

NURTURE NETWORK

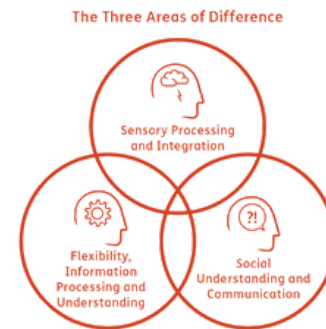
AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

April marks National Autism Acceptance Month, a time dedicated to fostering understanding and promoting acceptance of autistic individuals. Rather than simply raising awareness, the focus is on creating a society where autistic people are truly supported, valued, and empowered to thrive.



In 2025, the theme is: “Celebrate Differences.” This means that this year, Autism Acceptance Month will be dedicated to celebrating the differences in Autistic people to foster a greater sense of inclusivity.

Being autistic does not mean you have an illness or disease. It means your brain works in a different way from other people. Autism is not a medical condition with treatments or a 'cure.' Instead, autism is a processing difference that can have an impact on many areas of a person's life. Autistic people will experience differences in three key areas :



Useful websites to support parents
www.autismeducationtrust.org.uk/parents
mindmate.org.uk/nd/what-is-nd/autism/
www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2019/06/ASD-Pack-for-Parents-and-Carers-NDC2018.pdf

TIPS FOR PARENTING CHILDREN WITH AUTISM

1 BE PATIENT AND POSITIVE

Maintaining a positive attitude can help children with autism feel more comfortable and confident. Celebrate small successes, praise them for their behaviours, find ways to reward them and recognize that progress may take time.

2 SEEK SUPPORT

Connect with other parents, caregivers, and family members for shared experiences, advice and emotional support. Join a support group which will help you meet other parents dealing with similar challenges. Also, ask for help whenever needed.

3 ESTABLISH A ROUTINE

Many children with autism like routines. Consistent routines can reduce anxiety and help your child feel more secure. It will also make new skills and behaviours easier.

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Scan the QR code to access Barnsley's Local Offer.

What is A Local Offer? A local offer gives Children and Young People with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their Families information about any support and services that may be available to them.

WHAT'S ON IN YOUR LOCAL AREA

SENSational

Take part in our unique, multisensory session for families with PMLD, autism and who are neurodiverse. The sessions take place in the Learning Lab inside the museum (which is located in the town hall). The space is set up with a range of sensory items, along with soft floor mats and soft light. Tickets are free but booking is essential, sessions run 11-12pm and 1-2pm.

[Click here to book](#)



EASTER HOLIDAY SESSIONS

WEEK 1

TUESDAY 8 APRIL
10:30AM - 12:30PM
ARDSLEY PARK
S71 5EE

TUESDAY 8 APRIL
2PM - 4PM
BIRDWELL REC
S70 5TQ

BIKEWORKS

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL
10:30AM - 12:30PM
OXSPRING PLAY FIELDS
S36 8YQ

WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL
2PM - 4PM
LOCKE PARK
S70 6NF

BIKEWORKS

THURSDAY 10 APRIL
10:30AM - 12:30PM
DARTON PARK
S75 5NR

THURSDAY 10 APRIL
2PM - 4PM
ROYSTON PARK
S71 4ND

BIKEWORKS

FRIDAY 11 APRIL
10:30AM - 12:30PM
MANSION PARK
S63 8DJ

FRIDAY 11 APRIL
2PM - 4PM
HOUGHTON RD
THURNSCOE, S63 0AW

BIKEWORKS

EASTER HOLIDAY SESSIONS

WEEK 2

MONDAY 14 APRIL
10:30AM - 12:30AM
WOMBWELL PARK
S73 0ES

MONDAY 14 APRIL
2PM - 4PM
SILKSTONE UTD CC
S75 4NA

BIKEWORKS

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TUESDAY 15 APRIL
10:30AM - 12:30PM
PLEASANT AVENUE
S72 0BU

TUESDAY 15 APRIL
2PM - 4PM
MAPPLEWELL PARK
S75 6BY

BIKEWORKS

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WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL
10:30AM - 12:30PM
DARFIELD PARK
S73 9LG

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL
2PM - 4PM
THE FORGE
S74 9DB

BIKEWORKS

THURSDAY 17 APRIL
10:30AM - 12:30PM
SAVILLE RD REC
S75 3PX

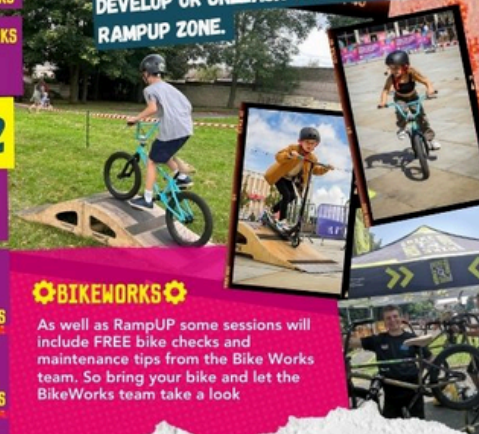
THURSDAY 17 APRIL
2PM - 4PM
PENISTONE GRAMMAR
S36 7BX

BIKEWORKS

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**EXCITING SESSIONS
WE BRING THE WHEELS
YOU BRING THE SKILLS**

COMING TO YOUR COMMUNITY THIS HOLIDAY!
RAMPUP IS AN EXCITING SESSION THAT
GIVES YOUNG SHREDDERS THE CHANCE TO
DEVELOP OR UNLEASH THEIR SKILLS IN THE
RAMPUP ZONE.



BIKEWORKS

As well as RampUP some sessions will include FREE bike checks and maintenance tips from the Bike Works team. So bring your bike and let the BikeWorks team take a look

Sport and Physical Activity Team

Move more. Live well. Feel better.



HEART OF Handmade

ORIGINAL ART - CRAFTS - WORKSHOPS

These sessions are suitable for all ages from toddler+ but will also appeal to older sensory-seeking children.

Explore the space theme with galactic slime, paint pour space rocks, glow in the dark space painting and more!

All materials, equipment and refreshments will be provided but please make sure that your child wears suitable clothing.

£8.95

Thursday 10th April - 10am and 12pm

Heartofhandmade.co.uk

GRASSROOTS SPORTS ACADEMY

Grassroots Sports Academy Multi-sports holiday club who pride themselves on creating a safe, fun and enjoyable experience for all abilities. Children develop and learn skills in a fun environment playing sports, glow in the dark activities, participating in arts and craft activities, healthy eating learning and Easter themed fun.

Location: Oakwell Rise Primary Academy, Doncaster Road, Barnsley, S70 1TS

Age range: 5 to 11 Years

Date and times of the clubs:

Monday 7 to Thursday 17 April, 9:30am to 2:30pm



BARNSELY healthy holidays Department for Education

EASTER CAMPS

7TH - 17TH APRIL 9:30-2:30PM

- MULTI SPORTS / ACTIVITY
- ARTS AND CRAFTS
- GYMNASTICS / DANCE
- EASTER THEMED DAYS



PAID PLACES



FREE PLACES



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