

# HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD!

*across St Helens Borough!*



**23 December 2024 - 3 January 2025**

**[sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun](https://sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun)**

**Families and children 4-18 years in receipt of free school meals**  
Programme funded by the Department for Education (DfE)

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# HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD (HAF) PROGRAMME

The Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) programme is aimed at providing healthy food and enriching activities free of charge for primary and secondary school aged children/ young people who are eligible for benefit related free school meals during the holidays. Children/young people who are in receipt of a support plan via Early Help, Child In Need or Children We Look After, EHCP, or if your child receives additional hours at school then you are also eligible for the HAF programme.

This action-packed fun guide shows you all of the great things, big and small that are happening over the holidays on your very own door step, right across St Helens Borough.

If your child/young person is aged 4-18 and eligible for the HAF programme and would like to attend, please see our list of providers on the back page who will be providing the activities..

## How to book

Please book directly with the session provider. If you have trouble contacting the provider, please email: [holidayfun@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:holidayfun@sthelens.gov.uk) or call: 01744 673445.

Act quickly so that you don't miss out! 

## KEY



This guide is presented in a handy calendar format to help you plan activities for each day during the school holidays.

Find **FREE** events and activities suitable for you using the age ranges next to the listings.

e.g. 5-11 11-16

- SE** = SEND Expertise - solely for children and young people with SEND and their families (complex additional needs).
- SA** = SEND Accessible - physically accessible venue or event
- SS** = SEND Specific - solely for children and young people with SEND and their families (mild to moderate additional needs)
- S** = SEND Friendly - venue or event where providers have general SEND awareness and small adjustments
- F** = Family Friendly - accessible for all families
- B** = Breakfast Provided
- L** = Lunch Provided
- T** = Tea Provided

We have endeavoured to ensure that all sessions are SEND friendly, but we would like you to pre-book sessions and speak to the facilitator for further information on suitability individual requirements for your child.







# Monday 23 December



# Tuesday 24 December



## Sports & Fun Activities **SE L** 5-18

Inclusive Sports 4 All  
Ash Meadow School  
10.00am – 2.00pm  
15 places available

## Winter Minecraft Social **S L** 5-16

ComputerXplorers  
World of Glass, St Helens Library  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
15 places available

## Martial Arts & Fitness **SA L** 4-15

HAMMA Gym  
11.00am – 3.00pm  
15 places available

## Creating Christmas Button Wreaths **S L** 5-16

Les Roberts  
11.00am – 1.00pm  
10 places available

## A Very Merry Storytime & Christmas Eve Box

**SA F L** 4-10  
St Helens Library Services  
Thatto Heath Library  
11.00am – 12.30pm  
15 places available

## SEND ONLY - A Sensory Storytime & Christmas Eve Box

**F SS L** 4-10  
St Helens Library Services  
St Helens Library  
11.00am – 12.00pm  
8 places available

## A Very Merry Storytime & Christmas Eve Box

**SA F L** 4-10  
St Helens Library Services  
Moss Bank Library  
2.00pm – 3.30pm  
15 places available

## SEND ONLY - A Sensory Storytime & Christmas Eve Box

**F SS L** 4-10  
St Helens Library Services  
Newton Library  
2.30pm – 3.30pm  
8 places available

## A Very Merry Storytime & Christmas Eve Box

**SA F L** 4-10  
St Helens Library Services  
Chester Lane Library  
2.30pm – 4.00pm  
15 places available

## Creating Christmas Button Wreaths **SA T** 5-16

Les Roberts  
3.00pm – 5.00pm  
10 places available

## BeWILDerwood Presents Christmas – Family Trip **F T**

Family Hubs  
Departing Central Link Family Hub  
3.00pm – 8.00pm  
94 places available

## The Great Cooking Christmas Challenge **SA T** 11-18

YMCA  
YMCA Youth Hub  
3.30pm – 5.30pm  
10 places available

## Get Creative Christmas Content **SA T** 11-18

YMCA  
YMCA Youth Hub  
6.30pm – 8.30pm  
10 places available

## A Very Merry Storytime & Christmas Bauble Craft

**SA F L** 4-10  
St Helens Library Services  
Eccleston Library  
10.00am – 11.30am  
15 places available

## A Very Merry Storytime & Christmas Bauble Craft

**SA F L** 4-10  
St Helens Library Services  
Haydock Library  
10.00am – 11.30am  
15 places available

## Martial Arts & Fitness **SA L** 4-15

HAMMA Gym  
11.00am – 3.00pm  
15 places available

## The Great Cooking Christmas Challenge **SA T** 11-18

YMCA  
YMCA Youth Hub  
3.30pm – 5.30pm  
10 places available

## Get Creative Christmas Content **SA T** 11-18

YMCA  
YMCA Youth Hub  
6.30pm – 8.30pm  
10 places available



# Wednesday 25 December



## Christmas Lunch **SA L** 11-18

YMCA Youth Hub  
12.00pm - 1.30pm  
10 places available

Merry Christmas





# Friday 27 December



# Saturday 28 December



## Sports & Fun Activities **SE L** 5-18

Inclusive Sports 4 All  
Ash Meadow School  
9.00am – 1.00pm  
15 places available

## Sports & Physical Activities **SS L** 5-18

Everton in the Community  
4F Centre, Rainhill  
10.00am – 2.00pm  
15 places available

## Winter Minecraft Social **S L** 5-16

ComputerXplorers  
Newton Library  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
15 places available

## Shine Brightly **SA F L** 4-10

St Helens Library Services  
Newton Library  
10.30am – 11.30am  
15 places available

## Disney Christmas Activities **SA L** 4-6

Powered by Hip Hop  
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre  
10.30am – 1.30pm  
4-6 year olds need to attend with a parent/carer  
15 places available

## Martial Arts & Fitness **SA L** 4-15

HAMMA Gym  
11.00am – 3.00pm  
15 places available

## Create Your Own Dragon Egg **SA L** 5-16

Les Roberts  
11.00am – 1.00pm  
10 places available

## SEND ONLY - Shine Brightly **SS L** 4-10

St Helens Library Services  
Newton Library  
12.00pm – 1.00pm  
8 places available

## Family Winter Crafts **F L**

Family Hubs  
Central Link Family Hub  
1.00pm – 3.00pm  
Including Fake Away Lunch  
50 places available

## Storytime Snow Globes & Suncatchers Winter Craft

**SA F L** 4-10

St Helens Library Services  
St Helens Library  
2.00pm – 3.30pm  
15 places available

## Create Your Own Dragon Egg **T L** 5-16

Les Roberts  
3.00pm – 5.00pm  
10 places available

## Youth Café: Eat, Chat, Chill **SA T** 11-18

YMCA  
YMCA Youth Hub  
3.30pm – 6.00pm  
10 places available

## Winter Minecraft Social **S L** 5-16

ComputerXplorers  
World of Glass, St Helens Library  
10.00am – 12.30pm  
15 places available

## Design Your Family Flag **S L** 5-16

Les Roberts  
11.00am – 1.00pm  
10 places available

## Design Your Family Flag **T L** 5-16

Les Roberts  
3.00pm – 5.00pm  
10 places available



# Sunday 29 December



## Create Your Masquerade Mask **S L** 5-16

Les Roberts  
11.00am – 1.00pm  
10 places available

## Create Your Masquerade Mask **SA T** 5-16

Les Roberts  
3.00pm – 5.00pm  
10 places available

Merry  
Christmas







# Monday 30 December



# Tuesday 31 December



## Animation Camp SA L 8-10

Digital Arts Box CIC  
Chain Lane Community Centre  
9.30am – 12.00pm  
15 places available

## Sports & Fun Activities SE L 5-18

Inclusive Sports 4 All  
Ash Meadow School  
10.00am – 2.00pm  
15 places available

## Sports, Games & Activities SA L 5-16

Active Future - St. Cuthbert's Catholic High School  
10.00am – 4.00pm  
15 places available

## Sports & Physical Activities SS L 5-18

Everton in the Community  
4F Centre, Rainhill  
10.00am – 2.00pm  
15 places available

## Sports Activity Day Camp SA L 5-16

Saints C.D.F.  
Allanson Street Thompson Centre  
10.00am – 3.00pm  
30 places available

## Winter Minecraft Social S L 5-16

ComputerXplorers  
World of Glass, St Helens Library  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
15 places available

## Shine Brightly SA F L 4-10

St Helens Library Services - St Helens Library  
10.30am – 11.30am  
15 places available

## Football Camp SA L 5-10

Rockets Community Club  
Parr Sports & Community Centre  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
10 places available

## Multi-Sport Camp SA L 5-10

Rockets Community Club  
Parr Sports & Community Centre  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
10 places available

## Boxing Camp SA L 5-10

Rockets Community Club  
Parr Sports & Community Centre  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
10 places available

## Minecraft Christmas Activities SA L 7-18

Powered by Hip Hop  
Derbyshire Hill Family Centre  
10.30am – 1.30pm  
15 places available

## Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-15

HAMMA Gym  
11.00am – 3.00pm  
15 places available

## Message in a Bottle S L 5-16

Les Roberts  
11.00am – 1.00pm  
10 places available

## SEND ONLY - Shine Brightly SS L 4-10

St Helens Library Services - St Helens Library  
12.00pm – 1.00pm  
8 places available

## Salford Arts Centre – Cinderella – Family Show F L

Family Hubs  
Departing Central Link Family Hub  
12.30pm to 5.00pm  
118 places available

## Animation Camp SA L 11-16

Digital Arts Box CIC  
Chain Lane Community Centre  
1.00pm – 3.30pm  
15 places available

## Smallfoot Film Screening SA F L 4-10

St Helens Library Services - Newton Library  
2.00pm – 4.30pm  
30 places available

## Message in a Bottle SA T 5-16

Les Roberts  
3.00pm – 5.00pm  
10 places available

## Youth Café: Eat, Chat, Chill SA T 11-18

YMCA - YMCA Youth Hub  
3.30pm – 5.30pm  
10 places available

## Get Creative New Year Celebration SA T 11-18

YMCA - YMCA Youth Hub  
6.30pm – 8.30pm  
10 places available

## Animation Camp SA L 8-10

Digital Arts Box CIC  
Chain Lane Community Centre  
9.30am – 12.00pm  
15 places available

## Sports, Games & Activities SA L 5-16

Active Future  
St. Cuthbert's Catholic High School  
10.00am – 4.00pm  
15 places available

## Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-15

HAMMA Gym  
11.00am – 3.00pm  
15 places available

## Make a Dragon to Celebrate 2025 S L 5-16

Les Roberts  
11.00am – 1.00pm  
10 places available

## Family Winter Crafts F L

Family Hubs  
Newton Family Hub  
1.00pm – 2.30pm  
Including fake away lunch  
50 places available

## Animation Camp SA L 11-16

Digital Arts Box CIC  
Chain Lane Community Centre  
1.00pm – 3.30pm  
15 places available

## Make a Dragon to Celebrate 2025 SA T 5-16

Les Roberts  
3.00pm – 5.00pm  
10 places available

## Youth Café: Eat, Chat, Chill SA T 11-18

YMCA - YMCA Youth Hub  
3.30pm – 6.00pm  
10 places available







# Wednesday 1 January



# Thursday 2 January



## Sports, Games & Activities SA L 5-16

Active Future  
St. Cuthbert's Catholic High School  
10.00am – 4.00pm  
15 places available



## Animation Camp SA L 8-10

Digital Arts Box CIC - Chain Lane Community Centre  
9.30am – 12.00pm  
15 places available

## Family Winter Crafts F L

Family Hubs - Sutton Family Hub  
10.00am – 12.00pm  
Including fake away lunch  
50 places available

## Sports, Games & Activities SA L 5-16

Active Future - St. Cuthbert's Catholic High School  
10.00am – 4.00pm  
15 places available

## Sports & Physical Activities SS L 5-18

Everton in the Community - 4F Centre, Rainhill  
10.00am – 2.00pm  
15 places available

## Saints SEND Session SS L 5-16

Saints C.D.F. - Totally Wicked Stadium  
10.00am – 11.30am  
15 places available

## Sports Activity Day Camp SA L 5-16

Saints C.D.F. - Allanson Street Thompson Centre  
10.00am – 3.00pm  
30 places available

## Winter Minecraft Social S L 5-16

ComputerXplorers - Newton Library  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
15 places available

## The Gaming Lounge SA F L 10-15

St Helens Library Services - Rainford Village Hall  
10.30am – 12.00pm  
17 places available

## Happy Feet Film Screen SA F L 4-10

St Helens Library Services - Newton Library  
11.00am – 12.30pm  
30 places available

## Lego & BrickQ Motion Coding Session SA F L 7-11

St Helens Library Services - Chester Lane Library  
11.00am – 12.30pm  
10 places available

## Football Camp SA L 5-10

Rockets Community Club - Parr Sports & Community Centre  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
10 places available

## Multi-Sport Camp SA L 5-10

Rockets Community Club - Parr Sports & Community Centre  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
10 places available

## Boxing Camp SA L 5-10

Rockets Community Club - Parr Sports & Community Centre  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
10 places available

## Martial Arts & Fitness SA L 4-15

HAMMA Gym  
11.00am – 3.00pm  
15 places available

## Winter Tech Club S L 5-16

ComputerXplorers - Rainford High School  
11.00am – 3.00pm  
20 places available

## Making Shelf Buddies SA L 5-16

Les Roberts  
11.00am – 1.00pm  
10 places available

## Animation Camp SA L 11-16

Digital Arts Box CIC - Chain Lane Community Centre  
1.00pm – 3.30pm  
15 places available

## Lego & BrickQ Motion Coding Session SA F L 7-11

St Helens Library Services - Eccleston Library  
2.00pm – 3.30pm  
10 places available

## Lego & BrickQ Motion Coding Session SA F L 7-11

St Helens Library Services - Moss Bank Library  
2.00pm – 3.30pm  
10 places available

## The Gaming Lounge SA F L 10-15

St Helens Library Services - Rainford Village Hall  
2.30pm – 4.00pm  
17 places available

## Making Shelf Buddies SA T 5-16

Les Roberts  
3.00pm – 5.00pm  
10 places available

## Try Something New (Get Creative/Active) SA T 11-18

YMCA - YMCA Youth Hub  
3.30pm – 5.30pm  
10 places available

## Youth Café: Eat, Chat, Chill SA T 11-18

YMCA - YMCA Youth Hub  
6.30pm – 8.30pm  
10 places available



Rockets Community Club - Parr Sports & Community Centre  
10.30am – 2.30pm  
10 places available

YMCA - YMCA Youth Hub  
6.30pm – 8.30pm  
10 places available



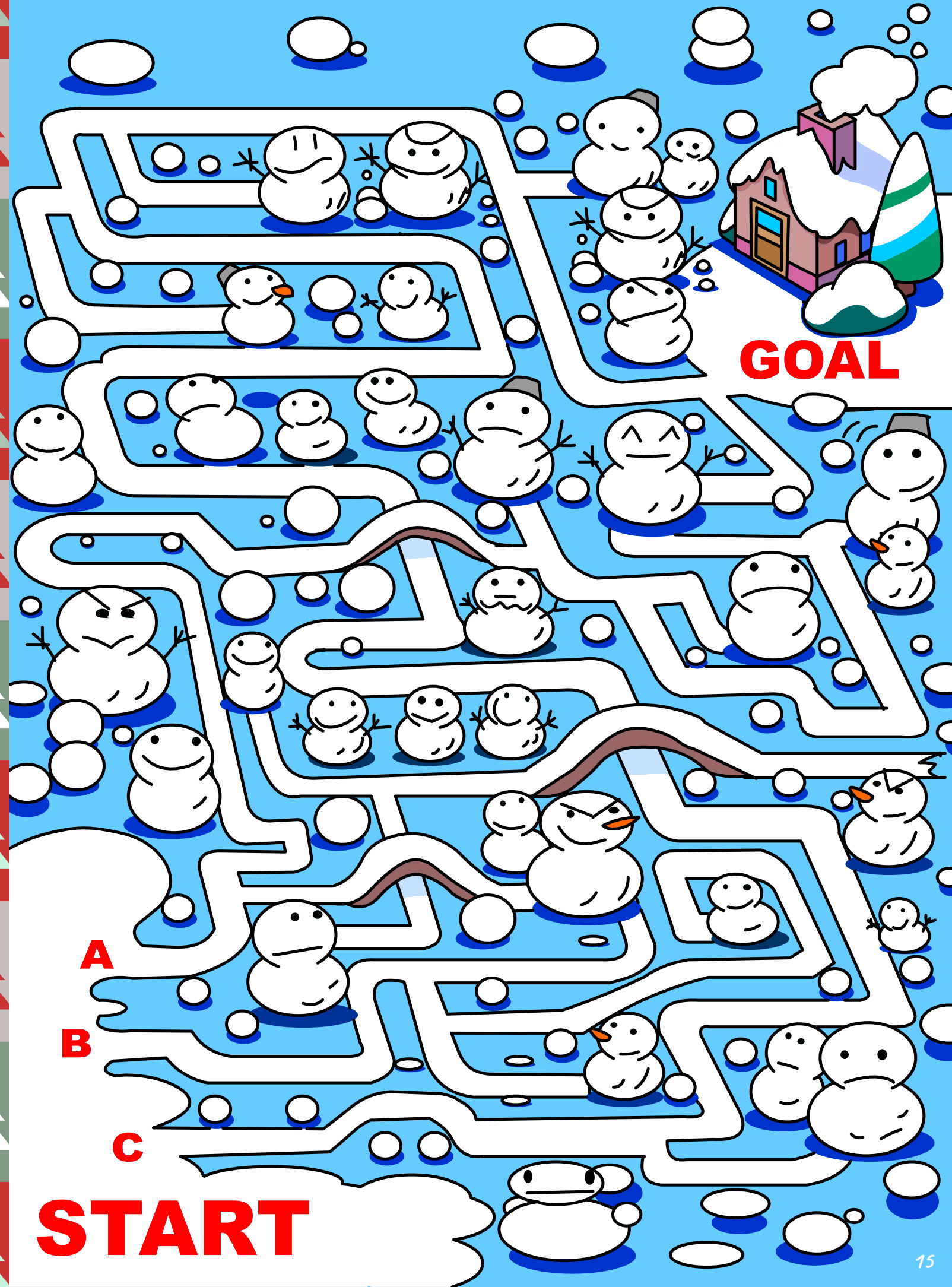
# CHRISTMAS

## WORD SEARCH

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| FRUITCAKE | NOEL      | EVE      | SANTA     |
| WREATH    | FIREPLACE | REINDEER | HOLLY     |
| LIST      | FAMILY    | PIE      | HOLIDAY   |



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# Community Food Pantries

Pantries operate as a member-led neighbourhood hub and are just like a shop, in that you choose the food you want from the shelves. Members pay a small subscription each week they visit, and in return can choose groceries worth many times more, often saving up to £1,000 a year on shopping bills.

## How it Works

- STEP 1** Find your nearest pantry (**you must live in the area in which it is based**).
- STEP 2** Go along and join on the day it is open, remembering it is open to everyone in that community.
- STEP 3** Pay your membership each time you visit. Sit and have a cuppa while you wait for your turn.
- STEP 4** Choose your shopping, which will always be worth more than your weekly membership fee.
- STEP 5** Tell your neighbours and get them to join too.

**There are five community food pantries available to residents in St Helens town centre, Thatto Heath, Haydock, West Park and Sutton.**

### **HOPE Pantry**

Wesley Methodist Church, Corporation Street, St Helens WA10 1LF  
Opening times: Tuesday, 11.00am - 1.00pm

### **St Mark's T.A.N.G.O. Pantry**

Park Street, Haydock, St Helens WA11 0BH  
Opening times: Thursday, 8.50am - 11.00am

### **St Matthew's Centre Pantry**

St Matthews Grove, Thatto Heath, St Helens WA10 3SE  
Opening times: Monday, 6.30pm - 8.00pm & Wednesday, 8.45am - 11.30am

### **St Luke's Pantry**

Knowsley Road, St Helens WA10 4PU  
Opening times: Wednesday, 3.30pm - 5.30pm

### **Sutton Pantry St Michael & All Angels Church**

Gartons Lane, St Helens WA9 2RA  
Opening times: Sunday, 1.30pm - 3.30pm

# Keep Warm and Well This Winter

**This winter, the rising cost of living and high fuel prices may affect how we can keep our homes warm, and people may struggle to have enough money to heat their homes and eat well.**

Cold homes can negatively affect health and this issue is particularly important to St Helens where one in seven households are unable to heat their homes to a suitable temperature.

St Helens Borough Council are keen to support people and offer useful advice to keep well and warm this winter.

### **Our top 7 tips to keep well during winter:**

1. Avoid close contact with others, especially those vulnerable to more serious illness, if you feel unwell or have symptoms, such as a high temperature, new cough, diarrhoea or vomiting.
2. Wash or sanitise your hands regularly especially after going to the toilet, before eating food, and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.
3. Eat at least one hot healthy meal a day and keep hydrated, by drinking plenty of water (about 6 to 8 cups or glasses of fluid a day).
4. Keep your house warm (at least 18°C) especially if you are vulnerable to serious illness.
5. Look out for others including vulnerable neighbours, relatives and friends.
6. When outside wear shoes with good grip to avoid trips and falls on icy surfaces.
7. Keep up to date with all your vaccinations for flu, pneumonia and COVID-19 - speak to your GP for more information.

Please take a look at the St Helens Together webpage for details of the cost of living support available: <https://www.sthelens.gov.uk/sthelenstogether>

Energy Projects Plus offer free and impartial energy efficiency advice to help keep your home warm, call their Save Energy Advice Line on:

**0800 043 0151**

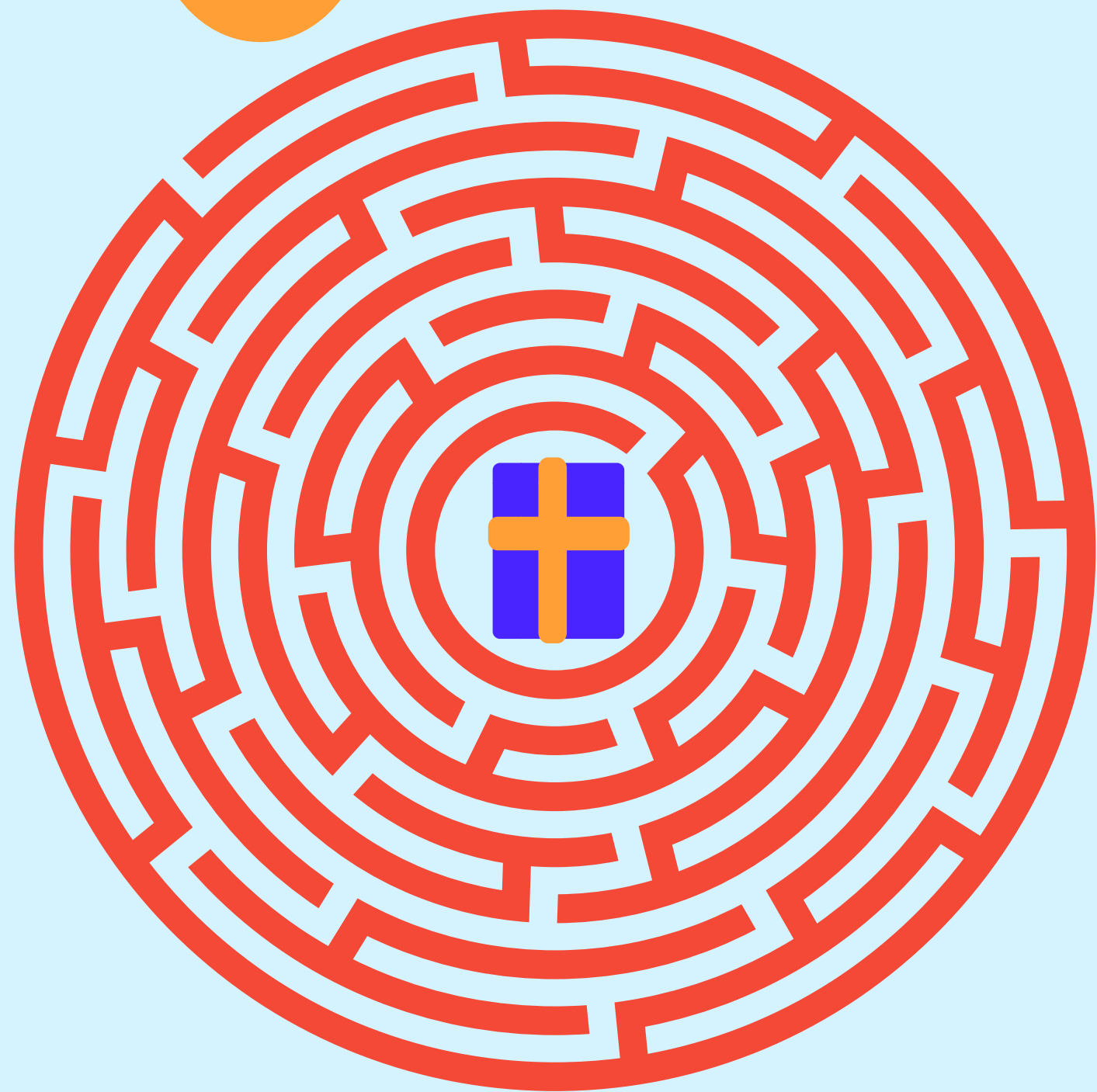


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# Xmas maze

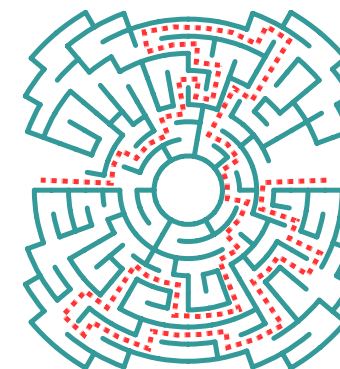
Help the reindeer  
to get the gift



Help the penguin to join his friends.



ANSWER:





# HOW TO ACCESS THE VIRTUAL SESSIONS/BOOK PLACES

Go to: [www.sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/holidayfun) for all activity links, alternatively enter the web link below for each provider into your web browser. This will take you to Eventbrite, where you can search all of the activities which the provider is hosting over the winter programme. For example, YMCA, this will show you all of this providers activities. Alternatively, please contact your local Family Hub on: **01744 673445**.

## Active Future:

<https://tinyurl.com/2pcfzzjd>

email: [afwarrington@activefuture.info](mailto:afwarrington@activefuture.info)

## ComputerXplorers:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxbsdj>

email: [bolton@computerxplorers.co.uk](mailto:bolton@computerxplorers.co.uk)

## Digital Arts Box CIC

<https://tinyurl.com/22av563j>

email: [info@digitalartsbox.org](mailto:info@digitalartsbox.org)

## Everton in the Community:

<https://tinyurl.com/3ey6yk4v>

email: [steve.johnson@evertonfc.com](mailto:steve.johnson@evertonfc.com)

## Family Hubs

Telephone: 01744 673445 or 01744 673420

## HAMMA Gym:

<https://tinyurl.com/ancxvz6u>

email: [hammaltd@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hammaltd@hotmail.co.uk)

## Inclusive Sports 4 All:

<https://tinyurl.com/2s3jk8h7>

Email: [inclusivesports4all@gmail.com](mailto:inclusivesports4all@gmail.com)

## Les Roberts:

<https://tinyurl.com/4yretcbr>

email: [contact@lesrobertshypnotherapy.co.uk](mailto:contact@lesrobertshypnotherapy.co.uk)

## Library Services:

<https://tinyurl.com/4haw2kwt>

email: [libraries@sthelens.gov.uk](mailto:libraries@sthelens.gov.uk)

## Powered by Hip Hop CIC:

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxz4sjn>

email: [hello@uccrew.co.uk](mailto:hello@uccrew.co.uk)

## Rockets Community Club:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdhvw9wv>

email: [rocketscommunityclub@outlook.com](mailto:rocketscommunityclub@outlook.com)

## Saints Community Development Foundation:

<https://tinyurl.com/bdj37trc>

email: [scdf@saintsrlfc.com](mailto:scdf@saintsrlfc.com)

## YMCA:

<https://tinyurl.com/2dpjdkav>

Email: [youthwork@ymcasthelens.org.uk](mailto:youthwork@ymcasthelens.org.uk)



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