

Let Us Play



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Welcome to first edition of 2026. Please note this edition goes all the way through until late March. So, plenty of dates for the calendar.

I want to have another chat about hard copies of the newsletter. Personally, I have always been resistant to not sending out paper copies, as I believe many children like it and it's easier to see where, what, and when. However latterly the post has been awful and unreliable. In December I posted something to Claire at home on a first-class stamp and it arrived 10 days later. So, when we are told I didn't get, we believe you, but if bookings have closed and been allocated there is nothing we can do. So just for clarities sake the default way of getting your newsletter will be via email. Please tell Claire if you want a hard copy as well. We are very happy to send you a hard copy, please just remember to request it on your bookings email.

Bookings day will be **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January**. So quite a tight turn around.  
[Bookings@lupwolverhampton.org.uk](mailto:Bookings@lupwolverhampton.org.uk)

On a temporary basis we are not running the parents group onsite because travellers have been damaging cars and property and I am worried about damage to cars on site. This has happened numerous times recently it seems to be bored teenagers, the damage is costly to get repaired and has become a real problem.

Good news..... A local company Alstrom have agreed to fund our 1 : 1 places for this year. These places are so hard to fund, so we are delighted with this news. It won't give us more places, but we were struggling to fund them last year so it's quite a relief. Kim x

# PARENTS

## Group

Due to the issues on Shaw Park there is only one meeting on this newsletter.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

**Meal Out 12:00 noon**

The Gatehouse  
Donington Grove  
Wolverhampton  
WV10 6EE



Staffordshire Short Breaks:

Reminder that for staffordshire families there is a session on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January Cinema & Bella at 10:00am if you have a place booked. Check Eequ for place availability.

Book please via Eequ. We aren't allowed to book places for you until the sessions have been live for 10 days. So the best way of obtaining a place is to book it quickly when they go live. If you are unsure how to do this there is a guide online

<https://help.eequ.org/en/articles/220722-how-parents-book-a-send-short-break>

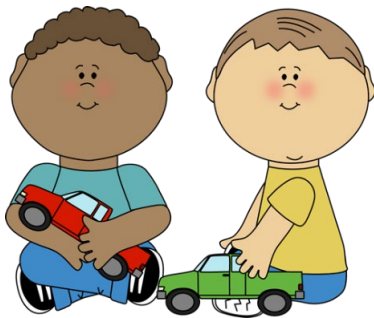


When doing your bookings tell Claire if you want a hard copy of the newsletter.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

**Stay & Play**  
**LUP Building**  
**1 session afternoon**

**2:00 - 4:30**



**5 – 19 years**

Session for our members who need  
1 : 1 support  
Small number of places also  
available for those who like a quiet  
small group session.  
1 : 1 places

This is a 2 ½ hour session only

**Model Making**  
**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January**  
**2 sessions**  
**9:30 – 12:30**  
**Or**  
**1:30 – 4:30**

LUP Building  
7 Shaw Park Business Village  
WV10 9LE

**5 – 19 years**

Using clay and papier mache, so a bit  
messy



Morning session  
priority for  
Staffordshire Children



**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**A Gift for Somebody you love**

**2 sessions**

**9:30 – 12:30**

**Or**

**1:30 – 4:30**

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WV10 9LE

5 – 19 years

Making a secret surprise or 2 to  
take home for somebody you love.



**ALL HALF TERM ACTIVITIES HAVE LUNCH SUPPLIED**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**Challenge Day**

**2 sessions**

**9:30 – 12:30**

**Or**

**1:30 – 4:30**

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5 – 19 years

This is always a popular session a  
selection of games and challenges  
to compete for small prizes.



Lunch is Pasta with either a meat or  
vegeterian sauce.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**OWLS**

**2 sessions**

**9:30 – 12:30**

**Or**

**1:30 – 4:30**

**LUP Building**

**7 Shaw Park Business Village**

**WV10 9LE**



**5 – 19 years**

A Falconer is coming with a selection of Owls to give a talk and some bird handling. This will be accompanied with a little owl related craft.



Hot Lunch is chicken breast burgers

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

**Multi Sports @ Aldersley**



**10am – 2:00pm**

**WV Active Aldersley**

**Aldersley Road**

**WV6 9NW**

**5 – 18 years**

Staffordshire places available

No 1 : 1 places

Run in conjunction with Wolves Foundation

Will include cycling and a wide selection of games

Extra places available

Lunch is buffet

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**Cinema & Bella**

**10am – 1:30pm**



**5 – 18 years**

Drop Off at Cinema

Collect from Bella at 1:15

**BELLA  
ITALIA**

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**Bella & Bowling**

**12:00 noon – 2:30**



**Hollywood Bowl**

**5 – 18 years**

Drop Off at Bella where the morning group will be eating already. Collect from Bowling at 2:30pm

**BELLA  
ITALIA**



Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Horrible Histories Theatre Experience**  
**Alexandra Theatre**

Departure 10:45 via tram meet us by the drop off parking, look out for the turquoise tops.

Collection is from the same place at 5:30pm



8 – 18 years

This is a musical show. Not very sure what to expect, but we like a little adventure.

Lunch is first Zizzi in the mail box.  
Short walk to theatre.

Zizzi Pasta Superiore Menu

**Zizzi**  
INDIVIDUALLY  
ITALIAN.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February

**Flowers**

2 sessions

9:30 – 12:30

Or

1:30 – 4:30

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WV10 9LE

5 – 18 years

A mix of Flower related activities.  
2 sessions with 1 : 1 places on each



Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Marbles**

2 sessions

9:30 – 12:30

Or

1:30 – 4:30

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5 – 18 years

Mostly games and challenges with a tiny bit of craft.

1 : 1 places on each session

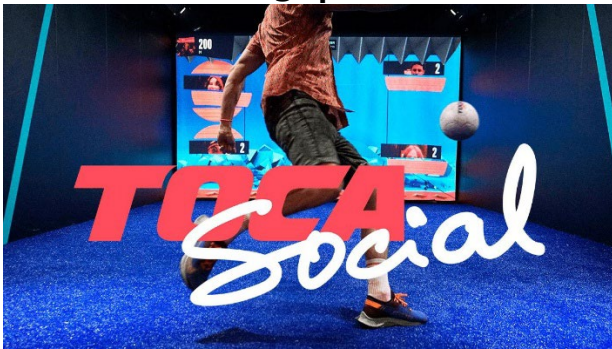


**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026**  
**Toca Social with Pizza Hut lunch**

Departing Wolverhampton Tram stop  
at the train station. Look out for the  
turquoise tops by the parking pull in.

9:45 departure

Collection from the same place at  
2:30pm



8 – 19 years

Hard to describe if you  
haven't been. This is a  
football interactive game. If  
you are unsure please check  
their website.

Lunch is Pizza hut buffet



Wolves Foundation have asked us to let you know about the activities they run for Children with SEND. Football is Mondays 5 – 6 or 6-7pm at City of Wolverhampton College Wellington Road WV14 6BT. Multi Sports are Tuesdays at Ashmore Park Hub 5 – 6pm and Thursdays 5 – 6pm at WVActive Aldersley Road. WV6 9NW

Further information from Gavin Jones [gavinjones@wolves.co.uk](mailto:gavinjones@wolves.co.uk) or 07572167347



NB Wolves Foundation is nothing to do with LUP above is for information only

# Government launches national conversation on SEND

The current government plans to make extensive changes to SEND support in schools. This is quite worrying, but until the white paper is available there is very little that can be done. Of course the fear is always surrounding the loss of rights and reduced funding, although the promise from Georgia Gould is that things will be better. There are 5 principles of reform.

- Early intervention, including earlier in children's lives when this can have most impact.
- Local provision, so young people can learn at a school close to their home, alongside their peers, as well as the vital role of special provision for complex needs.
- Fairness, so every school has the resources and capability to meet changing needs – stopping parents fighting for support and ensuring clear legal safeguards for children and parents.
- Effective practice, grounded in evidence to ensure excellent long-term outcomes.
- Shared working that means education, health and care services working in partnership with local government, families, teachers, experts and representative bodies.

If you want to be part of the very early consultations then you can apply to attend an online event via conversation on SEND, the link is on Gov.uk