



The Big Summer Holiday Newsletter

July 2025

Thanks to you all!

We have had another busy term meeting lots of new parents and seeing some familiar ones!

A big thank you to all the schools, nurseries and events for inviting us.

Special thanks to:

Lordswood School for inviting us to their Early Years Parent and nursery support session and SEND coffee morning.

Twydall school for inviting us to their inclusion coffee morning.

St Peters School for inviting us to their Summer Fayre.

Medway Maritime Hospital for inviting us to their Overseas worker event.

Medway Adult Education for inviting us to their Summer Fayre.

Medway Council for inviting us to the Armed Forces Day at Chatham Historic Dockyard.

Nucleus Arts for inviting us to Chatham Carnival.

Abbey Court school for inviting us to look round their FE site.

Kiddiwinks Pre-school for inviting us to their coffee morning for parents.

Victory Academy for inviting us to their Year 7 transition evening.

Club Ausome for inviting us to their Summer Funday.

The children and family hubs for inviting us to all their Summer Fun Days.

Medway Go for inviting us to their Family fun day.

The Paramount Foundation for inviting us to the Sticks and Stones Festival.

Medway Pride for inviting us to Medway Pride 2025 at Rochester Castle Gardens.

Chatham Jobcentre Plus for inviting us to their Empowering women into work event.

Child Friendly Medway for inviting us to their Baby and Toddler week events at The Corn Exchange and their soft play event at the Pentagon in Chatham.

Carers First for inviting us to their engagement event.

Freedom for all for inviting us to their coffee morning.

Please get in touch if you are a school/college/preschool and would like us to come along to speak to parents and carers on info@medwaypcf.org.uk

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Shortbreaks Update

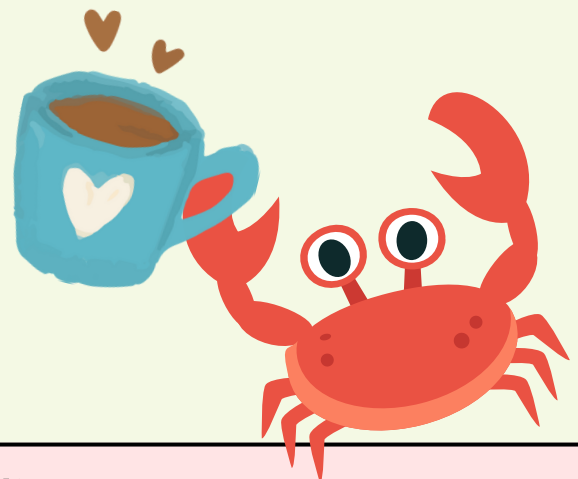
On 11th July 2025 the Shortbreaks team were working on reviews from June 2025. They have now started on the new application backlog.

Transport Team

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us online with the transport team to discuss the Education travel assistance policy consultation and have questions answered about what the changes mean for you. It's very important to have your say if your child/young person uses school transport.

Wellbeing Breakfast

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our free wellbeing breakfast. It was lovely to see so many people turn up and we hope all that came enjoyed the morning. Look out for a wellbeing lunch in the new academic year!



Mental Health and Wellbeing

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to our mental health and wellbeing coffee morning at the children and family hub in Chatham. We hope you took away lots of useful information to help your child/young person.



MPCF Family Day!

A special event for MPCF members at

Kent Life

Monday 18th August

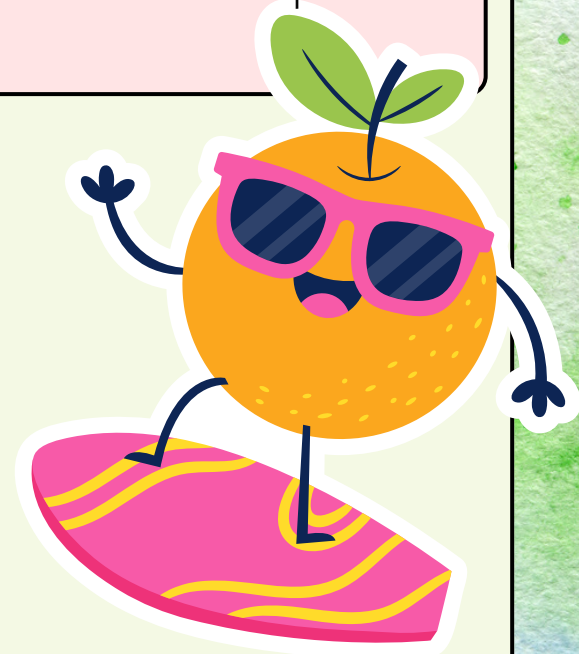
More details to follow soon...

Where are we over the summer?



- 23 July Child friendly Medway Summer soft play event** – Pentagon
- 24 July Medway Go family fun day** – Medway Park – 11-3pm
- 27 July Club Ausome Funday** – Blight Primary school – 11-4pm
- 30 July Children and Family Hub Summer Funday** – Deanwood Primary School – 10-12pm
- 1 Aug Fruit Salad Colour Fun Run** – Walderslade and Greenacre school – 1-3pm
- 7 Aug Chatham family Hub Summer Fun Day** – Magpie Hall road – 11-2pm
- 13 Aug Strood Children and Family Hub Summer fun day and Welcome to Medway event** – All faiths children's academy – 11-2pm
- 16 Aug Medway Pride** – Rochester castle gardens – 10.30-8pm
- 19 Aug Child Friendly Medway Inflatable fun** – Medway Park – 10-1pm
- 21 Aug Gillingham Children and Family Hub Summer Fun Day** – Woodlands Road – 10.30-1pm
- 21 Aug Youth Service Cinema event** – Fort Amherst – 4-9pm
- 22 Aug Hoo Family Fun Day** – Hoo recreation ground – 11-2pm
- 30 Aug Sticks and Stones Festival** – University of Greenwich – 11-5pm

Please check our Facebook pages for more information nearer the time for each event.
We hope you have a lovely Summer.



A vibrant illustration of a beach scene. In the top left, a red and orange lifebuoy floats. Scattered around it are several seashells and starfish. In the top right, a green bucket with a red handle and a red shovel are shown. The background is a light beige color with faint, wavy lines suggesting sand and water.

Find support if you need it this summer

We all need a bit of extra help from time to time.

Knowing where your child or young person can seek help for their mental wellbeing, should they need it, is always worthwhile, particularly when schools are closed over the holiday period.

To support you, we've pulled together services in Medway who can support children and young people across the year.

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Positive Behaviour Support Awareness+ Course



What is Positive Behaviour Support (PBS)?

The overall aim of PBS is to improve the quality of life of individuals and those around them, it is an evidence based approach to supporting people who may or may not be displaying behaviours of concern. It seeks to understand the reasons for the behaviour so that unmet needs can be met. It's proactive and preventative, focusing on the teaching of new skills to help individuals participate.

Course Outline

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) Awareness+ course provides an overview of, and introduction to, PBS; it covers the core components and principles of PBS and some pro-active approaches to supporting behaviour. It also gives participants an understanding of the underpinning values, theory and processes that are part of the PBS approach.

Learning Outcomes

Completion of this course should give participants a basic understanding of the following:

- Provide an insight into what PBS is and some of the tools used as part of it
- Increase understanding of behaviour which challenges and potential functions
- Provide some useful tools and signposts to use with those you support

Method of Delivery: This session is delivered virtually via Microsoft Teams and includes breaks.

Available Course Dates:

20th May 2025 10:00– 13:30

17th July 2025 10:00– 13:30

1st October 2025 10:00– 13:30

26th January 2026 10:00– 13:30

*these sessions are for parents, carers and guardians and residential settings who support Medway children or young people only

To book a place please email tamsin@kentakautistic.com

Please note booking details will be shared and stored across Kent Autistic Trust and Medway Council