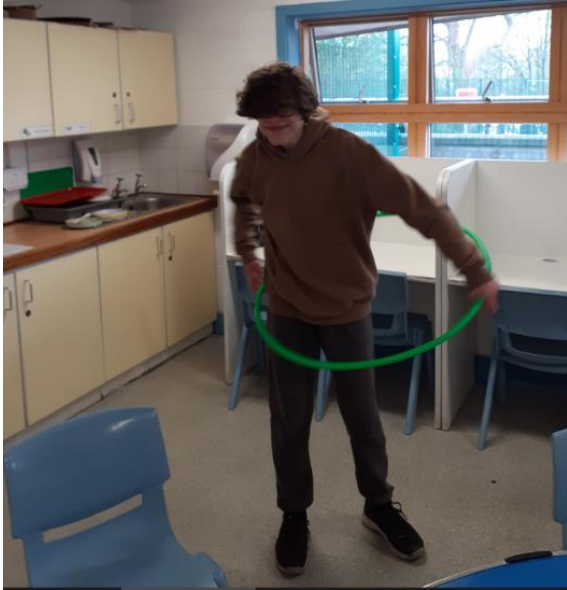
Mozambique class



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Cape Verde class



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Botswana class



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Seychelles class



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Madagascar class



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Kenya class



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Australia class

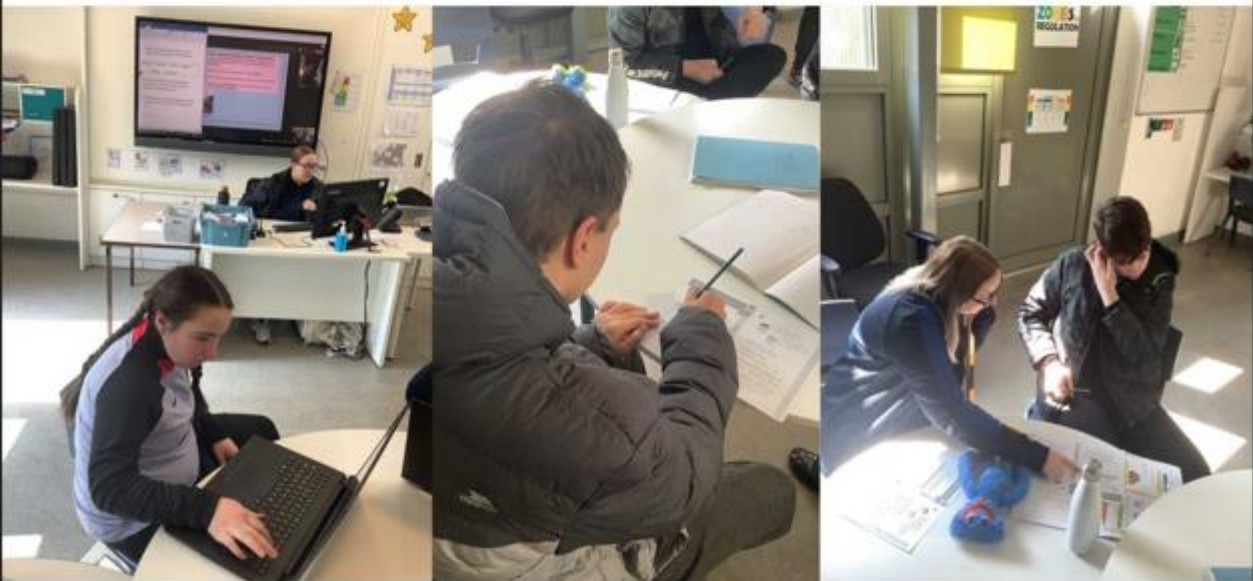


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New Zealand class



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Samoa class

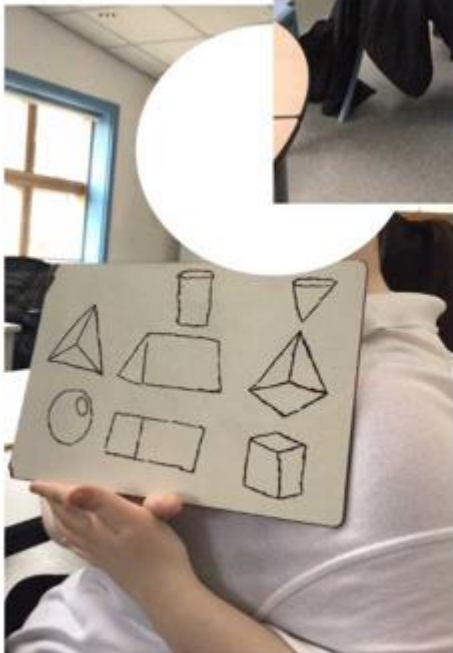


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Malawi class



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Christmas Island class



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Papua New Guinea class



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Fiji class



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Class News

Connecting Continents: Teacher from Abbot's Lea School's visit to Kenya Academy

We are thrilled to announce a new and inspiring friendship between our school in Liverpool and West End Destiny Academy in Nakuru, Kenya. This exciting development came about spontaneously, following a visit by one of our dedicated teachers, Miss Sophie Gibney, who spent her Easter half-term break volunteering at the Kenyan primary school.

During her 10-day visit to Nakuru, Miss Gibney worked closely with the students and staff of West End Destiny Academy, sharing her teaching expertise and building strong connections. Her time in Kenya not only benefited the local children but also created an incredible opportunity for our students to broaden their horizons and develop new friendships.

Upon her return, Miss Gibney brought back a selection of heartfelt letters from the West End Destiny Academy students. Our students from Samoa class were eager to respond, writing thoughtful and engaging replies to their new friends in Kenya. This exchange of letters has served as a catalyst for a blossoming relationship between our two schools.

The connection between Abbot's Lea School and West End Destiny Academy will be further strengthened with a video call scheduled for next week. Students from both schools are looking forward to this exciting opportunity to share their experiences, learn from each other and strengthen their newfound friendships.

As a school community, we are delighted to support this wonderful cross-cultural collaboration. We are confident that our students will benefit immensely from the exchange of ideas, experiences, and friendships with their peers in Nakuru, Kenya. The partnership with West End Destiny Academy embodies our commitment to fostering global connections and celebrating diversity, values that are at the heart of our educational mission.



Student of the Week

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Class	Student	Reason why
Key Stage 1		
Ireland	Adam	For settling back into class amazingly after the Easter break!
Wales	Addy	For fantastic engagement in all his activities and for repeating words in Phonics.
Key Stage 2		
Canada	Louie	For having a positive approach to all his work
Italy	Alice	For excellent communication and for following our school's golden rules.
Portugal	Jaylen	For excellent independent writing in English.
France	Lucas	For coming back with fantastic positive attitude and determination after half term. Also, for being a fantastic friend in France Class and helping others.
Spain	Tanish	For having a happy positive attitude.
USA	Kaiden	For being a role model for other students
Key Stage 3		
Brazil	Amy	For impressive performing in Drama and trying new foods!
Peru	Charlie	For settling back into school really calmly
Mozambique	Jayden	For being a big help in class and having the confidence to step out of his comfort zone. We are very proud of you!
Botswana	Nathanael	For being open and honest about an issue that he had encountered. Showing maturity and trust towards his staff team. Thank you and well-done Nathanael.
Madagascar	Lotte	For sharing her thoughts and feelings with staff.
Kenya	Ryan	For being extremely helpful and mature this week.
Seychelles	Callum	For massively improving this week, doing tasks individually and socialising with others confidently.
Cape Verde		

Student of the Week

Key Stage 4

Australia	Alex	For always being a kind and positive member of Australia class and attending your first induction day at college.
Tasmania	Jake	For trying really hard in all his lessons and for being an excellent support for others in class by carrying out extra duties.
Samoa	Adam	For completing all lessons to a high standard
New Zealand	Paul	For an amazing week in class and dealing with a lot of changes in class excellently.

Key Stage 5

Malawi	Hamza	For completing amazing work this week especially during maths interventions.
Christmas Island	Kieran	For working very hard in all subjects and presenting in front of the class confidently.
Fiji	Kazie	For an excellent recount of his Easter half term and the new Mario movie.
PNG	Joshua	For excellent engagement and great contributions in world studies this week.

Exams 2023

June 2023 Exams													
Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
								1		2			3
								Half Term Break		Half Term Break			
	4		5		6		7		8		9		10
		GCSE English Language paper 1 (AM)				GCSE Maths paper 2 (AM)		Level 2 Certificate Further Maths paper 1 (AM)		GCSE Biology paper 2 (PM)			
	11		12		13		14		15		16		17
		GCSE English Language paper 2 (AM)		GCSE Chemistry paper 2 (AM)		GCSE Maths paper 3 (AM) GCSE English as a Second Language (PM)				GCSE Physics paper 2 (AM)			
	18		19		20		21		22		23		24
						Level 2 Certificate Further Maths paper 2 (AM)							
	25		26		27		28		29		30		

Useful Information

School Swimming 2023 (EYFS/KS1 - KS4)



EYFS/KS1 - KS4 Students will be having swimming lessons as a part of the Physical Educational Curriculum this academic year. Swimming sessions will take place between January and June 2023, with all classes assigned specific weeks.

A school minibus will take the children to Halewood Leisure centre during the morning sessions of their assigned weeks. The sessions are led by trained swimming instructors and are supported by the class team.

All EYFS/KS1 - KS4 Students will be included in these lessons; they will need to bring a small plastic bag or backpack containing: -

- Swimming kit (one-piece swimming costume for girls please)
- Towel
- Hairbrush
- Bathing caps (All children with long hair must have their hair tied back)

If you require any further information or support, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or Key Stage Leader.

Useful Information

Swimming Dates

We are sorry that some of our swimming sessions have been affected by the closure of the school and the staffing shortages, making our risk assessments dictate cancellation. Safety must come first.

Date	Class
Tuesday 2 nd May Wednesday 3 rd May Thursday 4 th May Friday 5 th May	Canada Ireland Madagascar Cape Verde
Tuesday 9 th May Wednesday 10 th May Thursday 11 th May Friday 12 th May	Canada Ireland Madagascar Cape Verde
Tuesday 16 th May Wednesday 17 th May Thursday 18 th May Friday 19 th May	USA Wales Seychelles Botswana
Tuesday 23 rd May Wednesday 24 th May Thursday 25 th May Friday 26 th May	USA Wales Seychelles Botswana

Young Person's Advisory Service Liverpool

CRISIS DROP-IN'S

Across 3 Community Hubs





YPAS North Hub
Croxdale Road West,
L14 8YA

YPAS Central Hub
36 Bolton Street,
L3 5LX

YPAS South Hub
Lyndene Road,
L25 1NG

We can support you through times of crisis

- STRUGGLING WITH YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?
- YOU OR YOUR CHILD ARE IN A CRISIS?
- FEELING LONELY & ISOLATED?
- NEED A LISTENING EAR?
- NEED A SAFE SPACE?


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Please see our website for the latest times.

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Friday: 9am - 8pm
Saturday: 1pm - 6pm

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Lyndene Road
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Useful Information



The Brain Charity

Caring for carers: free cream tea and holistic therapies

THURSDAY | 8 | JUNE

9.30am until 2pm

THE BRAIN CHARITY, NORTON STREET, LIVERPOOL, L3 8LR

RSVP USING THE QR CODE BELOW!
Alternatively, call Marie on 07888306152 or Sue on 07930180850, or email womens@thebraincharity.org.uk



Useful Information



Join us to celebrate National Carers Week!

This event is for parent-carers of children and young people up to the age of 25.

Receive information and support on your caring role and a range of informative talks.

SCHEDULE:

9:30am: Arrival and registration

**10:00am: Robyn Smith, Trainee Psychologist:
Mindfulness and how to manage stress**

10.30am: Find out about women's health with WHISC

11:00am: Gail Dixon: singing for wellbeing session

11:30am: Christina Beaumont: becoming a parent carer

**11:50am: Amy Yule, Beauty and Aesthetics Lecturer:
Overview of holistic therapies**

12:10pm: Enjoy a free afternoon cream tea and free holistic therapies from Liverpool City College and WHISC.

2:00pm: Event ends

Useful Information



Local Offer LIVE 2023

Wednesday 5th July

Are you a parent/carer of a child/young person with SEND (Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities)?
Are you a Professional working with families with SEND?

Come along and visit the Local Offer LIVE and see many services from Health, Local Authority, support groups, activity groups and 3rd Sector Organisations in one marketplace



Time: 12pm - 7pm



LOCATION:

Liverpool Guild of Students
The University of Liverpool
160 Mount Pleasant
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