

FREE HOLIDAY CAMPS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Dear Parent/Guardian

AVSSP Christmas Camps are back!

For the upcoming Christmas holidays offer your child the chance to take part in

It is with great pleasure that Amber Valley School Sport Partnership (AVSSP) can offer your child(ren) a **FREE** place on our Winter Holiday Camps for 2025/26.

For the past 5 years AVSSP have successfully delivered Holiday Camps to thousands of children across the borough and we're proud to do so again in conjunction with the Holiday, Activity & Food programme (HAF).

AVSSP Christmas Holiday Camps are available to eligible families on the following days:

Monday 22nd December

Tuesday 23rd December

Monday 29th December

Tuesday 30th December

All the above dates will be available at Alferton, Belper, Ripley and Heanor Leisure Centre's.

To be eligible for free places your child must be in receipt of Pupil Premium funding during 2025/26. Eligibility will be checked with each school to ensure accuracy.

If you would like to take up this offer, please visit the below webpage to complete the booking form for your choice of venue and dates:

<https://avssp.co.uk/hafbooking-dec25/>

Bookings will open at 10am on Friday 28th November 2025

Places on our holiday camps will be offered on a first come first served basis so please book quickly to avoid disappointment.

We are able to accept bookings from children aged 5 to 11 only.

This may mean that some children in Reception ARE NOT eligible as they have not yet turned five.

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What to expect at our Holiday Camps

We aim to ensure our camps include a range of exciting activities suitable for a wide variety of children. A daily timetable is designed to provide a varied, inclusive programme of activities which draw upon the skillsets of staff on-site.

We aim to offer a balanced mix of sports & games as well as enrichment activities.

Each site regularly offers swimming, arts & crafts, drama, dance, music, gymnastics and inflatables/bouncy castles whilst some sites also offer gymnastics, bowling, play parks, indoor rowing, wheelchair sports and more.

Our sports programmes include sessions in Football, Dodgeball, Basketball, Cricket, Archery, Fencing, Axe Throwing, Skipping, Tennis, Rugby, Rounders, Tchoukball and much more.

Food

Food will be provided for eligible children as part of the holiday camps, the food being prepared will be a packed lunch and snack including a drink, fruit, snack bar and a choice of sandwich.

All of our Holiday Camps are NUT FREE sites – please do not send your children with nuts, Nutella/peanut butter sandwiches, snickers, bueno bars or similar.

Please note – many children attending our camps have other food allergies – no sharing of food is permitted in order to protect them.

Additional Needs

We are generally able to accept bookings for children with additional needs – it is vitally important that the responsible adult making the booking discloses as much information as possible about the additional needs of your child.

Please note that in some rare circumstances we are unable to make the necessary adjustments to accommodate all children – this will be communicated directly with parents/guardians.

Booking

If you choose to make a booking you are expected to attend on the correct day/venue, if you do intend to miss a day of holiday camps you are required to inform us by email to holidaycamps@avssp.co.uk or text to 07864 775023, failure to do so may prevent you from attending further bookings.

What will children need on the days?

Children will be required to wear comfortable sports type clothing at the camps.

Please bring a swimming costume and towel every day should your child intend to take part in swimming. We also recommend that each child brings their own drink, eachday.

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