

# Northumberland County Council

## SEND events calendar 2016-2017

A number of families asked for a calendar of local events and key dates to be added to the local offer website. If you would like anything else added to the calendar, please contact us at [thelocaloffer@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:thelocaloffer@northumberland.gov.uk).

**For more detail about events for Northumberland families please also visit:**

<http://www.in-it-together.org.uk/events.html>

<http://dyslexianortheastengland.org.uk/dne/calendar/>

**Note** - Some of the events listed below were arranged independently by local groups or companies and not by the local authority. This means the local authority cannot be accountable for the quality of those events.

**Note** – Deadlines for mainstream school places do not apply to learners with Education Health & Care Plans or SEN Statements. Places can be agreed at any suitable time, usually before February each year. Speak to the school if you need to make arrangements for a new school place in 2016 or 2017.

Calendar last updated on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

September 2016	
<b>School summer holidays</b>	<b>Wednesday 20 July to Monday 5 September 2016</b> Please check with your school, as training days may change the date you return to school. Colleges sometimes have different holiday dates.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	The Grove School closed
<b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Parents whose children are starting middle, high or secondary mainstream school in September 2017 can apply for places during September and October 2016. Information, handbooks and application forms available at: <a href="http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx">http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx</a>
<b>Before 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Will you need special arrangements in exams or modified exam papers this year? Contact your school / college to ask them to arrange this. Requests for November exams should be made before 20 <sup>th</sup> September. For summer 2017 exams requests should be made before 31 <sup>st</sup> January.
<b>30 September</b>	<b>In It Together Northumberland Wills and Trusts Seminar</b> (in conjunction with Contact a Family and Irwin Mitchell Solicitors) In It Together (Parent Carer Forum) are running a free Wills & Trusts seminar for parents/carers with disabled children aged 0 to 19 on <b>Friday 30 September 2016</b> at Morpeth Methodist Church, Howard Terrace, Morpeth NE61 1HU. The seminar will run from 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. and will be followed by a free lunch. The aim of this seminar is to give parent/carers useful information and the opportunity to ask questions. To book your place, email Elizabeth Johnston at <a href="mailto:elizi_elizi@hotmail.com">elizi_elizi@hotmail.com</a>

<b>October 2016</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Dyslexia Awareness Week (DAW) 2016 <a href="http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/fundraising/dyslexia-awareness-week">http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/fundraising/dyslexia-awareness-week</a>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	World Mental Health Day <a href="https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day">https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/world-mental-health-day</a>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Dyspraxia Awareness Week. More information from 01462 455016 or email <a href="mailto:info@dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk">info@dyspraxiafoundation.org.uk</a>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	ADHD Awareness Week <a href="http://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/">http://www.adhdfoundation.org.uk/</a>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Schools closed: Barndale House School, Cramlington Hillcrest School, Morpeth Collingwood School, The Dales School, The Pupil Referral Unit
<b>School half term holiday</b>	<b>Saturday 22 October to Sunday 30 October 2016</b> Please check with your school, as training days may change the date you return to school. Colleges sometimes have different holiday dates.
<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Closing date for admissions applications. Atkinson House School closed
<b>November 2016</b>	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Parents whose children are starting first or primary mainstream school in September 2017 can apply for places from 1 <sup>st</sup> November until 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2017. Information, handbooks and application forms available at: <a href="http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx">http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Education/Schools/Admissions.aspx</a>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<p><b>SEND Information Roadshows 2016</b></p> <p>These are events for families, young people and those who work with SEND learners to come along and meet the people who are key to the SEND Local Offer in Northumberland, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Family support groups</li> <li>• Specialist support organisations</li> <li>• Education, Transport, Social Care and Health services</li> <li>• Financial advice: budgets, benefits and funding</li> </ul> <p>There will also be free seminars on these topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The graduated approach to special educational needs in Northumberland</li> <li>▪ Mental health and wellbeing</li> <li>▪ Meeting your child's needs – Autistic Spectrum Condition</li> <li>▪ Meeting your child's needs – Literacy difficulties including dyslexic tendencies</li> </ul> <p>Hexham Mart – Thursday 3 November; Alnwick Willowburn Leisure Centre – Thursday 10 November; Ashington Leisure Centre – Tuesday 15 November</p> <p>More details will be confirmed across the county in September and October 2016. For more information or to provide a stall at the event, please contact: <a href="mailto:thelocaloffer@northumberland.gov.uk">thelocaloffer@northumberland.gov.uk</a></p>

<b>December 2016</b>	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	International Day of Persons with Disability <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/">http://www.un.org/en/events/disabilitiesday/</a>
<b>School Christmas / New Year holiday</b>	<b>Saturday 17 December 2016 to Monday 2 January 2017</b> Please check with your school, as training days may change the date you return to school. Colleges sometimes have different holiday dates.
<b>January 2017</b>	
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	World Braille Day <a href="http://www.worldblindunion.org/">www.worldblindunion.org/</a>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Closing date for admissions applications for children who are starting first or primary mainstream school in September 2017.
<b>Before 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	Will you need special arrangements in exams or modified exam papers this year? Contact your school / college to ask them to arrange this. For summer 2017 exams make requests before 31 <sup>st</sup> January.
<b>February 2017</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	The Dales School closed
<b>School Spring half-term holiday</b>	<b>Saturday 18 February to Sunday 26 February 2017</b> Please check with your school, as training days may change the date you return to school. Colleges sometimes have different holiday dates.
<b>March 2017</b>	
<b>1 March</b>	Parents whose children are starting middle, high or secondary mainstream school in September 2017, who have applied on time, will be advised of their child's school place on 1 March 2017. The last date for admissions offers to be accepted by parents is <b>16 March 2017</b> .
<b>10th-12th March</b>	Disabled Access Day is all about encouraging disabled people to visit a venue they've never been to before, whether that's a cinema, a coffee shop, sports centre or anywhere else. There are over 100 venues signed up to take part from the 10th-12th March 2017. Get involved by heading to <a href="http://www.disabledaccessday.com">www.disabledaccessday.com</a>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Schools Autism Awareness Week <a href="http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week/schools-autism-awareness-week.aspx">http://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/world-autism-awareness-week/schools-autism-awareness-week.aspx</a>
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	National Apprenticeship Week <a href="https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/">https://www.getingofar.gov.uk/</a>
<b>April 2017</b>	
<b>To be confirmed</b>	World Autism Awareness Day <a href="http://www.worldautismawarenessday.org/">www.worldautismawarenessday.org/</a>
<b>3 April</b>	The Pupil Referral Unit closed
<b>School Easter holiday</b>	<b>Saturday 8 April to Sunday 23 April 2017</b> Please check with your school, as training days may change the date you return to school. Colleges sometimes have different holiday dates.
<b>16 April</b>	Parents whose children are starting first or primary mainstream school in September 2017, who have applied on time, will be advised of their child's school place on 16 April 2017. The last date for offers to be accepted by parents is <b>30 April 2017</b> .

<b>24 April</b>	Schools closed: Barndale House School, Cleaswell Hill School, The Centre – Northumberland CE Academy
<b>May 2017</b>	
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Hexham Priory School closed
<b>School May half-term holiday</b>	Saturday 27 May to Sunday 4 June 2017 Please check with your school, as training days may change the date you return to school. Colleges sometimes have different holiday dates.
<b>To be confirmed</b>	Deaf Awareness Week <a href="http://deafcouncil.org.uk/category/deaf-awareness-week/">http://deafcouncil.org.uk/category/deaf-awareness-week/</a>
<b>June 2017</b>	
<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Atkinson House School closed
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Morpeth Collingwood School closed
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	The Dales School closed
<b>Last Friday in June</b>	Year 11 school leaving date. In England, you can leave school on the last Friday in June if you'll be 16 by the end of the summer holidays.  You must then do one of the following until you're 18:  stay in full-time education, eg at a college start an <a href="#">apprenticeship</a> or <a href="#">traineeship</a> work or volunteer (for 20 hours or more a week) while in part-time education or training
<b>To be confirmed</b>	Deafblind Awareness Week <a href="https://www.sense.org.uk/content/deafblind-awareness-week-2016">https://www.sense.org.uk/content/deafblind-awareness-week-2016</a>
<b>July 2017</b>	
<b>School Summer holiday</b>	<b>Saturday 22 July to Monday 4 September 2017</b> Please check with your school, as training days may change the date you return to school. Colleges sometimes have different holiday dates.
<b>August 2017</b>	
<b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	A level / 6th form exam results day
<b>24<sup>th</sup> August</b>	GCSE / Secondary school exam results day