



St.Helens  
**Children's Centres**

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program**  
01744 673420

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# Children's Centre Activity Timetable

Spring / Summer 2022

## For more information

**Email:** [childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:childrenscentres@sthelens.gov.uk)

**Visit:** [www.sthelens.gov.uk/childrenscentres](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/childrenscentres)

**Facebook:** @STHCCentres

**Central Link Hub: 01744 673445 for:**

Moss Bank Children's Centre  
Fourways Children's Centre  
Thatto Heath Children's Centre

**Parr Hub: 01744 671788 for:**

Sutton Children's Centre  
Newton Children's Centre  
Haydock Children's Centre

Our centres are open from 9.00am-5.00pm

You can also register your child for a place at one of our Children's Centres online.

If you would like to refer a family for support, help and training, please contact us on the numbers above.

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**@STHCCentres**



**ST HELENS**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



**Café Laziz is a community café set up by OLCOTWISH CIC (Our Little Corner of the World in St.Helens) for recently settled refugees and asylum seekers to work and train in and integrate with the local community.**

We are all volunteers and all profits will be reinvested into Café Laziz in order to help it grow.

As Café Laziz grows it will provide paid employment opportunities and clear employment pathways.

We are passionate about delivering fresh, wholesome international food at reasonable prices. Please try our food and talk to us about it.

We have all attended English classes and now we want to put our skills into practice and meet the friendly St.Helens community.

We also have a question and answer wall where any questions you may not feel comfortable asking can be posted anonymously and we will do our best to answer them as honestly as we can.



# LAZIZ

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## Central Link Hub



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Central Link</b> Peter Street WA10 2EB	<b>AM</b> Daycare (Invite only) Central Link Children's Centre 9.15am – 12.30pm  Development Checks Central Link Children's Centre 9.30am – 12.00pm  Chatterbox (Invite Only) Central Link Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.15am 10.30am – 11.15am 11.30am – 12.15pm  Infant Bonding Central Link Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.30am	Daycare (Invite only) Central Link Children's Centre 9.15am – 12.30pm  Baby Weigh-in Clinic Central Link Children's Centre 9.30am – 11.30am  Read and Rhyme Eccleston Library 10.30am  Mini Chef's Central Link Children Centre 11.00am – 12.00pm	Daycare (Invite only) Central Link Children's Centre 9.15am – 12.30pm  Read and Rhyme St Helens Library 10.15am  Mini Melodies Central Link Children's Centre 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Daycare (Invite only) Central Link Children's Centre 9.15am – 12.30pm  Triple P – Stepping -Stones (Invite Only) Central Link Children's Centre 9.30am – 12.00pm  Mini Melodies Central Link Children's Centre 2.00pm – 3.00pm	Daycare (Invite only) Central Link Children's Centre 9.15am – 12.30pm  Read and Rhyme Eccleston Library 10.30am  Let's Get Ready Group Central Link Children's Centre 1.30pm – 2.30pm
	<b>PM</b>	Tot's Talking Central Link Children's Centre 1.30pm – 2.15pm  Cook & Taste Central Link Children Centre Wellbeing Service 1:00pm – 2:00pm  New Beginnings Central Link Children's Centre 3.30pm – 4.30pm  Triple P – Teen (Invite only) Central Link Children's Centre 5.00pm – 7.30pm	Cook & Taster Central Link Children Centre 1:00pm – 2:30pm  Chatterbox (Invite Only) Central Link Children's Centre 1.15pm – 2.00pm 2.15pm – 3.00pm 3.15pm – 4.00pm	Cook & Taster Central Link Children Centre 1:00pm – 2:30pm  Chatterbox (Invite Only) Central Link Children's Centre 1.15pm – 2.00pm 2.15pm – 3.00pm 3.15pm – 4.00pm	



# Moss Bank

Kentmere Avenue WA11 7PQ

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM</b>		<p>Chatterbox (Invite Only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.15am 10.30am – 11.15am 11.30am – 12.15pm</p> <p>Let's Get Ready Group Moss Bank Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.30am</p> <p>Portage Group (Invite Only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 10.00am – 11.00am</p> <p>Read and Rhyme Rainford Library 10.30am</p>	<p>Butterflies Group (Invite Only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 9.00am – 10.30am</p> <p>Butterflies Group (Invite Only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 10.45am – 12.15pm</p>	<p>Sunbeams (Invite Only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 10.00am – 11.30am</p>	<p>Ladybirds Group 2 (Invite Only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 10.00am – 11.30am</p> <p>Read and Rhyme Moss Bank Library 10.30am</p>
<b>PM</b>	<p>Starbuds Group (Invite Only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 12.45pm – 2.15pm</p> <p>Ladybirds Group 1 (Invite Only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 2.30pm – 4.00pm</p>		<p>Butterflies Group (Invite Only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 12.45pm – 2.15pm</p> <p>Butterflies Group (Invite Only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 2.30pm – 4.00pm</p>	<p>Baby Weigh-in clinic Moss Bank Children's Centre 12.30pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>Baby Group (0 – 1's) Moss Bank Children's Centre 12.30pm – 1.30pm</p>	<p>Stay &amp; Play (Invite only) ** Moss Bank Children's Centre 1.00pm – 2.00pm &amp; 2.30pm – 3.30pm</p>



# Thatto Heath

Brisbane Street WA9 5QT

# Fourways

Burnage Avenue WA9 4QB

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM</b>	<p>Let's Get Ready Group Thatto Heath Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.30am</p>			<p>Chatterbox (Invite Only) Thatto Heath Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.15am 10.30am – 11.15am 11.30am – 12.15pm</p>	<p>Read and Rhyme Rainhill Library 10.30am</p> <p>Read and Rhyme Thatto Heath Library 11.00am</p>
<b>PM</b>	<p>Sensory Group Thatto Heath Children's Centre 1.30pm – 2.30pm</p>	<p>Baby Weigh-in clinic Thatto Heath Children's Centre 1.30pm – 3.30pm</p> <p>Baby Group (0-1 yrs.) Thatto Heath Children's Centre 1.30pm – 2.30pm</p> <p>Read and Rhyme Rainhill Library 2.15pm</p>	<p>Tot's Talking Thatto Heath Children's Centre 3.00pm – 4.00pm</p>		<p>Chatterbox (Invite Only) Thatto Heath Children's Centre 1.15pm – 2.00pm 2.15pm – 3.00pm</p> <p>Let's Get Ready Group Thatto Heath Children's Centre 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>AM</b>	<p>Read and Rhyme Chester Lane Library 11.00am</p>		<p>Crafty Kids (2 - 4 yrs.) Fourways Children's Centre 10.00am – 11.00am</p>	<p>Chatterbox (Invite Only) Fourways Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.15am 10.30am – 11.15am 11.30am – 12.15pm</p>	<p>Development Checks Fourways Children's Centre 9.30am – 12.00pm</p> <p>Read and Rhyme Chester Lane Library 11.00am</p>
<b>PM</b>	<p>Baby Group (0-1 yrs.) Fourways Children's Centre 2.15pm – 3.15pm</p>	<p>Let's Get Ready Group Fourways Children's Centre 1.45pm – 2.45pm 3.30pm – 4.30pm</p>		<p>Let's Get Ready Group Fourways Children's Centre 1.45pm – 2.45pm</p>	














Are you pregnant or a new mum and feeling low, anxious, alone?

Talk & support, mum to mum

For more information text/call Catherine on: 0770 290 0894  
or email: [parentsinmind.nw@nct.org.uk](mailto:parentsinmind.nw@nct.org.uk)

Registered charity in England and Wales: 801395 and Scotland: SC041592.

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Parr Ashlons Green Drive WA9 2AP	AM	Mini Melodies Parr Children's Centre 10.00am – 10.30am 11.30am – 12.00pm	Baby Weigh-in clinic Parr Children's Centre 9.30am – 11.30am  Baby Group (0 – 1's) Parr Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.30am  Read and Rhyme Parr Library 11.00am	Sensory Group Parr Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.15am 11.00am – 11.45am			
	PM	Daycare (Invite only) Parr Children's Centre 1.00pm – 4.15pm	Daycare (Invite only) Parr Children's Centre 1.00pm – 4.15pm  Chatterbox (Invite Only) Parr Children's Centre 2.15pm – 3.00pm 3.15pm – 4.00pm	Daycare (Invite only) Parr Children's Centre 1.00pm – 4.15pm  Let's Get Ready Group Parr Children's Centre 1.15pm – 2.45pm  Let's Get Ready Group Parr Children's Centre 3.00pm – 4.00pm	Daycare (Invite only) Parr Children's Centre 1.00pm – 4.15pm  	Daycare (Invite only) Parr Children's Centre 1.00pm – 4.15pm  Infant Bonding Parr Children's Centre 1.30pm – 2.30pm  Read and Rhyme Parr Library 2.00pm	
Sutton Eilamsbridge Road WA9 3PY	AM	Let's Get Ready Group 9.30am – 10.30am Sutton Children's Centre  Let's Get Ready Group 10.45am – 11.45am Sutton Children's Centre		Baby Group (0-1's) Sutton Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.30am	Let's Get Ready Group Sutton Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.30am	Nurture Group Sutton Children's Centre 1.30pm – 3.00pm	
	PM	Incredible Years (Invite only) Sutton Children's Centre 1.00pm – 3.00pm				 Sensory Group Sutton Children's Centre 2.15pm – 3.15pm	

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Haydock</b> Leigh Road WA11 0ER	<b>AM</b>	Read and Rhyme Garswood Library 10.30am  Read and Rhyme Haydock Library 10.30am	Story Makers Haydock Library 10.00am – 11.00am			
	<b>PM</b>		Infant Bonding Haydock Library 1.30pm – 2.30pm			
<b>Newton</b> Patterson Street WA12 9PZ		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<b>AM</b>	Baby Group (0 – 1's) Newton Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.30am	Musical Mayhem Newton Children's Centre 10.00am – 10.30am 11.00am – 11.30am	Let's Get Ready Group Newton Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.30am	Incredible Years (Invite only) Newton Children's Centre 9.30am – 11.30am	Sensory Group Newton Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.15am 10.45am – 11.30am  Chatterbox (Invite Only) Newton Children's Centre 9.30am – 10.15am 10.30am – 11.15am  Read and Rhyme Newton-le-Willows Library 10.30am
	<b>PM</b>			Nurture Group Newton Children's Centre 1.30pm – 3.00pm		Let's Get Ready Group Newton Children's Centre 1.15pm – 2.45pm  Read and Rhyme Newton-le-Willows Library 2.15pm  Let's Get Ready Group Newton Children's Centre 3.00pm – 4.00pm

# Funded Early Education for 2-year old's



Telephone: 01744 676541

or apply online: [WWW.sthelens.gov.uk/free2](http://WWW.sthelens.gov.uk/free2)

**Your 2-year-old can get free childcare if you live in England and get one of the following benefits:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Tax credits, and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- The working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)



**2-year olds can also get free childcare if they:**

- Are looked after by a local authority
- Have a statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- Get Disability Living Allowance
- Have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

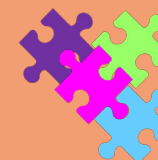
**If you're a non – EEA citizen who cannot claim benefits**

**Your 2-year-old may get free childcare if you are getting support under the Immigration and Asylum Act and have either:**

- Claimed asylum in the UK and are waiting for a decision (Known as 'part 6')
- Been refused asylum in the UK (Known as 'section 4')

**A 2-year-old you care for may also get free childcare if you household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, and you have either:**

- Leave to remain with 'no recourse to public funds' on family or private life grounds
- The right to live in the UK because you're the main carer of the British citizen (Known as a Zambrano Carer)





# Volunteering Programme

## Who can become a volunteer?

Anyone who:

- Has received Early Help services and wants to share their positive experience with other families
- Wants to become more active and give something back to the community
- Wants to gain experience of working with families alongside professionals to gain work.

## What's in it for me?

The whole volunteering experience can be very rewarding and can open doorways for career development working in partnership with the community.

## Volunteering can

- Be fun
- Increase friendship
- Be challenging
- Increase confidence and self-esteem.
- Widen learning experiences
- Enable you to brush up on the skills you already have and learn new ones
- Be a step towards returning to learning or work if that is what you wish

If you are interested in volunteering please contact one of the Children's Centres below and ask for:

Jill Healy  
Community Development Officer

Central Link  
Children's Centre  
Westfield Street  
St Helens  
WA10 1QF  
01744 673445

Volunteers will become part of the team, supporting the Children's Centre Core business, volunteering their time and commitment for the benefit of families within the community without financial reward.

## What next?

Firstly, contact and speak with a Children's Centre staff member to make sure that volunteering is what you want to do.

Secondly, complete a volunteer registration form or ask the member of staff to complete this on your behalf then pass this to the Community Development Officer.

An informal meeting will be arranged with you to complete barring and vetting procedures and to discuss volunteering roles.

Parr Children's Centre  
Ashton's Green Drive  
Parr  
St Helens  
WA9 2AP  
01744 671788

## Group Descriptions

At Children's Centres we have a range of groups, some of which are invite only and others that you can drop into without pre-booking. Our timetable will tell you which these groups are. Just to let you know for any of the drop-in sessions you can bring your other children along, but the session will be aimed at the age range shown on the timetable. We do however in the school holidays offer sessions for children up to the age of 11.

**Baby Weigh-in Clinic** Health Visitor led Baby Clinic, come along and check your child's development, gain advice and support.

**Baby Group (0-12 months)** for babies aged 0- 12 months of age, this group will support bonding, attachment and the development of early skills for you and your child. The sessions will be fun and interactive with the children having the opportunity to learn through play. This session gives advice and tips on how everyday items can be used to extend your child's knowledge and increase their confidence.

**Mini Melodies (0-12 months)** a musical, movement, singing and dancing group for children ages 0 – 12 months olds. This group will introduce you and your child to new and exciting ways to interact with each other whilst promoting numeracy, literacy, speech, language and communication. The group will increase your child's understanding of the group around them and engage with their peers. These sessions use a variety of resources that you could also use at home supporting the home learning environment.

**Sensory Group (0-12 months)** this group is for children aged 0 – 12 months and their parents. The sessions will introduce you to what's available in our Children's Centres and will promote tummy time, music and movement. The sessions will include simple and practical ways in which activities can be replicated within the home.

**Tots Talking (0-18 months)** is a fun and interactive session for parents/carers with children aged 0 – 18 months which will provide you will advise, guidance and tips on how you can support your child to start the art of communication. This session will highlight the importance of joining in with children's play and following their interests, using everyday opportunities to extend their knowledge and use words.

**Story Makers (0-36 months)** is a fun, stimulating and interactive reading and play session for children from new born to starting school. Story Makers will support your child's communication, language and literacy development. The session is lead by a practitioner and will be an opportunity for you to build on the fun in reading and how you can replicate this at home.

**Musical Mayhem (12-36 months)** musical mayhem is for children who have graduated from Mini Melodies and is aimed at children 12 – 36 months. This group will introduce you and your child to new and exciting ways to interact with each other whilst promoting numeracy, literacy, speech, language and communication. Musical Mayhem will help you to think about those skills that support your child to become nursery or school ready and practice these within a fun and interactive group.

**Nurture Group (12-36 months)** this group that offers a range of nurturing opportunities for children, supporting social and emotional skills, increasing school readiness and develop resilience and confidence.

**M.A.T.CH (0-48 months)** is an exciting opportunity for all dads, male carers and your children to join us in learning through play and sharing stories while supporting your child's school readiness. Building on your existing knowledge on how to stimulate your child and making everyday items into a learning opportunity. This group is specifically aimed at dads and carers to swap ideas, share the challenges of parenting and have a fun opportunity with your children.

**Mini Chef's (24-60 Months)** a fun and interactive hands-on cookery session for young children.

**Crafty Kids (24- 48 months)** crafty kids is aimed at children aged 2 – 4 years of age. These sessions will enable your child (and you) to explore their creative side, explore new ideas, be creative and interact with their peers. It is a fun and interactive arts, crafts and messy play session that will help your child to be nursery or school ready.

**Let's Get Ready (24-48 months)** fun and interactive sessions which will support you and your child to become school ready. These sessions will support your child's learning through play, extend their creative thinking as well as encouraging practical tasks e.g. putting shoes on or fastening your coat.

**Referral Only** – Children's Centres deliver a number of groups or interventions where a child or family want to access a little bit more support. We know for some children that speech and language or being ready for school they may need a little extra support. Or you may be a parent/carer who wants to build on your knowledge and experience to give your child the Best Start in life. If you need any further advice or support on any of the interventions detailed below please speak to you local Children's Centre, Health Visitor, school or lead professional.

**\*\* Delivered by the Bridge Centre** The Bridge Centre provide specialist assessments for children with SEND and groups are referral only.

**Change, Grow, Live "Think Family"** via any professional or self-referral, offering one to one support and family focused advice to empower people to improve their health and wellbeing and take control of the direction of their lives.

**Chatterbox** is a Speech and language support group that emphasises the important role that parents/carers play in actively engaging your child using strategies that are proven to enhance speech and language and development (referral from Health Visitor or Lead Professional working with a family).

**Daycare** is a 15-hour a week placement, that supports children's learning and development. This will which enhance your child's speech, language and social and emotional skills. (referral only).

**DART (Domestic abuse recovering together)** programme is a 10-week group work programme which allows mothers and children to work independently combined with joint sessions to improve the mother-child relationship after the perpetrator has left the relationship. School must agree to the children taking time out of lessons. During the weekly sessions, mothers and children participate in a range of activities designed to strengthen their relationship, promote communication about abuse and support one another through their recovery.

**Freedom Programme** is a 12-week programme designed for women who have experienced any form of domestic abuse. It educates women to recognise early signs of abuse and the impact this has on themselves and their families. The programme is open to everyone and offers a supportive safe environment for ladies at all stages of a relationship

**Development Checks** Health and development reviews that support you and your baby, and make sure their development is on track. Developmental checks are delivered by Health Visitors within Children's Centres. These sessions will support you and your child's learning and development in the early years.

**Incredible Years** is a course for parent/carers for children aged 0-12 years. 12-week positive parenting programme which is designed to strengthen parent/carer/child interactions and promote positive attachments, whilst supporting parents/carers to reduce harsh discipline measures. The programme works with parents/carers to promote their child's social, emotional and language development and school participation. Courses for parents of children 0-12 years which increases parent/child relationship and promotes positive discipline and mutual respect.

**Triple P** Parenting courses for parents of children 0-12 yrs, Teens and Stepping Stones for parents of children with a disability, development delay and conduct disorder. By referral only - call 01744 676543

**New Beginnings** practical parent educational programme for new and expectant parents at the beginning of your parenting journey, the sessions include bathing, safe sleep and feeding.

#### **Pre Book**

**Cook & Taste** a hands on cookery session which will enable you to improve your cooking skills and support you to provide healthier affordable food choices for all your family. Call the Wellbeing Service on 01744 371111.

**ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages)** a course for those whose first language is not English. This course will help to improve your speaking, listening, reading and writing skills in small, friendly classes. Please ring 01744 677675

**English & Maths Course** Contact Adult and Community Learning for more details – 01744 677314.

**Infant Bonding** A course for babies aged 6 weeks to 6 months - Come along and learn the art of Infant Bonding with other new parents/carers. By using simple massage strokes, you can enhance your role as a parent/carer and provide the right type of stimulation to promote your child development, promote relaxation assist with wind, colic etc. You and your baby will experience many benefits from infant massage which will increase your bond for many years to come. - ring Parr Children's Centre to book your place 01744 671788.

**Sensory Rooms sessions** – A sensory room session which will help your child to improve their visual, auditory and tactile processing, as well as fine and gross motor skills. By providing a sense of calm and comfort, sensory rooms help children learn to self-regulate their behaviours, which ultimately improves focus. Sensory rooms are available at Fourways, Parr and Thatto Heath please ring 01744 671788 to book.

**Stay & Play Group (0-50 months)** Supporting children and families who are new to the UK, developing children's learning through age-appropriate activities and games.