

Warwickshire Winter 2023/24 Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) Programme



The Winter HAF delivery period ran from Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 5th January 2024. Each eligible young person can access a maximum of 4 sessions over the Winter school holiday.

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) provision in Warwickshire is for children in full time education from reception to Year 11 (inclusive), who receive benefits-related free school meals (FSM).

 Meals served
6,000+

The programme offers valuable support to families on lower incomes, giving young people the opportunity to access activities with a meal provision over the main school holidays in Winter, Spring and Summer.

 Hours of activity
21,248+

88.2%
Overall attendance
% - Winter HAF
2024

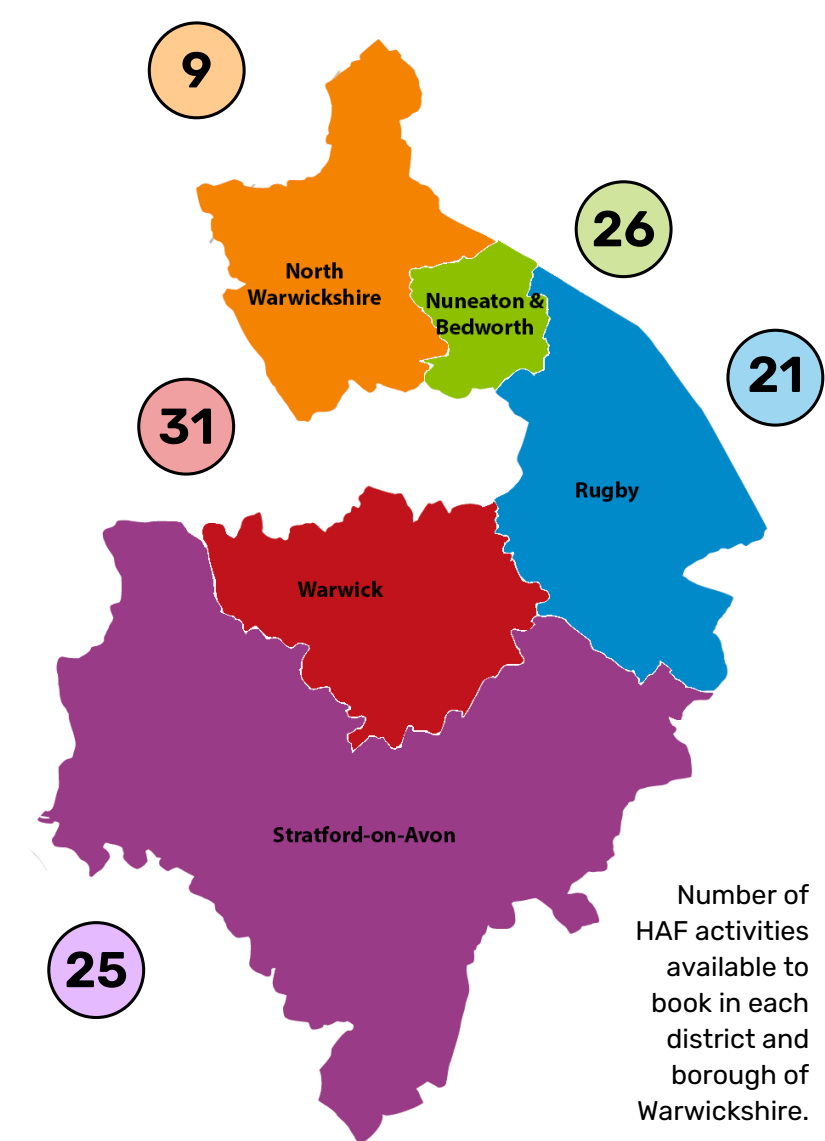
The overall **non-attendance** figure for Winter HAF was **11.8%**. This is a significant improvement on the non-attendance figure of **20.8%** from Winter HAF 23.

HAF places available	HAF bookings made	Programme occupancy
6,799	6,233	91.7%

"I arranged something different each day for my children to offer them variety and new experiences. They loved each one! They truly had a fantastic time, and I will book like that for next time too. Thank you HAF!"
Parent/Carer from the Stratford District

112
Number of sites where HAF activities took place this Winter.

There were **20 new activity providers** available this winter. All of our providers are encouraged to be inclusive and extra funding is offered to support additional staffing for SEND attendees. However, there were also **5 SEND-specific activity providers** available to book for those with more individual needs.



"It's a great initiative and a big help for struggling parents and carers."
Parent/Carer from North Warwickshire

Activities on offer ranged from arts & crafts, animal care, boxing, football, performing arts, coding and swimming.



6,324 HAF codes have been sent out to date. This amounts to more than **1/4** of those eligible for FSM in Warwickshire.

- Some of the foods on offer this winter:
- Breakfast bar: toast, cereal, porridge, pastries & fruit
 - Themed cuisines: Mexican, Indian, Jamaican, British, Italian and more!
 - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
 - Deli bags: sandwiches, wraps, pasta, salad, crisps & yogurt

"My child was very happy with the food, she loved and ate everything she was given... and had extras!"
Parent/Carer from the Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough

We encourage all providers to incorporate health & nutrition activities into their provision. No packed lunches required!





The number of distinct young people accessing HAF this winter can be found below:

	Primary	Secondary
FSM / Non-SEND	1,540	263
FSM / SEND	381	121
Non-FSM / Non-SEND	62	18
Non-FSM / SEND	30	6
Total	2,013	408

“Thanks for the opportunity, my children had an amazing time, something we couldn’t of afforded under normal circumstances. Please allow it carry on, it’s wonderful.”

Parent/Carer from Rugby

We launched an **activities brochure** for the first time this Winter. This had **6,251 views** whilst live. We will now produce a brochure for each future delivery period.



Directory views

Unique visits to our activity listings on the online Warwickshire directory.

3,737



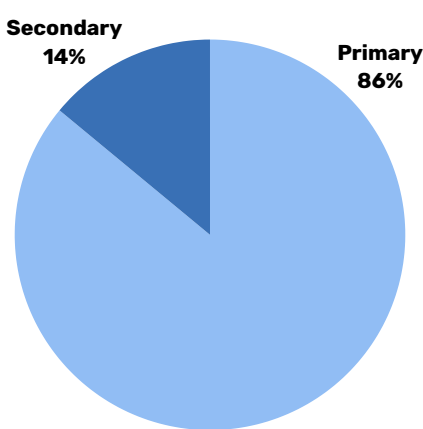
Website hits

Unique visits to our website, hosted on SearchOut.

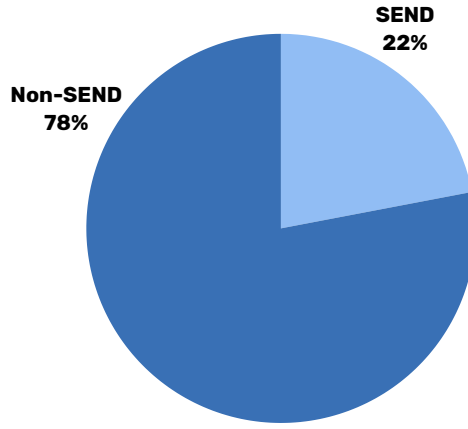
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“It made such a difference to our family over Christmas. We are so grateful. It was magical. Thank you to the HAF team!”

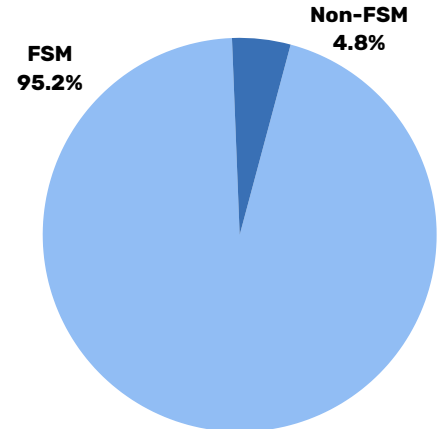
Parent/Carer from North Warwickshire



Primary vs. Secondary attendees at HAF activities this winter



SEND vs. Non-SEND (self-described) attendees at HAF activities this winter



FSM vs. non-FSM eligible attendees at HAF activities this winter

It was definitely the highlight of Christmas, for all of us - even beating Christmas Day itself. Thank you for organising such amazing family events, so lovely when we struggle to attend HAF clubs/events due to the different difficulties and needs of both children. It is so special to be able to do something together, that all of us thoroughly enjoy.

Parent/Carer from the Stratford District

160

Number of families that attended a SEND Family Experience this Winter

SEND Family Experiences were offered to families where at least one child is in receipt of benefits-related free school meals and has an EHCP. Experience choices included **Twycross Zoo, Red Kangaroo, Family Swimming at The Pingles or Bedworth Leisure Centre and Stratford Butterfly Farm**. We also partnered up with local theatres to offer **festive pantomimes**.

“I think your programme and team are amazing! Giving children the opportunity to have a day out is truly amazing”

Parent/Carer from the Warwick District

Number of families who attended each experience (additional families were booked, but did not attend):

- Twycross Zoo** - 35 Families
- Red Kangaroo** - 29 Families **FULLY BOOKED**
- Family Swimming at The Pingles** - 11 Families
- Family Swimming at Bedworth Leisure Centre** - 8 Families
- Stratford Butterfly Farm** - 34 Families
- Warwick Arts Centre - The Gruffalo** - 14 Families **FULLY BOOKED**
- Priory Theatre - Dick Whittington** - 13 Families **FULLY BOOKED**
- Bridge House Theatre - Nativity!** - 6 Families **FULLY BOOKED**
- Macready Theatre - The Man Who Wanted To Be A Penguin** - 10 Families

Spring delivery

Monday 25th March - Friday 5th April 2024

FEB 26

SPRING HAF ACTIVITY LISTINGS GO LIVE

MAR 25

SPRING HAF BEGINS

You can book a **maximum** of 4 sessions!

HAF website



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