



# Woolgrove School – Newsletter No. 4

25th October 2024

Here we are, approaching Half Term already. I am immensely proud of how all of our children have settled back in and I hope you all enjoy a well deserved break. There is plenty of spooky and autumnal fun to be had over the half term break and beyond – please see flyers at the foot of this letter that maybe of interest to our families.

## Inset Day

Please don't forget that **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** is an Inset Day and the school is closed for children.

**We look forward to seeing them all again on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November.**

## Parents' Evening

Our Parent/Teacher consultations are being held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November** or **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** between 4pm – 7pm. Thank you to everyone for booking your slots, a reminder will be sent to you shortly to confirm your booking. to please book your Parent's Evening slot. Meetings will be face to face at the school at your allotted time, or a Teams / telephone call has been set up on request.

## MHST Coffee Morning

We are holding a Coffee Morning with the Mental Health Support Team on Tuesday 19th November 2024, 09:30 - 11:00 am. MHST will share information about their service, and how they can provide support within the home, refreshments will also be available. Please come along; it will be a most enjoyable morning, if you could notify us if you are able to attend either via



email, home school book, or complete the reply slip below this would be most helpful.

## Travelling Theatre: Snow White



On the 21st October the Shape classes were lucky enough to have M&M productions visit to perform Snow White. Over 60 children made their way to the hall and the laughter could be heard all the way down the corridors. The children loved the performance and this provided a great foundation for classes to complete a communication session later in the day. We were privileged to be supported by Happy Days, the charity which funded most of the show. Jools will be passing on a huge thank you to them and the donors that support them.

## Woolgrove Courses

We still have spaces on our upcoming training courses which are free to Woolgrove Parents/Carers.

Please contact the office to book or for further information.

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- *Play & Learn:*  
*Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 4-5.30pm*
  - *Supporting Communication:*  
*Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 4 – 5.30pm*
  - *Sign Along 6 Week Course:*  
*From Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 4 – 5.30pm*
  - *Sign Along 6 Week Course:*  
*From Wednesday 5<sup>rd</sup> February, 1 – 2.30pm*
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## Back to basics!

Please be reminded of the following that helps us all in terms of keeping our children happy and comfortable in school:

- School day is 9am – 3pm (2pm Fridays) please ensure you are here promptly
- Check **ALL** uniform and belongings are clearly labelled
- Provide waterproofs and wellies and ensure children have hats, gloves and scarves as the weather gets colder
- Send in a clearly labelled water bottle that can remain in school

## Clothing Collection – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November

The clothing collection is back, we have raised over £300 for Woolgrove through this scheme thanks to your amazing donations. Please only send in items on the day.

**BAG 2 SCHOOL**  
FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS  
In partnership with your school or organisation

  
Woolgrove School

  
Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.

  
PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).  
When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

*We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:*  
Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.  
(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

**The more we weigh the more we pay!**  
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

**Please return your Bag2School on:**

Wednesday 13 November 2024 by 9:00am

 01609 780 222  [www.bag2school.com](http://www.bag2school.com)  [helpdesk@bag2school.com](mailto:helpdesk@bag2school.com)

## Friends of Woolgrove (FoW)

A great time was had by all at the Autumn Ball. Thank you for all your fantastic donations and help on the evening. We raised a fantastic £390!



## The 50/50 Club



I am pleased to announce that a parent from Gold class was drawn at random to win our first 50/50 cash prize! You can still join the 50/50 club and you too could win a cash prize to share with the school! Pay £10 for entry to every draw from now until the end of this academic year (£1 per month!). If your entry is picked at random, you win 50% of the prize pot with the other 50% supporting our school.

Available to purchase now via Parentmail.  
Cash to the Office or in the bookbags also

## Keeping safe during the holidays

Holidays can sometimes be a difficult time for families. Please see below for some useful contacts if you need support during the break.

**Children's services: 0300 123 4043**  
**Police non-emergency: 101**  
**Police emergency: 999**

Our phones are not manned, but school admin email is always monitored during the school holidays. If you require advice or support from us, please contact: [admin@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk)

If you have a safeguarding query or concern, please contact: [dsl@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@woolgrove.herts.sch.uk)



Please stay safe with fireworks this Autumn.

Lisa Hall,  
Head Teacher



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<b>Monday 28 October -</b>	Half Term <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday 1 November</b>	
<b>Monday 4 November</b>	Inset Day <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday 5 November</b>	Back to School
	Parents Evening: 4 – 7pm
<b>Wednesday 6 November</b>	Parents Evening: 4 – 7pm
<b>Monday 11 November -</b>	Anti Bullying Week NSPCC Pants Week
<b>Friday 15 November</b>	
<b>Wednesday 4 December</b>	Christmas Performance: 1.30pm Star, Hexagon, Pyramid, Cube, Sphere, Gold, Cone
<b>Thursday 5 December</b>	Christmas Performance: 1.30pm Star, Hexagon, Pyramid, Cube, Sphere, Gold, Cone
<b>Friday 6 December</b>	Occasional Day <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Friday 13 December</b>	FoW Christmas Shop
<b>Monday 16 December</b>	Christmas Bazaar (pm)
<b>Tuesday 17 December</b>	Father Christmas visits Woolgrove
	Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Wednesday 18 December</b>	Christmas Lunch
	EYFS Christmas Performance: 1.30pm Blue, Red, Yellow, Green, Purple
<b>Wednesday 19 December</b>	EYFS Christmas Performance: 1.30pm Blue, Red, Yellow, Green, Purple
	Christmas Hamper Raffle Draw
<b>Friday 20 December</b>	End of Term: 1:15pm
<b>Monday 6 January</b>	Inset Day <b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
<b>Tuesday 7 January</b>	Back to School

## 2024 - 2025

<b>AUTUMN</b>	INSET	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
	Phased Pupils start	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
	Phased Pupils start	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
	All Pupils start	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
	Half Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
	INSET day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
	Term ends	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>SPRING</b>	INSET day	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
	Pupils start	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January
	Half Term	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025
	Term ends	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>SUMMER</b>	Pupils start	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
	Bank Holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
	Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
	INSET	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025
	Pupils back	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
	Term ends	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
	INSET	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2025

## 2025 - 2026

<b>AUTUMN</b>	INSET	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
	Phased Pupils start	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
	Phased Pupils start	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
	All Pupils start	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
	Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
	INSET day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
	OCCASIONAL DAY (no pupils)	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
	Term ends	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>SPRING</b>	INSET day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
	Pupils start	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
	Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
	Term ends	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>SUMMER</b>	INSET day	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
	Pupils start	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April
	Half Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
	Pupils back	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
	Term ends	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
	INSET	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026



A promotional poster for the 'Bright Lights' event. The top half features a dark background with warm, glowing string lights and a circular inset photo of a person looking at a light display. The title 'BRIGHT LIGHTS' is written in large, bold, yellow, hand-drawn style letters. To the right, a white circular badge contains the event details: 'SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 4 - 6.30PM'. Below the title, text describes the event as a free family-friendly activity at Letchworth Garden City Church. A list of activities includes BBQ, Bouncy Castles, Fun Family Games, and Activities and Crafts, each preceded by a lightbulb icon. A QR code is located in the bottom left corner. The bottom right features the Letchworth Garden City Council logo and the website 'mylgcc.com/brightlights' for booking tickets. The entire poster is decorated with colorful confetti and streamers.

# BRIGHT LIGHTS

**SUNDAY  
27 OCTOBER  
4 - 6.30PM**

A **FREE** and fun event at Letchworth Garden City Church, including an interactive trail and activities around the local area.  
Suitable for children aged 3-11

- 💡 BBQ
- 💡 Bouncy Castles
- 💡 Fun Family Games
- 💡 Activities and Crafts

To book your light trail ticket visit  
[mylgcc.com/brightlights](https://mylgcc.com/brightlights)

 LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY COUNCIL



# Breakaway Playschemes



CVS  
North Herts  
& Stevenage

**A specialist Playscheme for children and young people with complex health needs and physical disabilities**



**A safe space for children with Neurodiversity to come, play and experience new and enjoyable activities alongside their peers**



**A well trained and experienced staff team responding to individual needs and supporting children to have fun.**

No Waiting lists. Eligibility criteria applies.

For more information contact: [breakawayadmin@nhcvs.org.uk](mailto:breakawayadmin@nhcvs.org.uk) or call: 01462 689406

Charity registration no: 1097796 / Company registration no: 4693569



# **SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS**

**SET TO MUSIC**



**BONFIRE • HOT FOOD & DRINK • FULL BAR  
FAIR RIDES • STALLS • LIVE MUSIC**

**FRIDAY 1ST NOVEMBER**

**AT LETCOWORTH RUGBY CLUB**

**GATES OPEN AT 5.30PM • DISPLAY AT 7.30PM  
LIVE MUSIC FROM MAGENTA SLIPPERS  
IN THE CLUBHOUSE 8PM**

**BUY TICKETS** ONLINE OR AT GARDEN HOUSE HOSPICE SHOPS  
(LETCOWORTH, BALDOCK & FAIRFIELD PARK), DAVID'S RECORD SHOP,  
CAFÉ LUNA BALDOCK & LETCOWORTH RUGBY CLUB BAR

**BUY YOUR TICKET NOW!**



**ADULT £8  
CHILD (UNDER 16) £5  
CHILDREN UNDER 3 GO FREE!**  
[letcworthrugby.rfu.club](http://letcworthrugby.rfu.club)





**AN INDOOR  
ADVENTURE COURSE  
INSPIRED BY  
TV SHOW  
NINJA WARRIORS.**



**A SESSION FOR  
NEURODIVERGENT  
KIDS & SIBLINGS**



*Embracing Neurodiversity*  
Autism-ADHD-Dyslexia-  
Dyspraxia-Tourettes  
amongst other conditions



**HALF-TERM FUN!**

**POTENTIAL  
KIDS**



**Booking:**  
[potentialkids.org.uk/events](https://potentialkids.org.uk/events)

**AGE 5 YRS+  
FRIDAY 1ST NOV  
19:00-20:00  
£12.50 PER CHILD**

**WOODSIDE LEISURE PARK,  
NINJA WARRIOR UK ADVENTURE  
KINGSWAY NORTH ORBITAL RD,  
WATFORD WD25 7JZ**

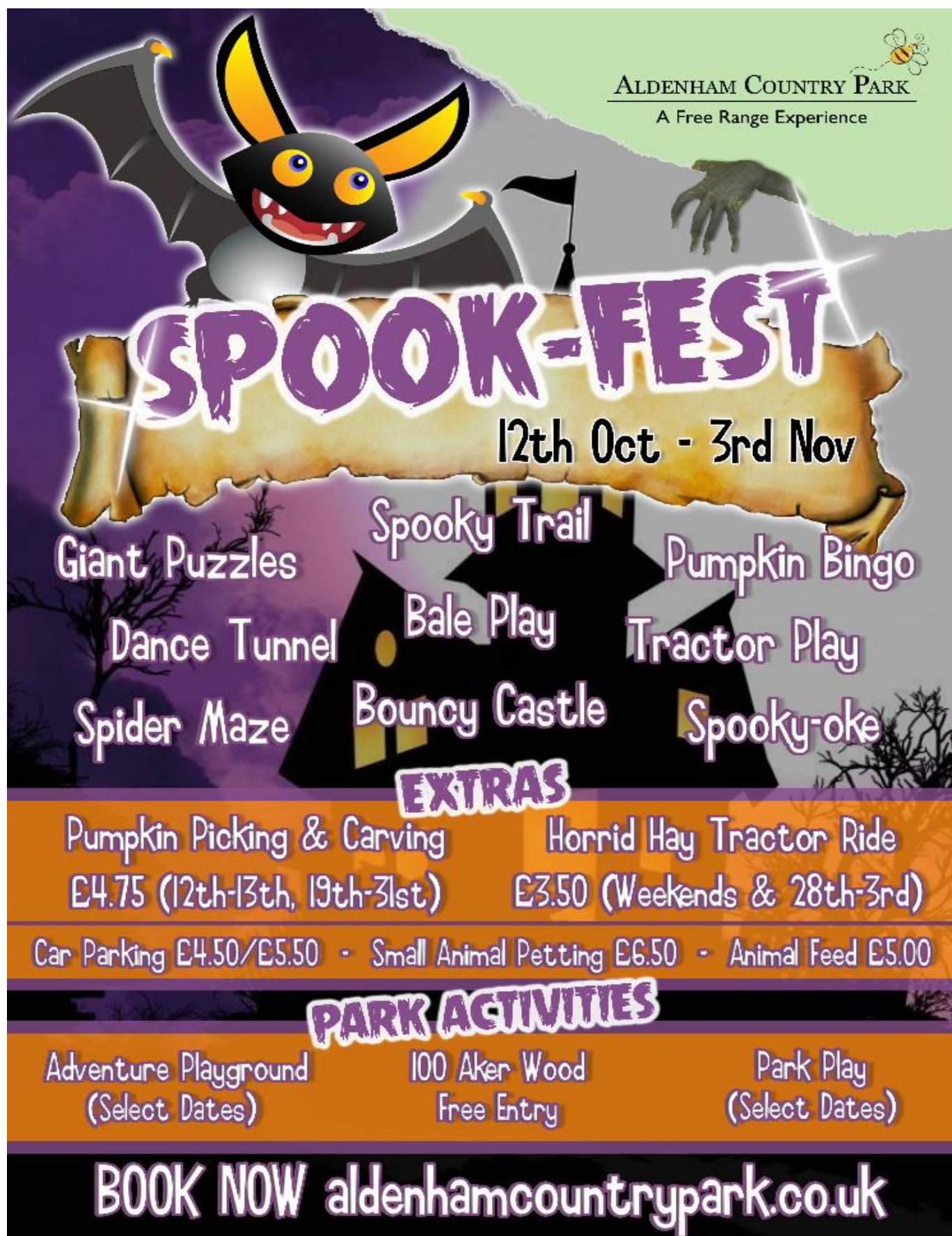
  
**SOCKS NOT  
INCLUDED!**



**TEST YOUR NINJA SKILLS WHILE CLIMBING, BALANCING AND  
SWINGING ACROSS OBSTACLES OR BOUNCING ACROSS OUR  
INFLATABLE - PLUS, WE HAVE THE FAMOUS WARPED WALL  
FOR YOU TO CONQUER.**







**ALDENHAM COUNTRY PARK**  
A Free Range Experience

# SPOOK-FEST

12th Oct - 3rd Nov

Giant Puzzles      Spooky Trail      Pumpkin Bingo  
Dance Tunnel      Bale Play      Tractor Play  
Spider Maze      Bouncy Castle      Spooky-oke

**EXTRAS**

Pumpkin Picking & Carving      Horrid Hay Tractor Ride  
£4.75 (12th-13th, 19th-31st)      £3.50 (Weekends & 28th-3rd)

Car Parking £4.50/£5.50 - Small Animal Petting £6.50 - Animal Feed £5.00

**PARK ACTIVITIES**

Adventure Playground (Select Dates)      100 Aker Wood Free Entry      Park Play (Select Dates)

**BOOK NOW** [aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk](http://aldenhamcountrypark.co.uk)





## HALF TERM FUN

Booking:

[potentialkids.org.uk/events](https://potentialkids.org.uk/events)

### EXCLUSIVE SESSION!!!

A Soft Play Centre with a variety of slides, ladders and swings to entertain your children.

Parents / carers are responsible for their children at all times.

Refreshments included & free wifi



SOFT PLAY SESSION FOR  
NEURODIVERGENT KIDS &  
SIBLINGS

AGE 4-12 YRS

TUESDAY 29TH  
OCTOBER  
7PM-8.45PM

£5 PER CHILD

BIRCHWOOD LEISURE  
CENTRE, LONGMEAD,  
HATFIELD AL10 0AN



*Embracing Neurodiversity*

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## OCTOBER & HALF TERM 2024 ACTIVITIES



POTENTIAL  
KIDS

### BOOKINGS:

[www.potentialkids.org.uk/events](http://www.potentialkids.org.uk/events)

Date	Sessions	Time
3rd Thu	Bushcraft/STEM Home Ed Groups for 8-13 yrs and 13+ yrs	10.00 - 11.30 11.45 - 13.15
3rd Thu	Trampolining 5+ yrs	17.20-18.30
5th Sat	FREE Family Football - Drop In	16.00-17.00
6th Sun	1:1 Therapeutic Riding	See website
10th Thu	Bushcraft/STEM Home Ed Groups for 8-13 yrs and 13+ yrs	10.00 - 11.30 11.45 - 13.15
11th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
11th Fri	<b>**NEW**</b> Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8+ yrs	12.30-14.00
11th Fri	Youth Group 16+	18.30-20.30
12th Sat	FREE Family Football - Drop In	16.00-17.00
13th Sun	1:1 Therapeutic Riding	See website
15th Tue	<b>**NEW**</b> Roller Skating 8+ yrs	18.00 - 19.30
17th Thu	Bushcraft/STEM Home Ed Groups for 8-13 yrs and 13+ yrs	10.00 - 11.30 11.45 - 13.15
18th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
18th Fri	<b>**NEW**</b> Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8+ yrs	12.30-14.00
18th Fri	<b>*NEW*</b> Youth Group 11-15 yrs	18.00-20.00
19th Sat	<b>**NEW**</b> Basketball 7+ yrs	16.00-17.00
20th Sun	1:1 Therapeutic Riding	See Website
24th Thu	Bushcraft/STEM Home Ed Groups for 8-13 yrs and 13+ yrs	10.00 - 11.30 11.45 - 13.15
25th Fri	Welcome Space Community Drop-In	10.00-12.30
25th Fri	<b>**NEW**</b> Therapeutic Gardening Home Ed Group 8+ yrs	12.30-14.00
27th Sun	1:1 Therapeutic Riding	See Website
29th Tue	Fun Zone 4-12 yrs	19.00-20.45
30th Wed	Halloween Party in the Garden 4-11 yrs and 11+ yrs	13.00-14.30 14.45-16.15
31st Thu	Pony Morning 6-11yrs	10.00-12.00

### PK Hub & Garden



### TUTORING



### Neurodivergent PK TECH TEAM



### Danecroft Stables

1:1 Horse Riding  
Groundworks/Care  
Equine Therapy  
Sessions



Communication,  
Learning & Social  
Support for everyone  
through our inclusive  
programmes



Therapeutic  
Gardening 1:1 &  
Group Sessions.  
Volunteers Needed



Contact us for  
details of our PK  
offer:

Tutoring  
Teaching  
Mentoring  
Therapies  
1:1 & Group Work  
Alternative  
provision  
EOTAS  
DoE

For further information on any of our Activities or Educational Services please email us at  
[info@potentialkids.org](mailto:info@potentialkids.org)

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OUTLET SHOPPING

COMMUNITY  
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CCN  
Accredited Training  
Provider of CCN London  
Qualifications

The King's Award  
for Voluntary Service

SPORT  
ENGLAND

Hertfordshire



**BROADWAY<sup>1</sup>  
GALLERY**

— FAMILY FUN THIS OCTOBER —  
**Halloween Art Trail**


THU 10 - THU 31 OCT Broadway Gallery | Free

Explore spooky artwork in the **Letchworth Open exhibition** and create your own masterpiece inspired by the exhibition. No booking required.

**COMIC ART MASTERCLASS  
WITH KEV F SUTHERLAND**

TUE 29 OCT 2pm - 4pm | £13.50 per child | 7-12 years

A fun-filled session with **Kev F Sutherland**, comic artist for *Beano*, *Doctor Who* and *Marvel*. Kids will learn how to create their own comic strip and take home a personal caricature.



**the Witches**

(1990) FILM SCREENING

WED 30 OCT 2pm - 4pm | £8 (includes popcorn) | PG

A special screening of *The Witches* (1990), based on Roald Dahl's beloved story. Perfect for a spooky Halloween movie afternoon.

**HALLOWEEN FUN**

THU 31 OCT 2pm - 4pm | £5 per child | 4-10 years

A spooktacular afternoon with fancy dress, arts and crafts, spooky storytelling, tattoos and more! Perfect for a fun Halloween family event.



Book online or find out more  
at **broadway-gallery.com**

