

HAF'S WONDERFUL WINTER LAUNCH

The next HAF Fun Pompey programme will run from 16 – 23 December.

To see a full list of HAF funded activities please go to our [HAF Fun Pompey Eequ page](#). Or see the [attached PDF version](#) of the programme. To see a list of pay as you go options with our HAF providers please go to our [HAF Pay As You Go page](#).

There is a fantastic range of activities and events including some for all the family. You can visit Santa's Grotto, go sailing, play in a 3×3 basketball tournament, panto visits, go ice skating and plenty more. There will be good, tasty food including some Christmas themed dinners and the odd festive treat!

Thank you to our HAF providers and venues who are making this a wonderful winter to remember.

Information for schools:

Please ensure all your benefits related free school meals families are aware of this funded programme. We are already 50% booked within the first week of the launch and we want to ensure Portsmouth's most vulnerable families are accessing this offer. There are now over 10,000 benefits related FSM children in Portsmouth. All benefits related free school meal families can access and book onto the programme directly as the [Eequ booking system](#) will match their profile against schools FSM data.

If you have any non-FSM families who are financially vulnerable and have additional and/or complex needs, please [complete a non-FSM referral form](#). Please complete it as thoroughly as possible to help us in the assessment process. The deadline for receiving referral requests for winter 2023 is Friday 8 December; we will not be able to process referral requests after this date.

Please note, there are no guarantees that all referrals can be accommodated. Please be advised that SEND needs or Looked After Children are not a guarantee for funded spaces. We must have approved the referral before a family tries to book onto the programme - if we do not have an approved professional service referral the family will be declined.

Please note we will be reviewing the non-FSM referral process for 2024. The government have not released the guidance or allocation for HAF 2024/25 yet. However, we will be discussing the potential strategy with our steering group at our next meeting on Thursday 30 November 11.30am-1pm; please get in touch if you would like to join us at haf@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Information for families:

Looking for the perfect way to make this December magical? Join HAF's Wonderful Winter programme to get you and your kids in the schools-out spirit.

From ice skating, trips to the pantomime, family crafts, dancing, roasting marshmallows over a fire, a visit from Santa Claus, loads of sports, day trips, hot chocolate stations, discos and more. We even have an activity where 12–16-year-olds can solve a crime scene with a Head of Forensics! (Basically, lots to choose from!)

HAF's Wonderful Winter programme is here to make your days merry and bright, so check out all our activities, including funded and pay-as-you-go spaces.

Go to <https://www.pycportsmouth.co.uk/haffunpompey/> to find out more!