

OCTOBER 2023

# NEWSLETTER



## Message from the Principal

As ever, it has been a very busy half term. We have welcomed in new pupils to both schools, and it has been notable how well children have got used to a new environment.

It was great to see parents who came in for our MacMillan coffee morning, and similarly for parents' evening before the end of term. This coming half term has plenty in store with the delights of Christmas events to entertain us all.

I am writing this before Masks for MASKS, but thanks to everyone who contributed to the school's charity arm today. I hope you have made a note of the Christmas Fayre date and come along for a lovely community day.

Enjoy the half term week, we look forward to seeing everyone after the break.

**Bradley**



Bradley  
Taylor  
Principal

Enjoy our newsletter offering this time around and please do give us feedback for how you might like to see it develop. Please send all feedback to either [office@bookerpark.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@bookerpark.bucks.sch.uk) or [office@stocklakepark.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@stocklakepark.bucks.sch.uk)



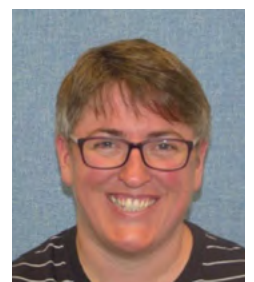
# Booker Park

## Message from Head of School

It has, as always, been a busy start to the school year, and as usual I can't believe it has gone by so fast. There have been new children and staff welcomed to the school, and many children have moved to different classes. By now, everyone is becoming settled in their classes and becoming familiar with routines.

There has been lots of great learning taking place, both focused on children's individual targets, and on the topics. For our Early Years children the topic has been "Shape, Space, and Measure", and for the rest of the school it has been "Scratch and Sniff" (senses). This has been a great topic to start the year with, with children becoming involved and exploring.

It has been good to see many of you at parents' evening this week. Thank you for continuing to work with us to support your amazing children.



**Marianne  
Murphy**  
Head of School





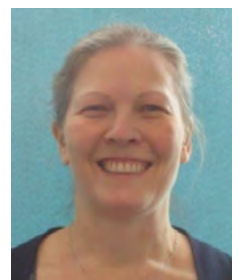
# Stocklake Park

## Head of School Update

It feels like we have had all four seasons already across this half term, but I am pleased to say that the students have still been managing to get outside and into the community. Work experience has started up again for the sixth form students and we have approached a number of organisations to build further work experience opportunities. If you know of any organisations who might also be able to accommodate work experience students please let us know.

It has been good to have seen so many of you at school this half term. We had a really good number of parents and carers who either attended parents evening, or have just had an annual review - 64% so far with a few more arranged for next week. Coming along to these gives a good opportunity to make sure that we are all working together to support your children.

Have a lovely half term break.



Rhonda  
Head of School



# Can you offer work experience for 6th form students from Stocklake Park School?

**To help employers decide whether they can offer a work placement to our students, here is some information on what we are looking for:**

- Flexibility: placements can be short term or long term, usually a few weeks, a school term, or ongoing if this is what your business requires.
- Students will usually be available to work 1-3 hours per day, once a week, with the aim of adding more hours or days if this worked for the learner and the business.
- No job or task is too little or too large, so think of the areas your business and your team require additional support, this can all be discussed with the Job Coach when they come to meet you.

**Please contact Hannah [hzerdzinska@thevalefederation.com](mailto:hzerdzinska@thevalefederation.com)**

**WORK  
EXPERIENCE**



# Christmas Fayre

**MASKS and The Vale Federation are pleased to announce the annual Christmas Fayre is taking place at Booker Park School on Saturday 25th November.**

We would like to extend the opportunity to any and all who would be willing to volunteer to help with this expansive charity event.

If you would like to lend a helping hand, you can email [masks@thevalefederation.com](mailto:masks@thevalefederation.com) or let us know through the main reception. Please see the form links below to volunteer.

There will be further communication regarding support and donations soon.

## Volunteer signup

<https://forms.office.com/e/XpU8tAkWqg>

## External stallholder signup

<https://forms.office.com/e/gdt8ggTLUJ>

## Santa volunteer signup

<https://forms.office.com/e/GSYySsWUb6>







# Long Term Service Award

The following staff have or will receive a service award during the first half of the Autumn 2023 Term:

Clare Wilks	Booker Park	<i>5 Year Service Award</i>
Louise Nichols	Booker Park	<i>5 Year Service Award</i>
Kaia Fox	Booker Park	<i>5 Year Service Award</i>
Edward Warner	Stocklake	<i>5 Year Service Award</i>
Lynne Worley	Booker Park	<i>10 Year Service Award</i>
Graham Shaw	Booker Park	<i>10 Year Service Award</i>
Matthew Finch	Booker Park	<i>10 Year Service Award</i>
Nina Atkinson	Booker Park	<i>15 Year Service Award</i>



# Farewell



**Dear all parents,**

I want to start by saying what a huge honour and privilege it has been working with you and your wonderful families.

It is with such a heavy heart, that I have to tell you all that I have made the very difficult decision to leave.

Stocklake Park is a wonderful school with staff who truly have your children's best interests at the heart of all they do!

I wish you all the very best!

**Best wishes,**

**Grace**  
**Family Support Officer**



# SEN Friendly & Free events

## Haunted half term at Waddesdon Manor

[Waddesdon Manor](#) have lots of spooky activities and family fun with a haunted Half Term this October. Best of all? From 21 October until 29 October, children get free entry to the house and grounds at Waddesdon!

Take part in a fact filled Trick or Treat Skeleton Trail. Join Zoolab for their Creepy Critters show learning about some spooky and gruesome animals and insects or just sit back and relax in the powerhouse with some classic family Halloween films or try your luck at a vintage game.

**Click the link for more information:**

<https://buckinghamshire.redkitedays.co.uk/event/kids-activities-october-half-term-buckinghamshire/>

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## October half term fun at Discover Bucks Museum

The October Half Term is nearly upon us, hurrah! From 23 – 28 October Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury has some great activities for families to enjoy, from Rangoli Sun Catchers, Autumn Collage and Clay Leaves at the beginning of the week to spooky Bats and Spider Webs later in the week topped off with a Frightful Family Halloween day on Saturday 28 October. Join them for different activities each day from Monday to Saturday. They will also have a cryptic Halloween inspired trail for £1, available every day from reception for all to enjoy.

**Click the link for more information:**

<https://buckinghamshire.redkitedays.co.uk/event/october-half-term-fun-at-discover-bucks-museum/>





# SEN Friendly & Free events

## Spooktacular Fun at Market Square, Aylesbury

Aylesbury Town Centre is gearing up for Halloween on Thursday 28th October between 11am - 3 pm for [Spooktacular fun on Market Square](#). Bring you little ghouls and ghosts along to the get involved and be enchanted by mystical enchanting magic when the clock strikes on the hour, meet Elsa and Anna from Frozen, make some devilish pottery and enjoy some fairground rides (charges will apply for the latter). The library will be joining in on the ghoulish fun by spinning a tale between 11.30am - 12 and 2.30pm - 3 pm but watch out for the witch!

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## SEN friendly cinema screenings

Escape the heat and busy city sounds. Throughout October a trip to an [Odeon](#), [Vue](#) and [Cineworld](#) screen is now more accessible for children with SEN. [Special monthly screenings](#) have been launched for families with SEN. Lights are kept on during screenings, trailers are cut off and sound effects are toned down for an overall more relaxed atmosphere.





# SEN Friendly & Free events

## Autism Youth Club and Social Hub - Aylesbury Vale

An autism-friendly youth club in Aylesbury for all genders and ages 10 to 25 years.

A social hub for autistic young people featuring:

- Internet laptops
- Gaming Consoles
- Pool tables and table-tennis
- Cafe and Tuck Shop
- Large Chillout room with Lego corner and large TV
- Safe, quiet and understanding social environment

ACE aims to provide a safe and quiet understanding environment for autistic people of all genders, mainly in the 10 to 17 and 18 to 25 years age ranges, and families, but they are keen to support all ages where we can.

They aim to promote inclusion, social interaction, and positive mental health.

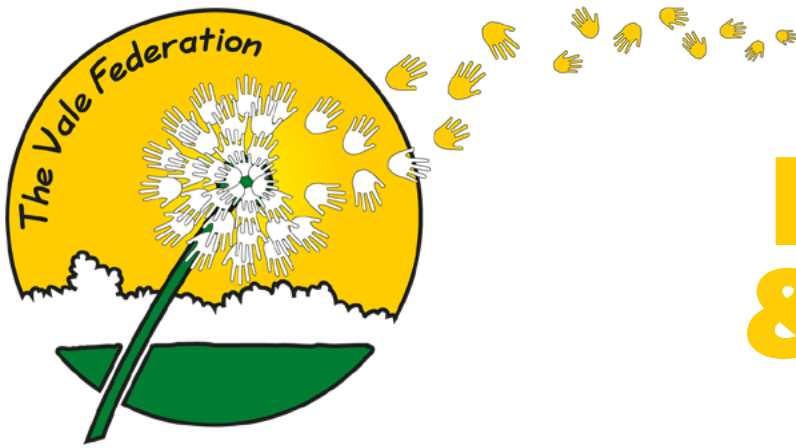
A diagnosis of autism is not required if you feel traits and self-identifying are applicable.

Friends/siblings are welcome, if they are understanding of autistic needs, pay the entry fee(s) and follow ACE rules.

They are volunteers, not professionals. They do need a responsible adult(s) to stay with minors and/or vulnerable adults to satisfy their Liability Insurance. Support and activities are available for those who need to stay under these circumstances. If this is a possible issue, please contact them in confidence.

**Any questions, please email:**

[aylesburyvale.branch@nas.org.uk](mailto:aylesburyvale.branch@nas.org.uk)



# Facilities & Estates Update:

The summer saw a full schedule of update works and developments across both schools. Below are some of the headlines of the works which were undertaken:

## Stocklake Park Campus:

- Over 225 lights were changed to energy efficient LED units, supporting the reduction of our energy usage and sustainability
- New fencing was installed along the top area of the school, enhancing the security
- Considerable updates to our data connections and cabling was completed, to enhance our IT infrastructure
- Additional pedestrian and vehicle safety measures were installed, enhancing the safety for everyone

## Booker Park Campus:

- Over 430 lights were changed to energy efficient LED units, supporting the reduction of our energy usage and sustainability
- New fencing was installed in numerous areas of the school, replacing ageing wooden fencing and enhancing the security and safety for all
- Replacement of one of our building heating and ventilation systems, due to mechanical issues
- Surface playground works within the Early Years playground
- Critical roof repairs at BP in one area of the main building
- Additional pedestrian and vehicle safety measures were installed, enhancing the safety for everyone

These are just a small selection of all works which were undertaken to further develop and maintain our facilities, for the benefit of all our pupils and staff.

October half-term sees a schedule of further works and service checks taking place again. We look forward to updating you on this.





# Catering Update

## A big thank you to parents and guardians for selecting your meal choices for the new school half term on the Arbor App.

We are pleased with the feedback we have received regarding the increased variety of meal options now available to pupils and continue to build on this.

As a reminder, in addition to the freshly prepared hot school dinners we now also offer a jacket potato or a (healthy and nutritious) packed lunch daily. These additional choices are an alternative for pupils who don't like the main meal on a specific day and will ensure they can still enjoy a healthy meal.

We had the opportunity to meet a number of parents and guardians at the recent parents evenings where we were able to show off some of the meal options and offer a taster session. The feedback from these sessions was positive and it was great to be able to answer your questions in person.





# Parents' workshops



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### Bucks Bulletin Board

Specsavers is opening eyes to careers in optometry by offering first-hand experience and over £1,000 of financial support through the launch of its [Bright Futures Bursary](#).

Celebrating 10 years of inspiring young people through film, [Into Film Festival](#) is back on 7th-24th November with hundreds of free screenings, Q&As and workshops across the county.

Tech-loving students in Years 9-13 are invited to help build a Microsoft PowerApp for Buckinghamshire Council as part of CloudyIT's new [App-Opportunity](#) project.

### We're so happy to see you

Spent the last few weeks mourning the end of summer? Well that stops now! For us, the autumn term marks the beginning of another year of inspiring young people to gain the skills and qualifications they need to thrive in the workplace. Whether you're just starting your secondary school career or getting ready to sit A-Level exams, Bucks Skills Hub is here to help uncover the path to your dream role – and we think that's something to get excited about.



[bucksskillshub.org](http://bucksskillshub.org)





# Parents' workshops



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### Apprenticeships: The support programme you need to know about

The Apprenticeship Support and Knowledge (ASK) project is on a mission to increase students' understanding of apprenticeships and T-Levels, and it's teamed up with Bucks Skills Hub to help reveal the latest opportunities. We'll also be delivering exciting events throughout the year.



<https://bucksskillshub.org/career-seeker/resources/new-ask-delivery-partner>

### Dates to add to your diary

If you haven't thought about what careers events you're going to hit this academic year, here's your sign to start... Behold, our pick the 2023/24 festivals, shows and campaigns to get fired up for. Ready with a red marker? Let's get planning.

### University: How to ace your personal statement

The UCAS undergraduate application deadlines are fast approaching, which means it's time to make a start on your personal statement. Admissions staff will read a lot of these, so here are three things to consider if you want to stand out from the crowd.

"In a world that's changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks."

Mark Zuckerberg







# Parents' workshops



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### Careers: What does the future of work look like?

An ageing population, society's increasing reliance on technology and climate change is set to have a huge impact on the career landscape over the next 10-20 years but, despite popular belief, it won't be all space travel, hover cars and holograms. In fact, Morrisby predicts there will still be a vast demand for jobs which are already familiar to us. [See for yourself.](#)



### Competitions to enter now

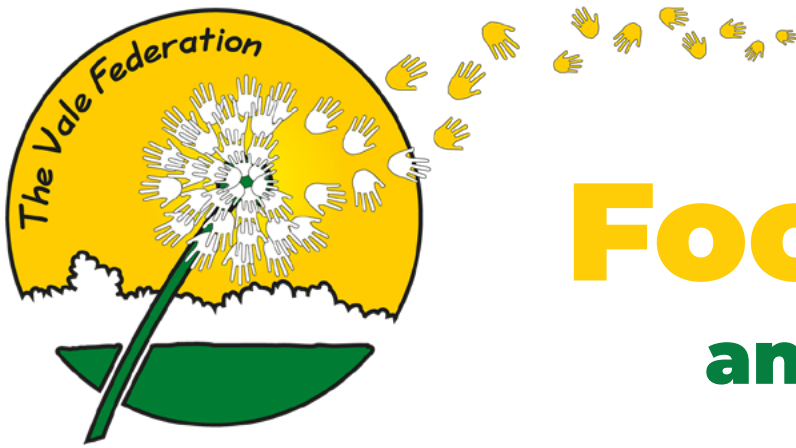
Not only do youth competitions allow you to explore a particular interest, they also look great on CVs and applications to higher education. Feeling up to the challenge? We've rounded up [six of the best.](#)

### Work experience: The benefits from a business' perspective

From a graduate programme in Germany to managing one of the UK's leading telecommunications providers, [we recently caught up with Klaus Allion](#) to find out why he dedicates so much time to empowering Bucks schools' careers leaders and facilitating meaningful experiences for students.



[bucksskillshub.org](https://bucksskillshub.org)



# Foodbanks and food sharing

Here is a list of Foodbanks in Buckinghamshire. To get a foodbank referral and vouchers speak to your Family Centre, Health Visitor or Social Worker or local Citizens Advice office.

You can also use the [Trussell Trust's website](#) to find its 400-strong network of Foodbanks.

## Aylesbury - Store House

**Storehouse** helps anyone in need by providing food and other items like furniture and clothing to people on low incomes, benefits or who are in temporary hardship.

*Areas covered: Aylesbury Vale area.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

## Aylesbury Foodbank

**Aylesbury Foodbank** provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to people with a voucher or referral.

*Areas covered: Aylesbury.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

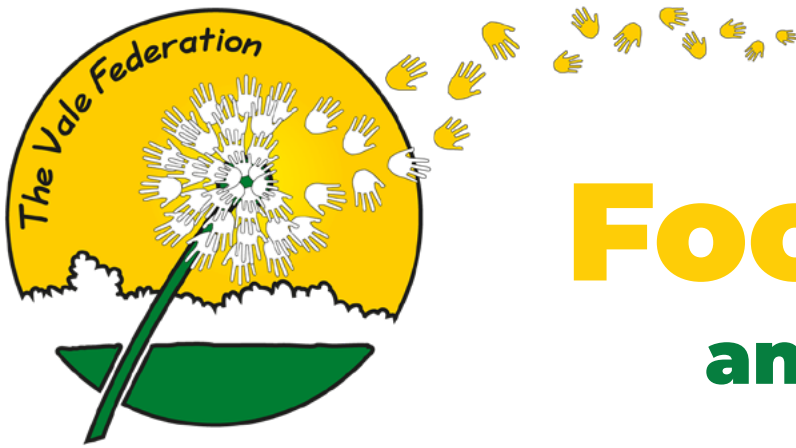
## FoodCycle Aylesbury

**FoodCycle** Aylesbury welcomes anyone to attend as a guest and enjoy a FREE hot meal. No need to book. Just turn up on the day!

Come and enjoy company and conversation with others from your local area over a delicious meal, prepared with care by FoodCycle volunteers.

*Areas covered: Aylesbury and the surrounding areas..*

*No Referral or voucher needed.*



# Foodbanks and food sharing

## Berryfields Community Store

Berryfields Community Store is open each Thursday morning from 10.30am for anyone in a financial crisis. For a £5 donation, you can choose 25 items of food including fresh meat, vegetables and household items (depending on available stock).

The address is Roman Park, Sir Henry Lee Crescent, HP18 0YT. For further information please contact [help@romanparktrust.org.uk](mailto:help@romanparktrust.org.uk).

*Areas covered: Aylesbury*

*No referral or voucher needed*

## Beaconsfield - Hope Community Drop-in

[Hope Community Drop-in](#) is a drop-in service where local people referred by doctors or social services can receive an emergency food package. The drop-in runs every Friday at the Holtspur Youth Club building from 8:45 am to midday.

*Areas covered: Beaconsfield and neighbouring villages.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

## Burnham - Care and Share Food Distribution Project

Burnham Health Promotion Trust (BHPT) [Care and Share food distribution project](#) is a collaborative community initiative which offers pre-filled food bags and a voucher to buy fresh fruit and vegetables.

*Voucher needed.*

## Chiltern - Chiltern Foodbank

[Chiltern Foodbank](#) provides three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to people with a voucher or referral.

*Areas covered: The Chiltern District and nearby surrounding areas such as Wendover.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*





# Foodbanks and food sharing

## Chesham Community Fridge

Chesham Community Fridge distributes free surplus food that is good to eat to anyone who comes to the Fridge. There is no referral or voucher needed. Chesham Community Fridge is open Wednesday and Saturday mornings in the yard behind Broadway Baptist Church, Chesham.

*Areas covered: Chesham.*

*No referral or voucher needed.*

## High Wycombe - One Can

One Can provide free, nutritious food parcels to those deemed 'in crisis' by their partner organisations.

*Areas served: High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire and surrounding areas.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

## Wycombe Community Fridge

Wycombe Community Fridge shares food locally with anyone and everyone regardless of income or means. No referrals are needed.

*No referral or voucher needed.*

## Wycombe Food Hub

Wycombe Food Hub collects crates of unsold food like bread, fruit, vegetables, chilled and frozen foods every week from supermarkets, farms and shops. The products are then made available to people unable to buy food.

*No referral or voucher needed but food is available for a small donation.*

## Milton Keynes - The MK Foodbank

The MK Foodbank provide food parcels that can be picked up from one of their serving sessions located around the city. Clients can receive a food parcel 5 times within a rolling 12-month period.

*Areas served: Milton Keynes.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*



# Foodbanks and food sharing

## Thame Food Bank

[Thame foodbank](#) provides emergency supplies of essential food items to those in the community who are struggling financially.

*Areas covered: Thame.*

*Referral needed.*

## Wendover - Wendover Free Church Foodbank

[Wendover Free Church Foodbank](#) provides food parcels for the local area.

*Areas served: Wendover and neighbouring villages.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

## Wing Foodbank

*Areas covered: Wing*

*No referral needed.*

## Not in Buckinghamshire but nearby

## Rickmansworth Foodbank

[Rickmansworth Foodbank](#) provides food parcels for the local area.

*Areas served: Rickmansworth and nearby towns and villages.*

*Referral or voucher needed.*

# Aylesbury Music Centre

# OPEN DAY

Fantastic opportunities to perform throughout the year.

**MUSIC**  
for munchkins  
for all kids aged 4-6

**COME AND JOIN THE BUZZ!  
SATURDAY NOV 4TH**

**BUSKING**  
All welcome!

**BRING A FRIEND**

**TWO FREE**

**CONCERTS**  
10:15 & 12:45

**9 – 10:30 SENIOR SYMPHONY**  
Open to all instrumentalists grade 4/5+

**10:45 – 11:15 BIG SING**  
Open to all players and their parents!

**11:30 – 1 JUNIOR JAM**  
Open to all instrumentalists up to Grade 4/5

**CAFÉ**

**HOMEMADE  
CAKE**

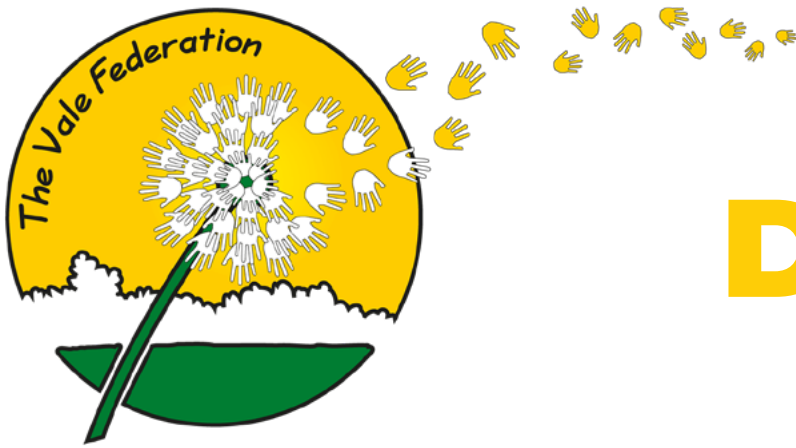
**TUCK SHOP**

Aylesbury Music Centre  
Walton Road, Aylesbury, HP21 7ST

email: [aylmusic@bucksmusic.org](mailto:aylmusic@bucksmusic.org)

**BMT**  
LOVE BUCKS. LOVE MUSIC





# Discount Dining

## Kids eat for FREE at any Morrisons café

Kids aged under 16 eat for free at any Morrisons café when an adult spends £4.99 or more on a meal. The kid's meal includes piece of fruit and Tropicana Kids Orange or Apple drink or bottle of water.

[my.morrisons.com/kids-eat-free](https://www.morrisons.com/kids-eat-free)

## Kids eat for £1 at Bella Italia

Kids eat for £1 with every adult main between 4pm and 6pm, Mondays to Thursdays at Bella Italia. Kids can enjoy three delicious courses and a Cawston Pressed Fruit Water for just £1. These fab, bargain meals are suitable for 2-11 year olds.

[bellaitalia.co.uk/kids](https://bellaitalia.co.uk/kids)

## Kids eat free at Pausa Cafés inside Dunelm stores

You can get one free main meal, plus two snacks and a drink for every £4 an adult spends in the in-store café, Monday to Friday after 3pm.

[dunelm.com/pausa-coffee-shops](https://dunelm.com/pausa-coffee-shops)

## Kids eat for £1 at Sizzling Pub & Grill restaurants

For every adult 'sizzling meal', you'll also get a kid's main meal for £1. This offer is available Monday to Friday, between 3pm and 7pm.

[sizzlingpubs.co.uk/offers](https://sizzlingpubs.co.uk/offers)

## Kids eat free at Dobbies Garden Centres

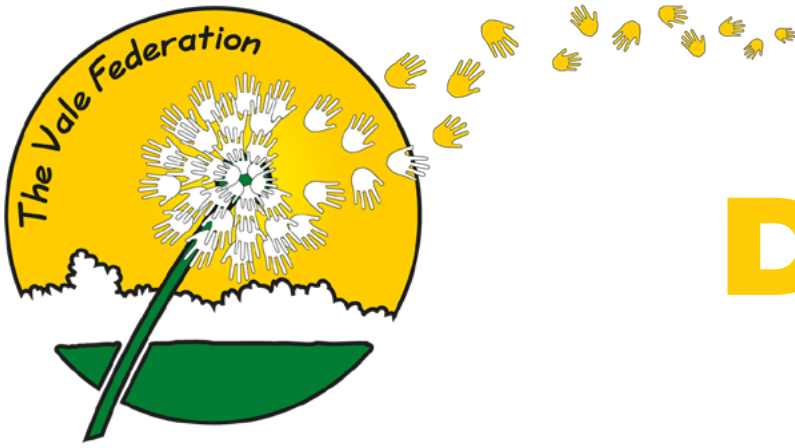
Kids can enjoy a free meal in the café, with each adult main meal purchased. The offer runs daily from 12 noon and Includes the kids' lunch menu or a pick 'n' mix meal, plus a drink.

[dobbies.com/tasty-treats](https://dobbies.com/tasty-treats)

## Kids eat for £1 every Monday at Hungry Horse pubs

Every Monday at Hungry Horse, there are selected kids' meals for just £1 and larger meals for only £1.50. You'll also get a free activity sheet to keep the little ones entertained while you eat.

[hungryhorse.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://hungryhorse.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



# Discount Dining

## Kids eat for £1 in Asda's family-friendly cafés

Firstly, you can receive a free Ella's Kitchen baby food pouch for babies under 18 months with any purchase in Asda's cafés. And kids (up to age 16) across England and Wales can eat for just £1 at any time of day in Asda Cafés, 7 days a week, with no minimum adult spend required. Choose from penne pasta with meatballs or a vegan hidden veg pasta meal either with chips or a salad or peas. You can also get a free piece of fruit (apple, pear or banana) when purchasing the hot kids £1 meal deal. Asda Cafés also offer a £1 cold pick and mix selection that includes a sandwich, drink and piece of fruit.

[asda.com/cafe](https://asda.com/cafe)

## Kids eat a free breakfast at Travelodge

The Travelodge 'unlimited breakfast' costs £8.99 and up to 2 kids aged 15 or under eat FREE for every full paying adult.

[travelodge.co.uk/breakfast](https://travelodge.co.uk/breakfast)

## Kids eat free at Tesco cafes

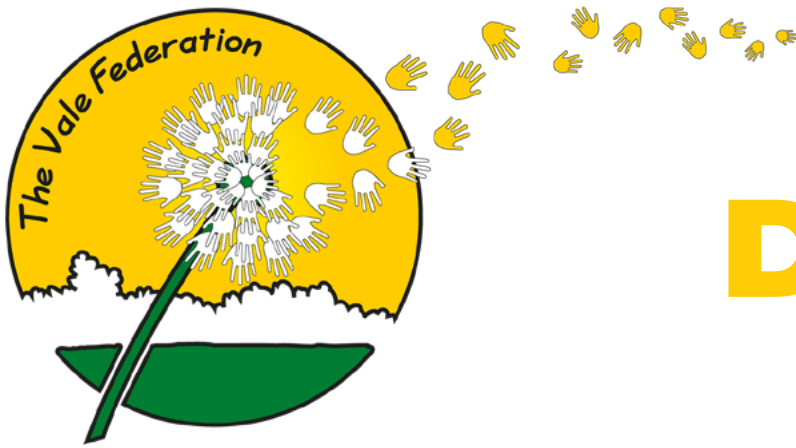
This half term holiday, kids eat free at Tesco's cafes from Monday to Friday. Fuel them up for the day with a brilliant breakfast. Kids can get a free breakfast, for example, with any adult purchase in a Tesco Café while the Kids Eat Free offer is available. Or, head into store for lunch, and choose any main, 2 sides and a drink to create a filling meal for your kids. This meal deal is free with any adult purchase in a Tesco Café.

[tesco.com/tesco-cafe/kids-menu](https://tesco.com/tesco-cafe/kids-menu)

## Kids eat for £1 in Sainsbury's cafes

Enjoy one children's hot main meal or lunch bag for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main meal from £5.20 in the Sainsbury's café. Kids' meals in the Sainsbury's cafe come with a drink (blackcurrant water, apple juice, Happy Monkey chocolate milkshake or milk) and a piece of fruit.

[sainsburys.co.uk](https://sainsburys.co.uk)



# Discount Dining

## Kids eat free at Puttshack mini golf centres

Head to any of Puttshack's 4 brilliant, high-tech mini golf venues (Bank, White City, Lakeside and Watford) and your kids can eat free, as a special half-term treat (between 21 and 29 October) for both parents and children. With every adult main meal purchased, 1 child can receive a free main and side dish.

[puttshack.com/uk/food-and-drink](http://puttshack.com/uk/food-and-drink)

## Kids eat free at The Coconut Tree restaurants around the UK

This Halloween half-term, authentic Sri Lankan restaurant The Coconut Tree will help families entertain children with delicious free food and spooky family-friendly activities from 23 October to 3 November. The offer is available at all 9 of The Coconut Tree's UK sites, including Cheltenham, Oxford, Reading, Bristol, Bournemouth, Birmingham, Bath and Cardiff.

[thecoconut-tree.com](http://thecoconut-tree.com)

## Kids eat free at YO Sushi!

Kids under 10 eat free at Yo Sushi! restaurants from Monday to Friday. As you enjoy your sushi and Japanese hot favourites (one child eats free for every £10 spent on food by the accompanying adult), your little ones can tuck into the Mini Ninja children's menu. Kids can choose from tasty mains like Japanese fried chicken, katsu curry or veggie yakisoba noodles, plus a side and a drink.

[yosushi.com/kids-eat-free](http://yosushi.com/kids-eat-free)

## Kids get a free breakfast at Premier Inn

Did you know? You don't have to be a guest to enjoy a Premier Inn breakfast! Two under-16s can eat breakfast for free when one adult orders a full Premier Inn Breakfast or a Meal Deal. It'll set you up for a day full of adventures.

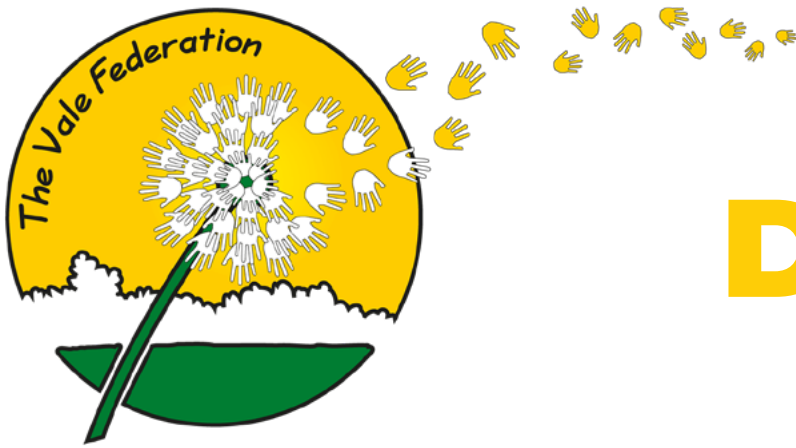
[premierinn.com/breakfast](http://premierinn.com/breakfast)

## Kids eat from 95p at Ikea

Children can enjoy a kids tomato pasta and soft drink for 95p or other kids meal for £1.50 from 11am.

[Ikea](http://Ikea)





# Discount Dining

## Kids eat free at Heathrow airport

During the half term holidays (20-29 Oct), make the most of Heathrow's Kids Eat Free offer. When an adult chooses an item from the main menu, your kids can eat for free. Participating restaurants include Leon; YO!; Big Smoke; Giraffe; Pilots; and Vagabond.

[heathrow.com/kids-eat-free](https://heathrow.com/kids-eat-free)

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## Special offers at TGI Fridays for kids

New and existing Stripes Rewards Members can get a FREE children's meal when ordering an adult's main meal. Kids can order from the Little League or Major League menus, and includes sides and fizzy fruit coolers. To become a Stripes Rewards Member, you'll need to download the app and sign up. New members can also claim a FREE dessert on their first visit and earn rewards for each £1 you spend to redeem on food and drink.

[tgifridays.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://tgifridays.co.uk/kids-eat-free)

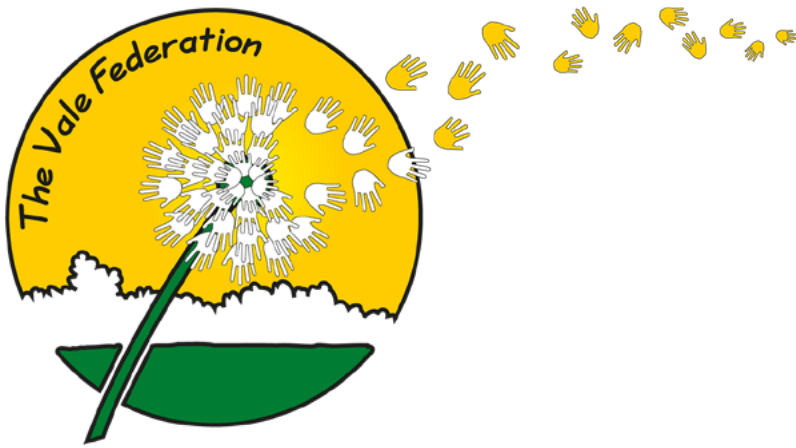
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## Enjoy 2 kids breakfasts for free at any Beefeater, Brewers Fayre or Table Table restaurants

Kids who love pancakes, continental breakfasts or even full English breakfasts are in luck! Two kids under 16 can eat for free with every adult all-you-can-eat breakfast (£9.99) purchased at Beefeater, Table Table and Brewers Fayre restaurants across the UK

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# Helpful Information

## October Half Term Activities in Buckinghamshire 2023

**Hogshaw Farm & Wildlife Park have a week of magical adventures this October half term!**

Follow our herbology tutor down to the pumpkin patch to collect your specimen for decorating and spot fellow Wizard School pupils getting up to mischief around the farm. For pumpkins, potions, broomsticks, owls & more

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**Buzzwangling Beasts at the Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre (Great Missenden) 21st – 29th October.** The Roald Dahl Museum have a great line up for October half term with Revolting Rhymes Storytelling, Buzzwangling Beast Battlecards Trail, Create a Clay Critter, Boggled Box Beasts, Buzzwangling led walks and self-guided trails. Pay once and visit again all year.

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**The Patch MK (near Milton Keynes) 7th – 29th October.** The Patch MK return again with there mega pumpkin patch with lots of great fun photo opportunities. The ever popular bale maze will be returning in 2023 along with the traversing wall, slide trailer, zombie knock down, the barrel train and more in the planning.

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**Lillingstone PYO Patch & Halloween Activities (nr Akeley Village) 7th – 29th October.** Pop on your boots and wrap up warm, collect a wheelbarrow and head down to the Lillingstone PYO Pumpkin Patch bursting with home-grown pumpkins and squashes! They've got a spooky trail, play patch and tractor trailer rides too.

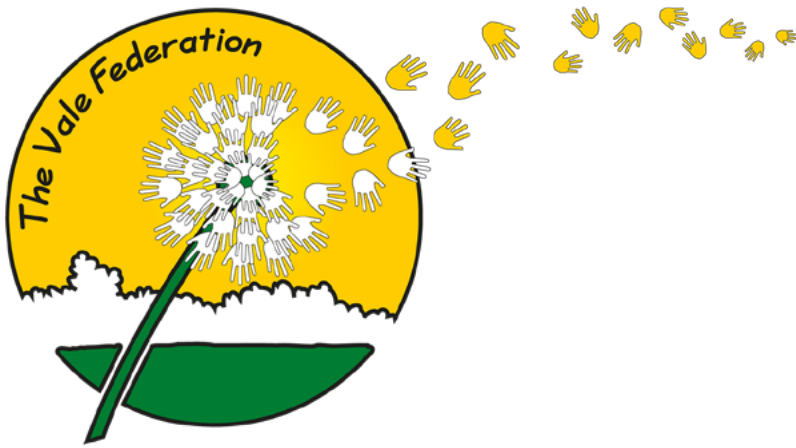
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**The Moon Witch Halloween adventure at Tumblestone Hollow (Stonor) 18th – 29th October.** Follow the clues around the mysterious world of Tumblestone Hollow and the Gardens at Stonor to win a special chocolate prize (or an alternative treat).

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**Halloween at the Hell Fire Caves (West Wycombe) 20th – 31st October.** General admission to the caves with a spooky twist this Halloween season. During the day the caves will be decorated to their spooky best and there will be a scavenger trail too.

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**Haunted Half Term at [Waddesdon Manor](#) (Waddesdon) 21st – 29th October.** Take part in a fact filled Trick or Treat Skeleton Trail. Join Zoolab for their Creepy Critters show learning about some spooky and gruesome animals and insects or just sit back and relax in the powerhouse with some classic family Halloween films or try your luck at a vintage game.

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**Wow! Said the Owl at [Aylesbury Waterside Theatre](#) (Aylesbury) 21st October.** WOW! Said the Owl, the acclaimed children's book by award winning author, Tim Hopgood, is brought to life through a blend of beautiful storytelling, puppetry and music.

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**Halloween Hocus Pocus at [Thrift Farm](#) (nr Milton Keynes) 21st – 31st October.** Get your little ghouls and boys ready for a fang-tastic time at the Halloween Hocus Pocus event!

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**[Odds Farm Park](#) Pumpkin Festival (near High Wycombe) 21st – 29th October.** As well as all the usual fun on the farm, there will be a pumpkin patch, pumpkin carving and Halloween arts and crafts..

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**Herbs & Potions Trail at [Hughenden Manor](#) (near High Wycombe) 21st – 29th October.** There will be multiple stations featuring different herbs and plants. At each station there will be information provided about the herb's magical properties, folklore and traditional uses with interactive activities.

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**Fright Feista at [Gulliver's Theme Park](#) (Milton Keynes) 21st – 29th October.** A festival-style Halloween that's bursting with colour, costumes and music. Fright Fiesta is nine days of fabulous family activities, frights and theme park fun

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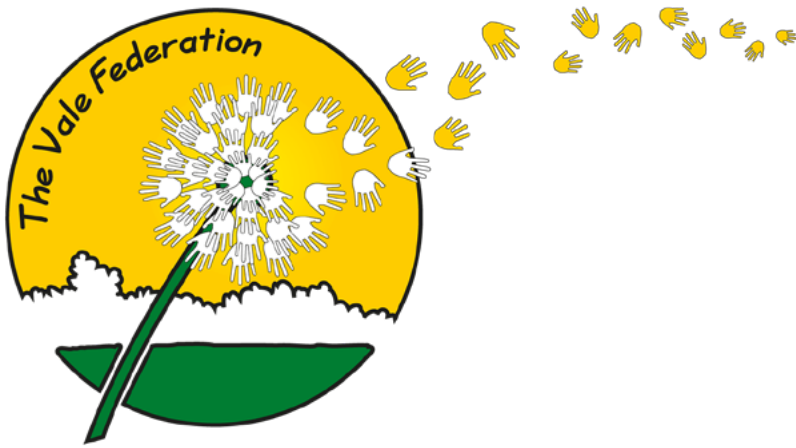
**Freaky Fun Fest at [Mead Open Farm](#) (Billington) 21st – 29th October.** Roll up, Roll up! Take a seat in our huge Big Top Tent to experience our exciting new Freaky Flamenco Fiesta Circus. You can also experience 3 immersive Spooktacular Haunts this Halloween.

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**GymFusion at [Aylesbury Waterside Theatre](#) (Aylesbury) 22nd October.** Lights, camera, action! GymFusion is one of the most exciting and dramatic forms of gymnastics to watch, as display teams from across the country showcase exciting and creative performances based on this year's theme of 'movies'. It's all about timing, teamwork, tumbling and more!

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**Pumpkin Patch Kitchen Workshops at [Eden Shopping \(High Wycombe\)](#) 23rd – 29th October FREE.** In each workshop you'll learn basic cookery skills before getting hands on in re-creating the terrifying treats of the day. Plus, enter the haunted hut, if you dare...

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**Make Your Own Wand Woodcrafting at [Hughenden Manor \(near High Wycombe\)](#) 23rd – 24th October.** Learn about different types of trees and woods from fantastic volunteer wood turners. You'll then work from hazel and turn it into a magic wand under their guidance.

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**October Half Term Activities at [Discover Bucks Museum \(Aylesbury\)](#) 23rd – 28th October.** Lots of great activities for families to enjoy, from Rangoli Sun Catchers, Autumn Collage and Clay Leaves at the beginning of the week to spooky Bats and Spider Webs later in the week topped off with a Frightful Family Halloween day on Saturday 28 October

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**Terror Trail at [Black Park \(Wexham\)](#) 23rd – 27th October.** Why not come dressed up and see if you can find all the hidden characters in the woods! There will be lots to see, from Frankenstein's Monster to a colony of giant bats! Are you brave enough to take on The Terror Trail? Arm yourself with our trusty map and you will safely make it through the haunted woods!

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**Terrific Tuesday at the [Chiltern Open Air Museum \(Chalfont St Giles\)](#) 24th October.** This October Half Term Terrific Tuesday will have a spooky autumn theme and all included in the admission price

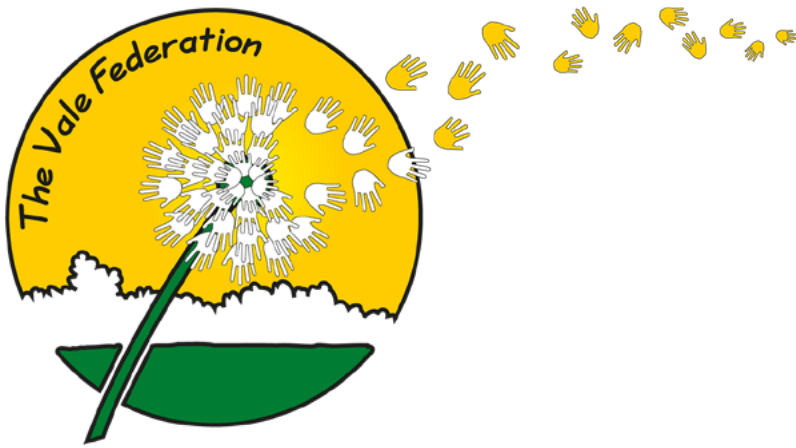
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**Halloween Spectacular at [Chiltern Open Air Museum \(Chalfont St Giles\)](#) 27th October.** Bring the family to our unforgettable, unmissable evening of spooky fun for all ages in the unique and atmospheric setting of the Museum's historic buildings and woods.

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**Peppa Pigs Fun Day out at [Aylesbury Waterside Theatre \(Aylesbury\)](#) 28th October.** Packed full of songs, dance and muddy puddles, Peppa's Fun Day Out guarantees giggles and snorts for all Peppa fans, and a perfect introduction to theatre.

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**Halloween Spooktacular at [Bucks Railway Centre \(Quinton\)](#) 28th – 29th October.** Come and watch a special family-friendly, interactive and funny play 'Baba Yaga: The Witch in the Woods'. Plus, will you brave a steam train ride with Dracula and his family?

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**TeachRex at [Aylesbury Waterside Theatre \(Aylesbury\)](#) 28th October.** Teach Rex are an award winning Liverpool based team who specialise in unique and interactive shows that bring learning to life for families! The show is suitable for children of all ages (3+ recommended) and has even proven to be extremely popular with adults. The educational part of the show runs for approximately 1 hour, followed by a dinosaur meet and greet

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**Halloween Party at the [The Little Gym \(Handy Cross, High Wycombe\)](#) 28th October.** Get the costumes ready, it's time for The Little Gym's annual Halloween Parties! Choose from four age-appropriate sessions, with bonus SPECIAL creepy crawly guests from 'Basil & Crew'. They will be joining with their friendly collection of lizards, insects, geckos, snuggly snakes and a delightful dragon for an indoor jungle experience. Members and non-members are welcome.

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**[Thomley](#) reduced sound fireworks (near Worminghall) 28th October.** Fireworks have been carefully selected so that they are enjoyable to watch but with less noise than most displays.

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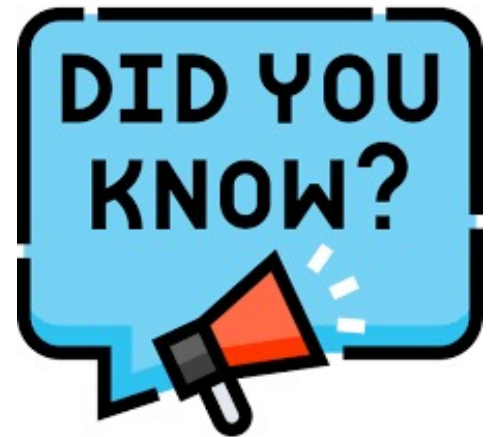
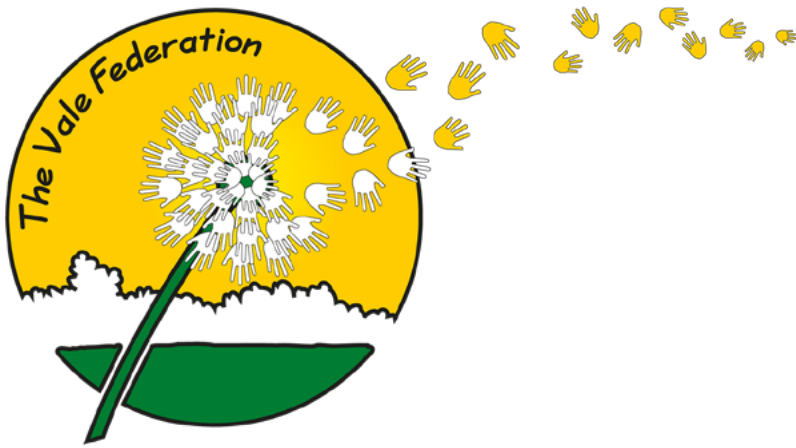
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**Halloween Character Make Up Masterclass at [Milton Keynes Theatre \(Milton Keynes\)](#) 29th October.** Learn the best tips and tricks from a professional make-up artist in the backstage studio in this 3-hour Masterclass! Ages 11+ and adults

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**Fright Fiesta at [Gullivers Land](#)** is full of fabulous family activities, frights and theme park fun. Highlights include Explore the Haunted Mansion, Special evening show by Fire Performers, Meet Bing and Flop and Look out for the Fright Fiesta Flash Mob.

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## We offer exclusive hire of our **soft play centre**

Soft Play - 3 hour hire time.  
Mon- Fri £100 plus VAT - School holidays only.  
Sat - Sun £112.50 plus VAT.  
Additional hours on request.

Capacity: up to 20, Maximum number of children on the equipment at one time is 5.  
No children over 8 years old. Includes: Exclusive Use/Toilets/Tables & Chairs.

**For further information please contact**  
**[facilitiesbookings@thevalefederation.com](mailto:facilitiesbookings@thevalefederation.com)**





# Fireworks

Saturday 28th October, 5-8pm

All are welcome to join us at Thomley for our reduced sound firework display. Carefully selected fireworks that are amazing to watch but with less noise than most displays. The familiar surroundings of Thomley will hopefully help all visitors enjoy the night. We also have ear defenders for those who require them and the pavilion can be used to watch from inside, if again this is easier for some people.

**£26 for a family of four**

**£9 for a single ticket**

(Members will receive a 10% discount)

## Prices

\* £26 per family  
(2 adults and 2 children)

\* £9 single tickets

Members will get a 10% discount on tickets, email for discount code: [mary.coleman@thomley.org.uk](mailto:mary.coleman@thomley.org.uk)

**\*\*\* PUSH THE BUTTON \*\*\***  
Raffle on the night to **PUSH THE RED BUTTON** and start the firework display!

## Food & Drink

Beer/wine/prosecco/ gin

Hot dogs

Chilli nachos

Sticky toffee apple

crumble cups

Candy floss

Soft drinks

## BOOK TICKETS

Tickets are to be bought upfront for the event and can be purchased online on our online calendar: [www.thomley.org.uk/calendar](http://www.thomley.org.uk/calendar)



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